

SMA Stair Design - Levels of Certification



ASD Associate Stair Designer
CSD Certified Stair Designer
CMSD Certified Master Stair Designer

	Experience	Education	Endorsement	Exam
ASD	1 years full time stair design experience	20 hours of SMA professional development courses, and 10 hours of related college coursework	N/A	ASD academic exam
	2 years min. full-time experience in Stair Industry	Level Two - SMA Code Certification*		
CSD**	7 years 3years min. full-time stair design experience and; 4 years related stair industry experience	60 hours of SMA professional development courses or equivalent college coursework (may include education used to achieve ASD) Level Three - SMA Code Certification * SMA Architectural Educator Certification*	2 Client references 2 Professional affidavits	ASD academic exam and CSD Design exam
CMSD	10 years of Stair industry experience in addition to experience demonstrated for 1st certification, of which min. 5 years is Stair design	100 hours of SMA professional development courses or equivalent college(may include education used to achieve ASD and/or CSD) SMA Educator Certifications* in Code, Stair Safety, and Architectural	3 examples of design excellence by 3rd party endorsement -(design contest placement, published projects, television interviews, community endeavors, etc.)	None- must possess both ASD and CSD certifications

**ASD not required for CSD

*Hrs for these certifications cannot be included in required hours for ASD, CSD, or CMSD