



USBC Tiered Center Certification

As announced at the 2022 USBC Convention, the new Tiered Center Certification Program is launching in January 2023.

After several years of data collection/analysis, and multiple discussions with industry stakeholders, it was determined that a new process was needed to complete the inspection and certification of all the lanes and bowling centers.

USBC will be hiring and training four staff members to conduct all the inspections.

The staff will be using the recently created **ACE (Automatic Certification Evaluation) Tool** to complete the process.

Inspections will begin in January 2023, and USBC will be certifying centers year-round. Certifications will be valid for three years, unless new lanes are installed. Each year, approximately a third of the centers in the United States will be inspected.

Centers will be contacted about 90 days in advance to set up a time for the inspector to visit. Inspections take about five minutes per lane. Lanes will be required to be stripped of oil prior to the inspection, but as soon as a lane is completed, it will be available for the center to oil and use for bowling.

The fee for the inspection and three-year certification will be \$30/lane, which falls in line with the previous fee of \$10/lane per year.

If you would like to request to be included in the first year of inspections, please email certifications@bowl.com. We will make every effort to plan a trip based on your request!



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