

I am a retired master craftsman. Do I still have to take tool orientation classes?

Yes.

Here's why:

1. Our insurance carrier requires us to train members in our safety and security procedures.
2. You may have used your tools, but you haven't used *our* tools in *our* shop. To ensure that everybody can safely use the tools, we need to make sure everybody takes the same orientation class.
3. Orientation isn't just about teaching you to use the tools -- it's also about teaching you when you **shouldn't** use the tools. For example, certain types of wood will trigger the safety sensor on our SawStop table saw, which will render it inoperable until a new cartridge can be installed. Tool orientation classes cover these types of scenarios, as well as what to do when you find a tool in an inoperable or dangerous state.
4. If you don't have time to do something correctly, when are you going to have time to do it again?

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