

MCA EXTERIOR CONCRETE FINISHER CERTIFICATION

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ABOUT THE CERTIFICATION

Improperly finished concrete leads to early deterioration, surface defects, and costly repairs.

The MCA Exterior Concrete Finisher Certification evaluates contractors on their ability to properly place, finish, and cure concrete—ensuring they meet industry standards for long-lasting, durable results.

This certification program has been developed by the MCA to test the basic knowledge on best practices for placing and finishing exterior concrete. The goal of certification is to ensure that knowledgeable contractors are selected to install exterior concrete including local roads and streets, driveways and sidewalks as well as mainline paving. This certification is designed to aid in minimizing or eliminating the potential for distresses resulting from improper installation practices. These distresses may include: scaling, plastic shrinkage cracking or random cracking.

THE CERTIFICATIONS COVERS THE FOLLOWING:

1. Concrete Required for Exterior Flatwork
2. Placing and Finishing Concrete
3. Joints
4. Curing Concrete
5. Types of Surface Problems and Causes

CERTIFICATION CRITERIA

- Attended a training course by the MCA
- Successfully completed the open book written exam with passing score of 70%
- Completed a performance evaluation during an installation of exterior concrete.

Note: The performance evaluation must be completed within 6 months of passing the written exam.

This certification is good for 5 years and applies to:

- ✓ Roads
- ✓ Sidewalks & Driveways
- ✓ Parking Lots
- ✓ Curb and Gutter

Using MCA-certified finishers helps reduce surface defects and long-term maintenance issues—especially for municipal concrete projects.

Agencies can improve quality and accountability by requiring certification in specifications for exterior concrete.



If you have questions or would like to set up a meeting with the MCA Director of Construction and Education to discuss the benefits of your crews certification please contact:

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