

Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification

The **Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification**, more commonly known as the **IICRC**, is a certification and standard-setting non-profit organization for the inspection, cleaning,^[1] and restoration industries.^[2] It is headquartered in Vancouver, Washington, United States, and has offices in the United Kingdom and Australia. The organization formulates health and safety related industry standards for built environment. As an American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-accredited standard-development organization (SDO), the IICRC works with international trade associations such as the International Sanitary Supply Association (ISSA) and the Restoration Industry Association (RIA)^[3] to develop consensus-based standards.

1 History

The IICRC, originally named the **International Institute of Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning Inc. (IICUC)**, was founded in 1972 by Ed York.^[4] Since starting in 1972, the IICRC has evolved into a global organization with more than 53,000 active certified technicians and more than 6,000 Certified Firms around the world.^[5] IICRC is headquartered in Vancouver, Washington, United States, and has offices in the United Kingdom and Australia.

2 Certifications and Cleantrust program

As a professional certification organization,^[6] the IICRC does not have members but instead has registered technicians or “registrants.” The IICRC does not operate certification schools but instead approves schools and instructors to teach and administer its certification programs.^[7]

Cleantrust is a certification program created by the IICRC. Currently, the IICRC has more than 140 approved instructors and 70 approved schools offering cleantrust certification. Certification is based upon successful completion of a course in which curriculum follows the standards for that category as well as a passing grade on a standardized exam. Once certified, IICRC registrants must earn continuing education credits (CECs)^[8] to maintain their certification. IICRC certifi-

cation courses include over 20 qualifications in cleaning, inspection, and restoration.

3 Standards

In addition to certification, the IICRC creates standards to help develop common, industry-accepted language and terminology regarding cleaning, inspection and restoration. The IICRC’s standards include:

- BSR-IICRC S100 Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Cleaning of Textile Floor Coverings^[9]
- BSR-IICRC S210 Standard and Reference Guide for Dimension Stone Maintenance and Restoration^[10]
- IICRC S300 Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Upholstery Cleaning^[11]
- ANSI/IICRC S500 Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Water Damage Restoration^[12]
- BSR-IICRC S520 Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Mold Remediation^[13]
- BSR-IICRC S540 Standard and Reference Guide for Trauma and Crime Scene Biological and Infectious Hazard Clean Up^[14]
- BSR-IICRC S600 Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Carpet Installation^[15]
- BSR-IICRC S800 Standard and Reference Guide for Inspecting Textile Floor Coverings

4 Governance

The IICRC is managed by a board of directors, which is composed of 15 members elected by the IICRC’s shareholders. The elected board members are active in their respective industries and frequently represent the IICRC in media such as trade publications^[16] and consumer media.^[17] The IICRC board of directors meets quarterly to formulate standards and create future policies.^[18] The executive committee is composed of the organization’s officers and is led by a chairman.

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