



## ICC-ES & UL Dual PMG Listing Program FAQs

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### Q & A Regarding ICC-ES and UL's Dual PMG Listing Agreement for Plumbing Products

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A. Underwriters Laboratories (UL) is an independent product safety certification organization that has been testing products and writing Standards for Safety for over a century. UL evaluates more than 19,000 types of products, components, materials and systems annually, with 20 billion UL Marks appearing on 72,000 manufacturers' products each year. UL's worldwide family of companies and network of service providers includes 64 laboratory, testing and certification facilities serving customers in 98 countries.

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A. A nonprofit, public-benefit corporation, ICC-ES<sup>®</sup> is the United States' leader in evaluating innovative building materials, components and systems for code compliance. ICC-ES<sup>®</sup> Evaluation Reports<sup>®</sup> and the organization's PMG<sup>™</sup> Listing Program provide evidence that products and systems meet the requirements of applicable codes and standards. The International Code Council<sup>®</sup> (ICC<sup>®</sup>), the parent company of ICC-ES, publishes the International Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas Codes, which have been adopted in 47 states at either the state or local level. Between them, ICC and ICC-ES have on staff a full range of PMG product experts, and professional engineers with product evaluation experience.

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A. The strategic alliance between ICC-ES and UL combines the strength of two highly respected and internationally recognized organizations to offer the plumbing industry a streamlined service to demonstrate compliance with codes and standards.

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A. There are numerous benefits to manufacturers seeking a dual ICC-ES/UL PMG listing. Some of these benefits are:

- The new dual PMG listing program provides manufacturers with a choice in service providers to show compliance through listing to both the *International Plumbing Code* (IPC) and *Uniform Plumbing Code* (UPC).
- Ready acceptance of products by authorities having jurisdiction (AHJs), due to the high recognition of the ICC-ES and UL marks.
- Acceptance of products nationally and internationally, wherever the IPC or the UPC codes have been adopted. Additionally, products evaluated to the National Plumbing Code of Canada (NPCC) are suitable for installation in Canada.
- Demonstration of product compliance to the new low-lead requirements in the California Health and Safety Code.
- Demonstration of product compliance with the U.S. EPA WaterSense<sup>SM</sup> requirements (as applicable).
- Ability to leverage the strength of the ICC-ES and UL brands.
- An easier way of doing business, through one point of contact for both ICC-ES and UL listings.
- UL inspections will meet both ICC-ES and UL requirements, which will save time and money for manufacturers.
- An expedited turn-around-time for both listings, especially when compared to seeking the listings individually.
- Both organizations provide extensive training and support for AHJs, and are well respected by local jurisdictions.

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A. Regulators will also benefit from this new program, through:

- Added assurance that PMG products meet the rigorous testing requirements of both ICC-ES and UL. ICC-ES, moreover, evaluates the products for code compliance.
- Simultaneous posting of listed products, for easy access, on the websites of both ICC-ES and UL.
- Access to UL's code correlation database ([www.ul.com/regulators/codelink](http://www.ul.com/regulators/codelink)), the only database of its kind in the industry. This database directly connects the listings with specific code sections, to assist AHJs in the acceptance of certified products, and to allow designers and installers to easily find code-complying products.

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A. Plumbing fixture fittings such as faucets and supply fittings, plastic bathtub and shower units, stainless steel plumbing fixtures and flexible water connectors. The dual PMG listing program will be expanded to include additional product categories as requested by regulators, installers, and manufacturers.

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A. Manufacturers may contact either ICC-ES or UL, using the contact information provided below. Once a request has been received by either ICC-ES or UL, designated project managers at each organization will coordinate the project from initial quoting to final invoicing. Products will first be tested according to UL's certification scheme. Facilities where the product is manufactured will be inspected by UL to both UL and ICC-ES requirements. UL will make a decision based on this inspection and its test data to grant a UL Mark. UL will also provide ICC-ES its test report on the product, and ICC-ES will perform its own evaluation of the product to ICC-ES requirements. ICC-ES will make its own decision on whether it will issue a certificate for this product.

UL will serve as primary administrator for the project, issuing the initial quotation, general service agreement and invoice. Follow-up surveillance will also be performed by UL.

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A. Depending on the product type, inspections may occur biannually or quarterly. These inspections will benefit the manufacturer by validating that the product continues to meet all requirements. Manufacturers who already have UL listings in other product categories will have their inspections done by the same inspector who is currently visiting the facility, thus minimizing the number and the cost of inspections.

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A. The dual listing covers both the IPC and UPC, any referenced standards in these codes, and any applicable prescriptive requirements in the codes. Products intended for distribution in Canada will be evaluated in accordance with the National Plumbing Code of Canada.

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A. Acceptance of products nationally and internationally, wherever the IPC or the UPC codes have been adopted. Additionally, products evaluated to the National Plumbing Code of Canada (NPCC) are suitable for installation in Canada. The International Code Council<sup>®</sup> (ICC<sup>®</sup>), the parent company of ICC-ES, publishes the International Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas Codes, which to-date have been adopted in 47 states at either the state or local jurisdiction level and countries including Mexico, Jamaica, Saudi Arabia and Abu Dhabi.

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A. Successfully listed products will bear both the UL Plumbing Mark and ICC-ES PMG Mark. For more detailed information regarding displaying these marks, visit <http://www.ul.com/global/eng/pages/corporate/aboutul/ulmarks/promotional/>

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[http://www.icc-es-pmg.org/pdf/rules\\_procedure-PMG.pdf](http://www.icc-es-pmg.org/pdf/rules_procedure-PMG.pdf)

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A. Typical products will take 8-12 weeks for evaluation, after all formulation and product information is received by UL. ICC-ES and UL will work in parallel to schedule concurrent review of product, and both organizations will ensure timely turn-around.

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A. Overall cost will be less than individual listings, due to efficiencies gained in administrative and inspection requirements. Further, clients will save on their administrative costs, by working with just one organization.

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A. It's available right now. For application information, contact

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A. If a product is not permitted by one or the other code, the products would not be eligible for a dual PMG listing. ICC-ES, however, will continue to offer the option to list to the IPC separately.

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A. ICC-ES has a process for developing listing criteria that UL will use to certify the product.

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A. Products already certified by either organization are eligible for this program. Simply contact your ICC-ES or UL representative for further details.

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A. Both the ICC-ES certificate and the UL Mark will continue to be available separately.

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A. UL Listed products can be found on UL's Online Certifications Directory ([www.ul.com/database](http://www.ul.com/database)) or through UL's Code Correlation Database at ([www.ul.com/regulators/codelink](http://www.ul.com/regulators/codelink)).

ICC-ES Listed products can be found at: [www.icc-es.org/pmg](http://www.icc-es.org/pmg)

Products that bear both certifications marks will have a link between the two organizations' listings.

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