

ALOA Bylaws Change affecting Membership  
and explanation of the PRP Recertification requirements

*Article III, Chapter 1 defines the types of members as follows:*

**ARTICLE III**  
**Chapter 1 MEMBERS**

**Section 1. Classes of Members.** The corporation shall have eight classes of membership: Active, Probationary, Retired, Life, Allied, Associate, Honorary, and Company

**a. Active Members.** Persons who have been actively engaged in the locksmith/access control industry for a minimum of two years, have achieved one of ALOA's recognized program designations, and can provide at least two of the following items:

1. Character reference from a member of the corporation or a local locksmith association;
2. Character reference from two locksmith/access control industry related sources.
3. Proof of employment in the locksmith/access control industry.

*Section 3 of the new bylaws outlines the requirements and exemptions as follows:*

**Section 3. Renewal of active membership.**

Active members must maintain their ALOA recognized program designation as required by the rules of such program in order to renew their membership.

**a. Exemptions.** The provisions of section 3 are effective on January 1, 2006. Active members are exempted from the requirement to achieve and maintain one of ALOA's recognized program designations who meet any one of the following criteria as of January 1, 2006:

1. Persons who are 50 years of age or older, or who have been a member for at least twenty years are exempt as long as they maintain continuous ALOA membership.
2. Persons who are 40-49 years of age, or who have been a member for 10-19 years are **exempt for five years**.
3. Persons who are under 40 years of age, or who have been a member for less than 10 years are **exempt for three years**.
4. Persons whose business address is located outside of the United States regardless of age or years of membership.

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**ALOA PRP Re-certification Program**

The security industry is in a constant state of evolution. To protect the integrity and advance the professionalism of the **RL, CAL, CRL, CPL** and **CML** designations, the **ALOA Board of Directors** through the **ALOA Education Department (AED)** has mandated that all members of ALOA hold and maintain an ALOA recognized program designation and that all holders of ALOA certifications pursue professional development and continuing education in order to maintain their proficiency and credibility.

**Recertification requirements** established by the AED involve obtaining **sixteen (16) points or credits** within the **recertification term** which is **three years**. These points or credits can be obtained in areas such as: education; training; writing; and volunteer leadership in locksmith/security and/or business management associations. The AED will review and revise activities approved for credit as appropriate.

**Organizations** that wish to have their training approved by the AED must submit their class descriptions including the length of the training to the AED. Once their training has been approved and points have been assigned, they must forward a roster of students for each training activity to the AED so that the info can be entered into the members' database records.

**Individuals** who are holders of the **RL, CAL, CRL, CPL** and **CML** designations must submit to submit a recertification activity form within 90 days of the expiration of their current certification. While documentation other than the activity form will not be required for application for recertification, the Certification holder may be asked to submit backup documentation when requested.

The **re-certification fee** is **\$0.00** for members and **\$195.00** for non-members, payable every three years. ALOA will send an invoice after the credit requirement is met. The fee is subject to change.

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## ALOA PRP Re-certification Activities Summary

**16** total points are required within a **three-year term**.

*NOTE 1: For CRL's and CPL's – advancement to the next level of certification resets the certification term to three years from the date that the most recent certification level is achieved.*

*NOTE 2: Rules for writing exam questions must be followed. See 3.4*

*NOTE 3: Written documentation (i.e. copies of certificates, registrations, articles etc.) may be required for all activities.*

To make the recertification process as fair as possible the AED has provided ALOA members with the opportunity to achieve recertification points from seven major sources which are; Association Memberships, Education program participation, Instruction/Presentations, Publications, Volunteer Service, Public Service and Other Accomplishments.

The following is summary of how points are accumulated in these areas.

**Association Memberships** – You can accumulate points by being a member of:

- Ø ALOA
- Ø SAVTA
- Ø An ALOA Chapter
- Ø An ALOA Affiliate association

**Education participation** – You can accumulate points by:

- Ø Attending classes at any nationally recognized security association conference (such as ASIS, DHI, ILA, IAIL, etc.)
- Ø Attending ALOA Continuing Education (ACE) classes and/or the ALOA Security Expo
- Ø Attending SAVTA classes and/or exhibits
- Ø Attending regional or local association classes and/or exhibits
- Ø Successful completion of a written exam for locksmith/security related self-study program that is accredited or otherwise recognized, (this may include ACE after class PRP exams, Internet/distance learning, and CD-ROM or other self-study programs)
- Ø Participation in, or attendance at, a locksmith/security related, educational session - including Internet/distance learning and CD-ROM or other self-study program
- Ø Sitting for a PRP/STPRP exam.

**Instruction, speeches or other presentations** – You can accumulate points by;

- Ø Being the principal instructor/speaker in a security related course at an accredited college or university of at least 3 semester credit hours
- Ø Instructing an ALOA ACE class
- Ø Participating as an assistant instructor for an ALOA ACE class
- Ø Participating as an instructor, speaker or panelist at any security related educational program of at least 3 hours
- Ø Preparing usable PRP/STPRP exam questions in the proper format and from current references.

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**Publications** – You can accumulate points by;

- Ø Authoring an approved security-related book
- Ø Contributing to a book on security-related topics
- Ø Authoring a security-related article in a recognized national periodical
- Ø Contributing to recognized security-related national periodicals (i.e. submission of trade tips)
- Ø Writing a book review published in a security-related national periodical

**Volunteer Service** – You can accumulate points by;

- Ø Serving as a committee member of a local or regional security organization
- Ø Serving as an elected President/Chair, Vice-President/Chair, Secretary, Treasurer or Newsletter Editor on the local level of a chartered security organization
- Ø Serving as a board member or officer of the ALOA Scholarship Foundation, SAVTA Board of Directors, ALOA Board of Directors or any chartered national security organization or association such as ASIS, DHI, ILA or IAIL.
- Ø Volunteering at the ALOA or SAVTA conventions.

**Public Service** – You can accumulate points by providing security-related activities that are performed pro bono for a charitable, religious, governmental or community entity.

Examples include but are not limited to:

- Ø security audits of a public or private school building
- Ø security or life safety surveys for a church, synagogue or other place of worship
- Ø evaluation of life safety or security issues for a charitable agency

**Other Accomplishments** – You can accumulate points by participating in special activities related to professional development in security or business management.

Examples include but are not limited to:

- Ø Voting in the ALOA annual election
- Ø Recruiting a new member
- Ø Sponsoring a new member
- Ø Proctoring a PRP examination
- Ø Participating in PRP/STPRP exam category development
- Ø Participating in an ACE Instructor Class evaluation
- Ø Participation in ACE curriculum development
- Ø Participation in ACE class development