



## VSI Certified Installer E-News

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**Welcome** to the 2nd edition of the *VSI Certified Installer Program* enews! From time to time, the Vinyl Siding Institute (VSI) will provide you with news and reminders about our program --- including recertification details, information you can provide to potential customers, vinyl siding installation tips, and more. We may also ask you to give us your feedback on specific elements of the program.

### 3,000 in 3 Years!

It's hard to believe, but it's been three years since the Vinyl Siding Institute launched its *VSI Certified Installer Program*, and in that short time, we've been pleased to welcome more than 3,000 professionals who have demonstrated their knowledge of proper vinyl siding installation techniques. We have Certified Installers in nearly every state from Alaska to Florida. For a full list of your colleagues who have also become certified, visit [www.vinylsiding.org](http://www.vinylsiding.org).

### VSI Revises Installation Manual

After three years running a successful installer certification program, we've learned a lot from you, the installers, about refining techniques for installing vinyl siding. And as products and codes continue to evolve, we have updated VSI's *Vinyl Siding Installation Manual*. Each Certified Installer will receive a free copy in the mail this summer, or you can download the online version today [here](#).

### Get Ready to Recertify

In order to keep your status as a VSI Certified Installer, you must renew your certification every three years. Recertification is a simple process: Architectural Testing, Inc. (ATI) will contact you two months before your certification expires. You need to contact ATI, complete the [Certified Installer Recertification Registration Form](#) (download and mail or fax to ATI), pay the \$165 recertification fee, and ATI will send you a recertification test, which you can take using VSI's revised *Vinyl Siding*



*Installation Manual.* Once you submit and pass the test, your certification is good for another three years. But don't let this opportunity slide by! For more information on your recertification status, contact Karen Yetter at ATI at (717) 764-7700 or [kyetter@archtest.com](mailto:kyetter@archtest.com).

### **Certification Has its Benefits**

There has never been a better time to be a VSI Certified Installer. Companies, jurisdictions, and contractors now require employees or crews to be certified. Builder C.P. Morgan requires that all members of vinyl siding installation crews be VSI certified. Germantown, Ohio recently amended its codes to allow vinyl siding only as long as it is installed by VSI Certified Installers. And in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, all vinyl siding jobs require at least one installer per crew to be certified through a qualified certification program such as VSI's. Builders, inspectors, and homeowners use the *VSI Certified Installer* online database to search for qualified installers in their area—to make sure your name stays on it, recertify!

### **Certified Installer Page Coming to VSI Website Soon**

This summer VSI will be adding a special page to its website [www.vinylsiding.org](http://www.vinylsiding.org) with resources specifically for Certified Installers. We'll let you know when to start checking it, but take a look now for information that can help you.

### **Contact Information Updates**

Send your contact updates to Karen Yetter at ATI at (717) 764-7700 or [kyetter@archtest.com](mailto:kyetter@archtest.com). And if you know any Certified Installers who have not provided their email addresses to ATI, please ask them to, or they will miss out on ***Certified Installer E-News***.

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***(Note that communications on certification status, classes, etc. go to ATI directly, not VSI.)***