

653 General Information and Qualification Requirements

1. Introduction

The American Petroleum Institute (API) initiated an Aboveground Storage Tank Inspector Certification Program with the issuance of Supplement 1 to API 653, Tank Inspection, Repair, Alteration, and Reconstruction. This program promotes safe storage and material handling of petroleum products in a manner that protects employees, the public, and the environment. The program was developed with the participation of storage tank owner/users, and establishes a uniform national program that will assist state and local governments in aboveground storage tank regulations.

2. Qualification requirements

- ? You must be employed by or under contract to an authorized inspection agency or owner/user agency as defined in API 653, Section 1.5.4.
- ? You must have one of the following combinations of education and experience:

Education	Minimum Experience Required	Skills
BS in engineering or technology	1 year	Supervision or performance of inspection activities of aboveground storage tanks as described in API 653.
2-year degree or certificate in engineering or technology	2 years	Design, repair, construction, operation, or inspection of aboveground storage tanks, of which 1 year must be in supervision or performance of inspection activities as described in API 653.
High school diploma or equivalent	3 years	Design, repair, construction, operation, or inspection of aboveground storage tanks, of which 1 year must be in supervision or performance of inspection activities as described in API 653.
None	5 or more years	Design, repair, construction, operation, or inspection of aboveground storage tanks, of which 1 year must be in supervision or performance of inspection activities as described in API 653.