

Question: I am interested in becoming a certified Static-99 trainer. Can you provide information as to how I might be able to proceed with this?

Answer: Five criteria must be met in order to become a "Trainer". Each person is required to a) take the formal STATIC-99 training, b) be in a position where that person has actually completed a number of "real" STATIC-99 assessments, c) pass an exam, d) demonstrate presentation skills in front of an Advisory Board member, and e) the "trainer" candidate must be in a job or in a position where they are required to score an absolute minimum of 10 "real" cases per year once they become a "Trainer".

Note: For our purposes a "real" case is where some actual offender is scored and the scoring is likely to have some real bearing on that offender's life, liberty, or intervention possibilities. A "real" case can also be one that is scored independently (without knowledge of a prior scoring of the offender) in the context of a monitored "inter-rater reliability" assessment or as part of ongoing supervision of people doing "real" assessments.

Expansion of the five criteria:

A) The person wishing to become a trainer must have taken a STATIC-99 training course given by one of the accredited presenters. In addition, that person must have completed an absolute minimum of 20 "real" cases before putting themselves forward to become a "Trainer". To view a list of accredited trainers please go to STATIC99.org and - click on "training" and then click on "List of Trainers".

B) Doing STATIC-99 assessments is a skill that requires frequent practice. We have a policy of only training people who actually do "real" assessments to be trainers. Trainers gain a certain amount of credibility and ability to answer practice related questions that "staff trainers" just never develop. We recommend that you be doing 20 STATIC-99 assessments a year to maintain your "edge" as a trainer. As part of the process you will have to stipulate that you are actually doing assessments.

C) To be accredited you will have to pass a written exam. This exam has typically been a multi-part exam which has included multiple choice questions, short answer questions, having you prepare appropriate e-mail responses to questions posed to you from trainees, and has included having the applicant create STATIC-99 scoring examples.

D) To become an accredited trainer you have to demonstrate your ability to train, "live" in front of one of the STATIC-99 Advisory Board members. This means that you have to make arrangements with one of the Advisory Board Members to supervise you through the presentation of the STATIC-99 materials before a live audience of "learners". Generally, you arrange a training within your jurisdiction and present with an Advisory Board member present.

E) To maintain your status as a "Certified Trainer" you must be scoring an absolute minimum of 10 "real" (see definition above) cases a year.