



Contractor Certification Program

The Allan Block Contractor Certification Program is designed to give contractors the proper training and tools to ensure top quality retaining walls are built. As a leader in the industry, Allan Block Corporation has developed these tools and training programs to help contractors get the knowledge and the resources they need.



With the help of our vast network of trained Allan Block representatives, thousands of professionals have already taken advantage of our installation training, technical support, and the many tools we have available to help them plan, design and build with Allan Block products. This three-stage program blends the details of wall design and the experience of wall construction to help us define each contractor's individual level of ability and service. This on-going certification program has also helped us provide a better understanding of how and why stackable structures work so well.

Working through the levels of the Allan Block Contractor Certification Program, we will show you why training can be your best resource for high quality engineered wall construction.

Level One – Certified Wall Installer

The first step in the program is Level One, the Certified Wall Installer. To become one, a contractor must first attend an Allan Block Contractor Certification Training Course. This course covers the following topics:

- The advantages of the Allan Block product line
- How Allan Block products work
- Basic principals of wall design
- How Allan Block and geogrid reinforcement work together
- Basic design methodology
- Why walls fail
- ABWalls 2000 software outputs and wall estimating tools
- Proper methods for constructing an Allan Block wall.
- Hands-on participation on building walls with Allan Block products

At the completion of the course you will be asked to take a written test. This test must be completed and turned in to your local Allan Block sales representative. Once this has been done, the last step is for you to build an Allan Block wall that has a minimum height of 3 ft (0.9 m) and is a minimum of 300 units (full size or equivalent). Notify your local sales representative of the completion of these requirements so that your local sales representative can submit the appropriate paperwork to Allan Block Corp. to receive your Allan Block Certified Wall Installer Certificate.

Summary of Level One – Certified Wall Installer requirements:

- Has attended an Allan Block Contractor Certification Course
- Has completed and passed the written test
- Has built an Allan Block wall with a minimum height of 3 ft (0.9 m) and a minimum of 300 units (full size or equivalent).
- AB Sales Representative has inspected the wall

All projects are counted by the number of full size Allan Block units used. If smaller sized units are used, the number of blocks must be equivalent to full size units. (Ex: 2 AB Jumbo Juniors = 1 full size unit).



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Level Two – Experienced Wall Installer

The second step in the program is Level Two, the Experienced Wall Installer. Although the options of what you can do with Allan Block products are without limit, there are a few basic concepts that must be mastered to move into Level Two. To become an Experienced Wall Installer you must build 5 additional walls that meet the specifications listed below:

- All 5 walls submitted must comply with the following:
 - Walls comply with local building codes
 - Walls constructed meet industry tolerances
 - Detailed project proposals were submitted and pre-construction meetings were held for each project
 - All walls built have a minimum height of 3 ft (0.9 m) and a minimum of 300 units (full size or equivalent).
 - AB Tech Sheet #797 – Caring for Your Retaining Wall was left with the property owner on each project
 - Material lien waivers were supplied to the property owner and/or general contractor at completion of construction for each wall
 - Geogrid reinforcement was used on a minimum of 3 of the 5 submitted walls
 - Stamped drawings from a local engineer were used on a minimum of 3 of the 5 submitted walls
 - Each of the following conditions must be covered on at least one of the 5 walls submitted.
 - Curved wall (inside or outside radius)
 - Step up or step downs (at base and top of wall)
 - Slopes above the top of the wall
 - Terraced wall
 - Water management detail (example: drainage swale)

Notify your local Allan Block sales representative of any AB walls you would like submitted toward your Level 2 Experienced Wall Installer certification so that your local sales representative can submit the appropriate paperwork to Allan Block Corp. to receive your Allan Block Experienced Wall Installer Certificate.

Summary of Level Two – Experienced Wall Installer requirements:

- Has completed Level One certification
- Has completed 5 additional walls that meet the guidelines and requirements listed above
- Allan Block sales representative has inspected each submitted wall

All projects are counted by the number of full size Allan Block units used. If smaller sized units are used, the number of blocks must be equivalent to full size units. (Ex: 2 AB Jumbo Juniors = 1 full size unit).



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Level Three – Master Wall Builder

The third and final step in the program is Level Three, the Master Wall Builder. Contractors that reach this level have both the knowledge and the skills to build top quality Allan Block walls. Set apart from other wall installers, the Master Wall Builder is more widely accepted and sought after by the engineering community. To become a Master Wall Builder you must build Allan Block projects totaling up to a minimum of 25,000 units (full size or equivalent) or a total of 10 walls with an average of 1000 units (full size or equivalent). Unit count is accumulative. Any walls built to satisfy the Level One and Level Two requirements count toward your Level Three requirement. Each of these walls must meet the following specifications:

- All of the walls submitted must comply with the following:
 - Walls comply with local building codes
 - Walls constructed meet industry tolerances
 - Detailed project proposals were submitted and pre-construction meetings were held for each wall
 - All walls built have a minimum height of 3 ft (0.9 m) and a minimum of 300 units (full size or equivalent).
 - AB Tech Sheet #797 – Caring for Your Retaining Wall was left with the property owner on each project
 - Material lien waivers were supplied to the property owner and/or general contractor at completion of construction for each wall
 - Geogrid reinforcement was used on a minimum of 70% of the submitted walls
 - Stamped drawings from a local engineer were used on a minimum of 70% of the submitted walls
 - Each of the following conditions must be covered on at least 70% of the walls submitted.
 - Curved wall (inside or outside radius)
 - Step up or step downs (at base and top of wall)
 - Slopes above the top of the wall
 - Terraced wall
 - Water management detail (example: drainage swale)
 - A letter of reference from a minimum of 2 general contractors/property owners/developers. The AB sales representative is responsible for obtaining these letters directly from the general contractor/property owner/developer and must submitted to Allan Block Corp.

Notify your local Allan Block sales representative of any AB walls you would like submitted toward your Level 3 Master Wall Builder certification so that your local sales representative can submit the appropriate paperwork to Allan Block Corp. to receive your Allan Block Master Wall Builder plaque and AB leather jacket.

Summary of Level Three Master Wall Builder requirements:

- Has completed Level One & Level Two certifications
- Has completed additional projects that meet the 25,000 units (full size units or equivalent) requirement listed above
- Allan Block sales representative has inspected each submitted wall project

All projects are counted by the number of full size Allan Block units used. If smaller sized units are used, the number of blocks must be equivalent to full size units. (Ex: 2 AB Jumbo Juniors = 1 full size unit).



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Level 1 Certified Wall Installer Form

Date: _____

*Name of Contractor: _____

*Company Name: _____

*Address: _____

*City _____ *State/Province: _____ *Zip/Postal: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____ Website: _____

AB Sales Rep: _____

*Required Fields

All projects are counted by the number of full size Allan Block units used. If smaller sized units are used, the number of blocks must be equivalent to full size units. Example: 2 AB Jumbo Juniors = 1 AB Classic (full size unit).

Project Information

*Job Name: _____

*Wall Height: _____ *Number of Full Size Units Used : _____

*City _____ *State/Province: _____

To Receive a Level 1 Certification, the following requirements must be met:

- Has attended an Allan Block Contractor Certification Course
- Has completed and passed the written test
- Has built an Allan Block wall with a minimum height of 3 ft (0.9 m) and a minimum of 300 units (full size or equivalent).
- AB Sales Rep has inspected the wall

Please Remit Forms to:

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