

## AAMA Gold Label Air-Water-Structural (+Thermal) Certification Program

This checklist is a quick reference guide to joining the AAMA Certification Program. Please refer to the *Procedural Guide for Certification of Window, Door and Skylight Assemblies* (AAMA 103) in its entirety for all relevant details about maintaining AAMA certification.

- Complete [AAMA License Agreement and Application](#) forms. Submit completed forms to [ProductCertification@aamanet.org](mailto:ProductCertification@aamanet.org) or FAX to (847) 303-5774.
  - *If electing National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) Thermal Certification, in addition to sending AAMA its required forms, appropriate [NFRC forms](#) indicating AAMA as the Inspection Agency [IA] as well as payment for any applicable NFRC fees must be delivered to the NFRC.*
- Air-Water-Structural (AWS) Annual Fee will be billed by AAMA; invoice is emailed to billing contact listed on Application form. Once payment is received, license will be activated.
- Have a sample of the product(s) to be certified tested at an [AAMA Accredited Laboratory](#). Test reports are sent from the lab directly to AAMA's Independent Validator, Associated Laboratories, Inc. (ALI).
  - *NFRC Thermal Certification Program participants will also send a sample of their product(s) to an NFRC-accredited [simulation](#) and [test lab](#). Many NFRC labs are also AAMA-accredited.*
- ALI will review and validate the test report(s). If complete and all requirements are met, AAMA will deliver an Authorization for Product Certification (APC) directly to the manufacturer.
  - *If requirements are met for Thermal Certification, ALI will deliver an NFRC Thermal Certification Authorization Report [CAR] directly to the manufacturer.*
- Manufacturer is now eligible to purchase labels as authorized by AAMA (*and the NFRC, if applicable*).
- The first of two unannounced plant inspections conducted by ALI will occur within six months of signing the License Agreement. AAMA 103 Section 6.0 addresses in-plant quality control requirements.
  - *The NFRC Thermal Certification Program requires one inspection which is combined with one of the air-water-structural inspections for manufacturers participating in both programs.*

### Important Notes for AAMA Gold Label Air-Water-Structural Certification Program Participants

- Components used in certified production models must meet applicable performance standard; see the [AAMA Verified Components List](#) for products with AAMA-validated test reports.
- [AAMA Certified Profiles](#) must be used in certified production models if PVC, fiberglass, aliphatic polyurethane or ABS. This requirement does not apply to aluminum or wood.
- Other than on the AAMA Gold Label, use of the AAMA logo is permitted only as authorized by AAMA and upon proper application and request (contact [AAMALogo@aamanet.org](mailto:AAMALogo@aamanet.org) for more information).
- AAMA Category 1 members receive discounts within the AAMA Gold Label Air-Water-Structural Certification Program (contact [Membership@aamanet.org](mailto:Membership@aamanet.org) for more information).