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Professional Certification Requires Maintenance

Happy August, everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are getting ready to head into the fall with some energy and enthusiasm.

Let's talk about those pesky renewal requirements – professional development hours (PDHs). They aren't in place just to annoy you (even though it might feel that way sometimes), they are there to help ensure that anyone holding the designation of PTOE, PTP, or RSP is upholding the spirit and letter of the professional certification.

Join me as we look at this through the lens of why you and thousands of others have pursued certification:

Building Trust and Credibility – professional certifications show that individuals and organizations have the knowledge and skills to perform the duties they are required to do; in some instances that includes upholding regulatory requirements. Those professional development hours are proof that you are maintaining that knowledge and those skills—and, in some instances, that you are the right expert to make life-saving decisions.

Improving Safety – speaking of life-saving decisions, many of our certificants are involved in plans, designs, or initiatives that have a direct impact on transportation safety. Those PDHs can often provide you with the latest information and state-of-the-practice strategies to ensure you're properly delivering on that promise to help save lives!

Enhancing Career Opportunities – many employers prioritize candidates with relevant certifications, particularly in specialized areas like safety; and some public agencies require consultants to have staff that maintain certifications in order to work on certain contracts. The reason that prioritization and requirement exists is in recognition of your current abilities. For someone who earned a college degree 20+ years ago, the best way to measure current abilities is through certification, with the understanding that regular maintenance of professional development is a requirement.

Staying Current with Industry Standards – as someone who has been involved in the transportation industry for nearly 40 years, I can tell you with absolute certainty that a LOT has changed. Almost everything I learned early in my career has evolved (naturally as it should) and only through involvement in national committees, conferences, and seminars have I kept pace with this constant evolution.

Someone recently said that certifications are like university degrees – they are considered permanent credentials once earned. I completely disagree with that comparison, because, to me, certifications prove you are currently capable of performing your duties. And it's because of those pesky PDHs that I can say that!

So, keep up with your professional development, stay current, and you'll definitely get a return on that investment!

Steve Kuciemba
Executive Director

Message from the TPCB Board Chair

Greetings, Transportation Professionals! I hope you've been having a great summer so far.



On July 9, your TPCB Board held its second scheduled meeting of the year, which took place virtually. It was a productive session where we reviewed and discussed progress on the following certification and exam updates:

- The Professional Transportation Planner (PTP) exam update, which was completed in late 2024. The updated and new exam questions were first used during the February 2025 exam sitting.
- The Road Safety Professional Level 1 (RSP1) exam update, which we began last year and expect to complete by the end of 2025. We're on track to implement the updated and new questions for the February 2026 exam sitting.

On the administrative side, we reviewed and approved the audited 2024 financial statements, received an update comparing our 2025 budget to actual expenses and revenues, looked at certification numbers, trends, and renewals, and approved the 2025–2030 Strategic Plan.

One of our ongoing goals is to ensure that our certification programs remain both current and relevant—and to identify new programs where there's a clear need. In that spirit, I'm pleased to share a few initiatives your TPCB Board is currently planning and exploring:

- In late fall 2025, we'll begin the process of updating the Road Safety Professional Level 2 (RSP 2) exam for both the Behavioral and Infrastructure Specialty tracks.
- Over the past year, we've been exploring the potential to build on our successful RSP1 and RSP2 certifications by developing a Road Safety Auditor (RSA) certification—either independently or in partnership with another organization. Interest in this type of certification has been strong. At our fall board meeting on September 30, we'll hear a presentation by former TPCB Director Geni Bahar, who chaired the subcommittee we established to explore this opportunity. She'll share the committee's findings and recommendations with the Board.

Thank you again for your continued support and your commitment to advancing the transportation profession through certification. If you have any questions or comments about TPCB, please feel free to reach out to me directly at jvoss@cts-bc.com or the TPCB team at certification@tpcb.org. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Jan O. Voss, P.Eng., PTOE
TPCB Chair

Next Webinar on the Benefits of Becoming Certified Is October 28

Do you have colleagues or friends wondering how becoming PTOE-, PTP-, and/or RSP-certified will help them with their career advancement and personal development or have concerns about

preparation for these exams? Make sure to tell them to save the date for the October 28 webinar.

TPCB Board members and other certified individuals will share why they chose to pursue a transportation certification, how they believe these certifications benefit the profession overall, and how their certification has impacted them professionally and personally.

Presenters include **Dan Hardy, P.E., PTP**; **Joseph C. Balskus, P.E., PTOE, RSP1**, Director of Transportation Systems, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.; **Nathan Becknell, P.E., PTOE, PTP**, Principal/Office Manager, Traffic Engineering Consultants, Inc.; and **Carrie A. Falkenrath, P.E., PTOE, PTP, RSP1**, Principal Transportation Engineer & Planner, T-Squared Engineering.

Watch for more information in mid- to late September about this webinar.

Congratulations to the Newest TPCB Certificants!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWEST TPCB CERTIFICANTS!

The Transportation Professional Certification Board, Inc. (TPCB) and ITE congratulate the following 62 new Professional Traffic Operations Engineers (PTOE), 16 Professional Transportation Planners (PTP), 96 Road Safety Professionals–Level 1 (RSP1s), and 24 Road Safety Professionals–Level 2 (RSP2s, Behavioral or Infrastructure) who passed certification exams in the June 2025 exam period. To learn more about these certifications and how to apply, visit www.tpcb.org. The next application deadline for the February 2026 exam period is November 20, 2025.



PTOE

Raul E. Alessandri, Jr.
Steven Paul Alvarez
Sukumar Anekar
Md Asaduzzaman
Md Atiquzzaman
Ali Banava
Taylor Neal Bates
Pronab Kumar Biswas
Amenti Bonja
John M. Broemmelsiek
Sydney Brooks LaLuna
Douglas C. Brunot
Jessica Taylor Burke
Plaban Das
Ramendra Narayan Das
Joseph Davenport
Curtis J. Deibel
Mark Anthony Doctor
Dalton J. Dryburgh
Scottie Duclos

Nourhan El Salhat
Nafiseh (Elena) Farhadi
Ashley Marie Fillback
LaShonn Joseph Ford
Charles Logan Fox
Ahmed M. Ghaly
Cooper Grissom
Carlin J. Hebert
Amber Heckmann
Blake Hubbard
Robert Hummel
Cloyd Antonio Jack, II
James Jeninga
Tracy Jones-Schoenfeld
Steven Daniel Kaminsky
Derrick S. Kennedy
Cassandra McKee Lee
Ho Yin Jason Man
Anita Mathews
Joseph A. Milanese, Jr.
Amir Mostafavi Maryan

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Steven E. Palmer
David M. Perloff
Andrew Pierson
Daniel M. Quiri
Natalie Rigby
Michelle Romine
Kara Anne Rosenthal
BENJAMIN Royall
Sergio R. Ruiz
Shadman Sakib
Shaluka Mewan Samarasena
Patrick M. Skain
Corson Smith
Drew Ann Thomas
Mate'a Tindal
Darren Ujano
Daniel C. Webb
Bryce T. Wegner
Bruce Campbell Wolny, II
Abraham Yarney



PTP

Mahdi Aghaabbasi
Mohamad Zaidan Al-kahlout
Brian T. Crooks
MariaAngelica Deeb
Sunil D. Dhuri
Tyler Farrar
Charles M. Freeman, Jr.
Wei Lin
Joseph A. Milanese, Jr.
Chaitanya N. Pathak
Scott Rickard
Navid Shafieirad
Juliet Spalding
Yang Tao
Timothy G. Thoreen
Alison T. Winter



RSP1

Matthew Boyd
Michael Ahillen
Atizaz Ali
Esra'a Alrashyda
Ilán Sebastian Álvarez
Nora Anderson
Karan Arora
Nithin Krishna Bonga
Amenti Bonja
Erik Braaten
Zachary Broat
Scott H. Brody
Qiuqi Cai
Clint Capps
James Ceragioli
Qing Chang
Franky Ho-yin Chu
Normand Edward Cressman
Cody Davis
Lauren Delmare
Utsav Domadia
Brian Duffey
Nancy Dutta
Kumari Duvvuri
Benjamin Elias
Courtney Evans
David Alejandro Fairlie
Tucker R. Fulle
Isaac Golf
Thomas Mark Hall

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James Hannig
Asif Mahmud Haque
Kurt Heischmidt
Alan James Huff
Michael Patrick Huff
Alexander Iliev
Jaya Venkata Siva Sai Kumar Illuri
Eileen Elizabeth Imbus
Md Masharul Kabir
Andrew G. Kaplan
Sachin G. Karmarkar
Madhushri Kashyap
Tyler Andrew Kohman
Kevin Kroll
Lukas Lambert
Abhilasha Maharjan
Asif Mahmud
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Adam J. Makarewicz
Max Malloy
Melissa Marton
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Serah Mungai
Sadia Nowroz Munia
Tarcisio Muratori, Jr.
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Olivia Polinsky-Rose
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Amanuel Nigatu Regassa
Dylan Nicholas Reidy
Keith A. Riniker
James Robert Ritter
Bryan Ruiz Cruz
Nazmus Sakib
Jimoku Hinda Salum
Michael Schofield
Navid Shafieirad
Nitesh Raj Shah
Corey R. Spetelunas
Brian J. Stolley
James Sudano
Riana Tanzen
Christine Théberge-Barrette
Rebecca Thompson
Benjamin Wallach
Yu-Ling Wang
Ashley Nicole White

Rob A. Whitesides
Steven K. Wood
Peter C. Wroblewski, Jr.
Xiao Jun Yang



RSP2 – Behavioral

Payton Donald Arens
Nicholas Hall
Kerry Lynch

RSP2 – Infrastructure

Dana Biscan
Rubel Das
Ehsan Doustmohammadi
Karim Habib
Md Rakibul Islam
Ronald William Knezevich
Deepak Koirala
Luciano Lalika
James S. Pol
Nathan Rahaim
Derek Salomonsen
Sadia Sharmin
Michael Scott Shea
Aimee Sharita Turner
Benjamin E. Weaver
Charles Daniel Wilson
Ce Zhang

TPCB Board Member Profile

Pamela O'Brien, P.E., PTOE – Organizational Director

TPCB: Tell us a little more about where you currently work and what you do in your day-to-day job.

O'BRIEN: I am a senior traffic engineer at DKS Associates, where I have worked for 18.5 years. My main focus is traffic signal systems and traffic signal timings. As a consultant, I help cities, counties, and state agencies develop optimal solutions related to traffic signal operations. I have provided systems engineering services to assist agencies in evaluating and selecting new local and central traffic signal systems and Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures (ATSPM) systems based on their needs and constraints. I also do a lot of work evaluating and developing new coordinated signal timings, including managing data collection, creating Synchro models, developing new timings, and working hand-in-hand with the agencies to program and field review the new timings. I estimate that I have developed timings for more than 1,500 traffic signals in my career and have worked with almost every local controller firmware in operation. Each project is a fun puzzle to solve, and no two days are ever alike.

TPCB: What first inspired you to pursue your certification?

O'BRIEN: I received my civil engineering P.E. license early in my career, as do many other civil engineer grads. When I learned about the PTOE certification, I thought it would set me apart as a professional focused on traffic operations and not just general civil engineering, especially as a consultant.

TPCB: What are you most looking forward to while serving on the TPCB Board?

O'BRIEN: I look forward to learning more about how the governance board operates and providing input from my perspective as a practicing traffic engineering consultant. I also am looking forward to meeting and working with the other board members from across the United States and Canada who have different career focuses.

TPCB: How does certification help transportation practitioners advance their careers?

O'BRIEN: Transportation practitioners arrive in their careers via many different routes. Some have civil engineering backgrounds, some have electrical engineering backgrounds, some have planning backgrounds. The TPCB certifications are a way to take those varied backgrounds and provide recognition of knowledge in specific areas, whether it be traffic operations, transportation planning, or road safety. Although certification is voluntary, it demonstrates that you, as a professional, have taken the initiative to be tested and can validate your specialized knowledge and skills. This goes a long way with employers and clients as a person advances in their career.

Help Shape a Potential New Road Safety Audit Certification

The **Transportation Professional Certification Board** (TPCB) is exploring the need for a potential Road Safety Audit (RSA) certification to improve consistency across the industry, strengthen professional competencies, and enhance transportation safety. This initiative aims to establish credentials for RSA experts in the U.S. and Canada.

We need your input by August 29. Please take 15 minutes to complete a survey that will help guide the design and direction of this potential certification program. Your insights will directly inform decisions about the certification's structure, content, and audience.

- Make your voice heard—take the [survey](#) today

Questions or comments? Contact **Matthew Hardy**, Deputy Executive Director and Chief Technical Officer, ITE.

Future Certification Exam Periods and Application Deadlines

Computer-based exams for PTOE, PTP, and RSP may be taken during the following three time frames:

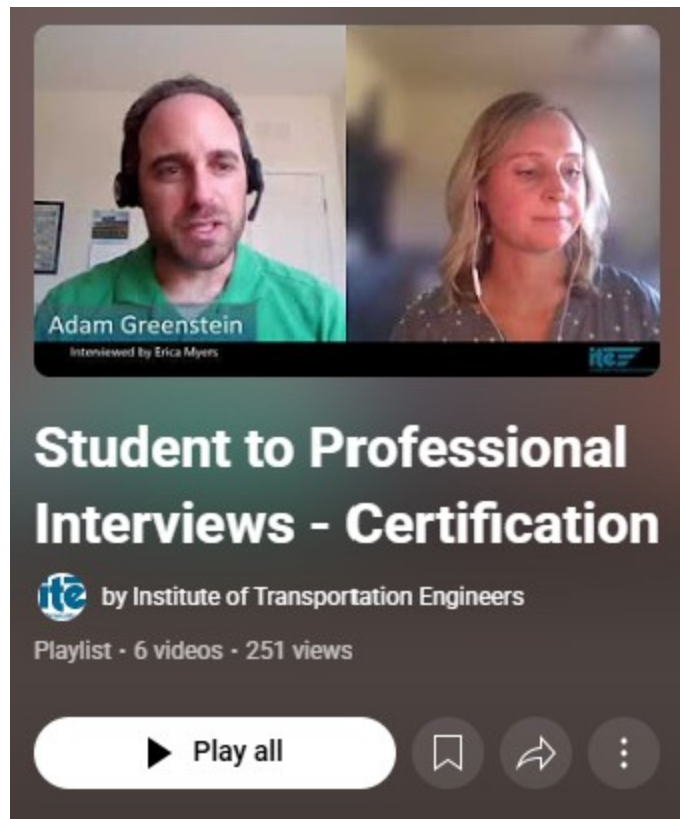
February 1 to 28, 2026: Applications must be received by midnight, November 20, 2025

June 1 to 30, 2026: Applications must be received by midnight, March 20, 2026

October 1 to 31, 2026: Applications must be received by midnight, July 20, 2026

For a list of available exam cities, please visit this [link](#).

Check Out These Student-to-Professional Videos Focused on Certification



ITE—A Community of Transportation Professionals (ITE) developed a series of videos that highlight the benefits of certification. This valuable resource is available on ITE's YouTube channel. These videos include:

- How important is certification? Should I be aiming for the P.E.?
- When should I take the FE and EIT?
- What are the PTOE, RSP, PTP, and when/why do people usually obtain these certifications?
- If I am working remotely, what can I do to ensure that I receive adequate professional mentorship and training?

Check out the playlist below!

Student to Professional Video Playlist

TPCB Transitions to New LinkedIn Company Page

There is a new LinkedIn company page for the Transportation Professional Certification Board. This page offers enhanced functionality, including the ability for users to showcase certifications on their profiles. Click the link at the bottom of this article to follow the new LinkedIn company page.

Once you have followed the page, make sure to add your certifications to your profile. Here's how to do it. (Hint: it's EASY!)

Step 1: Go to your LinkedIn profile.

Step 2: Scroll down to "Add license or certification."

Step 3: Click on + to add.

Step 4: Under Name, start typing the name or initials of the certification. It should automatically populate. Or, if it doesn't pre-populate, copy and paste from the following:

- Professional Traffic Operations Engineer (PTOE)
- Professional Transportation Planner (PTP)
- Road Safety Professional, Level 1 (RSP1)
- Road Safety Professional, Level 2 Behavioral (RSP2B)
- Road Safety Professional, Level 2 Infrastructure (RSP2I)

Similarly, under the Issuing Organization, if you begin typing TPCB, the organization should populate.

Repeat the above for additional transportation certifications. Questions? Reach out to [Pam Goodell](#).

TPCB at ITE Western District Annual Meeting



TPCB had a presence at the Western District's Annual Meeting on June 29-July 1, 2025. Certification Programs Manager, Ann O'Neill, was joined at the booth by TPCB Directors Walter Okitsu, P.E., PTOE, PTP, RSP2I, and Brian Chandler, P.E., PTOE, RSP2IB, to answer questions.



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