

MBSS Certification Requirements 2016 Quick Reference

Certification	Requirements	Date of Training	Length of Training	Cost		Certification is Valid for:
				For-Profit Company Rate	Government/ NGO/Academia Rate	
<i>Spring Certifications</i>						
Benthic Macroinvertebrate Sampling ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend MBSS Spring Training Pass written Benthic Sampling Protocol test administered during training Complete one field audit and QA/QC benthic sample using standard MBSS protocols prior to sampling other sites 	Feb. 26	1 Day	\$700 (plus registration fee for spring training)	\$140 (plus registration fee for spring training)	3 years
Benthic Macroinvertebrate Laboratory Processing and Subsampling ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend MBSS Lab Training Pass written Benthic Sample Processing test administered during lab training Complete one QA/QC benthic subsample 	TBA	1 Day	\$425	\$125	3 years
Benthic Macroinvertebrate Taxonomy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possess Society for Freshwater Science (SFS) certification in Group 2 (Ephemeroptera, Plecoptera, and Trichoptera) genera and Group 3 (Chironomidae) genera 	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	5 years (as determined by SFS)

¹Requires annual attendance of MBSS Spring Training; Valid through December 31 of the third year following certification

²Held at DNR's Benthic Lab in Annapolis; Valid for three years from the date of laboratory certification

<i>Summer Certifications</i>							
Fish Crew Leader ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend MBSS Summer Training (Fish Sampling and Crew Leader Certification Day) Pass written Fish Sampling Protocols test administered during training (year 1) Pass written Fish Crew Leader test (year 1) Complete one field audit using standard MBSS protocols prior to sampling other sites (year 1) 	May 26	1 Day	Year 1: \$500 (plus registration fee for summer training)	Year 1: \$200 (plus registration fee for summer training)	3 years	
Fish Taxonomy ⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass Fish Taxonomy test administered during summer training Provide photo vouchers or specimens of all species identified during sample year Complete one field audit prior to sampling other sites 	May 25	1 Day	\$180 (plus registration fee for summer training)	\$100 (plus registration fee for summer training)	1 year	
Fish Crewleader and Fish Taxonomy Bundle ⁵	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of the above requirements for one applicant 	-	-	\$560	\$250		

³Valid until December 31st of the 3rd year of certification

⁴Valid for one year from the date of fish taxonomy test

⁵Both audits must be conducted on the same day

