Who needs AMA training?

The Port of Seattle relies on the authorized signer to determine what type of badge their employee needs in order to do their job. It is, therefore, the responsibility of the authorized signer to understand the privileges and access associated with each badge type. The goal of this memo is to explain when an employee would need an AMA badge.

The need to take AMA is dictated by job duties, coupled with the type of device the person is operating, and the circumstances of the access.

You do need Port of Seattle AMA training if one of the following applies:

- You have a job-related need to drive on the AMA unescorted (because you work for a company that requires a long-term presence on the AMA).
- You are a tug operator who is involved in towing aircraft anywhere on the airport, including the Non-Movement Area.

You do **NOT** need AMA training if:

- You have only an occasional need to drive on the AMA and can do this under escort.
- You are simply pushing back an aircraft for departure, and then the tug is disconnected and returns directly to the parking position without a need to communicate with the Seattle Ramp Tower or FAA Air Traffic Control Tower.
- You are going to taxi an aircraft.

What is the difference between the two AMA Badge Types on the badge application?

- **SIDA w/AMA (taxiways only)**
  This level of authorization does not include the airport runways. Access to the airport runways is limited to a select group of staff. Examples of the types of job-related duties in this access level include:
    - Aircraft tug operators who tow aircraft to/from remote facilities (hangars, ramps) to/from aircraft gates and parking locations. Note: Any aircraft movements that need to cross open runways at SEA via a tug require escort by POS Airport Operations
    - Selected POS staff with limited needs for AMA access, not including runways
    - FAA facilities Maintenance staff

- **SIDA w/AMA (taxiways/runways)**
  This tier of authorization is **exclusively** for those staff with job-related duties that require frequent and extensive access and familiarity with all portions of the AMA, including the airport runways. Examples of the types of job-related duties in this level include:
    - Select POS Airport Operations staff
    - Select POS Airport Maintenance staff
    - Select POS Airport Rescue and Firefighting staff

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