



WLS: Under Reconstruction



Throughout 2010 and into early 2011, RIA's Water Loss Specialist (WLS) Advanced Certification will be undergoing "reconstruction."

The revamping will give future WLS Certificants a more comprehensive approach to water loss damage, while utilizing their time efficiently.

The first update includes an expansion from four to six core Domains of Knowledge, each with a minimum requirement of educational contact hours. A complete list of suggested pre-requisite courses within each Domain of Knowledge can be found at the RIA website, under Certification, WLS.

These include:

1. **Domain #1: Basic Skills in Water Damage Restoration**
 - a. *(minimum of 12 contact hours)*
2. **Domain #2: Hands-on Water Damage, Restoration & Drying Training**
 - a. *(minimum of 18 contact hours)*
3. **Domain #3: Microbial Remediation**
 - a. *(minimum of 18 contact hours)*
4. **Domain #4: Health & Safety Training**
 - a. *(minimum of 12 contact hours)*
5. **NEW! Domain #5: Building Science**
 - a. *(minimum of 7 contact hours)*
6. **NEW! Domain #6: Project Management & Commercial Loss Training**
 - a. *(minimum of 12 contact hours)*

For 2011, RIA anticipates launching its WLS Prep Course & Exam at a number of locations throughout the U.S. More details will be posted to this site as development unfolds.

Interested in Becoming WLS Certified?

For 2010, those interested in pursuing their WLS certification may:

1. Begin the process by completing and submitting the WLS Application for Candidacy and submitting it to RIA for view and approval.
2. Review the list of pre-requisite courses and get them scheduled for your attendance!
3. Watch the RIA website for more details pertaining to the 2011 WLS Prep Course.
 - a. We anticipate the first course launching in mid-2011.

Thank you.