

Field Sampling and Testing Qualification Program

September 16 - 25, 2013

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Qualification/requalification examinations will be held at the Materials Testing and Research Branch (MTRB), 2530 Likelike Highway, Honolulu, Hawaii 96819 during the following days:

Sept 16 & 19, 2013
(Asphalt Unit)

Sept 17, 20, & 24, 2013
(Soils & Aggregate Unit)

Sept 18, 23, & 25, 2013
(Concrete Unit)

Note: Credit for the Concrete Unit will be given to personnel who possess a current ACI certification. Personnel shall provide a copy of their certification in order to receive credit.

Note: Personnel arriving late for the Exams will not be allowed to take the written or performance exam and will have to be rescheduled for the next set of exams.

All qualified personnel (consultants, state & county) should check when their current qualification certificate expires. Personnel with an expired certificate will be prohibited from performing field sampling and testing of materials on all State Highway construction projects (Federal & State funded) and all County Federal-Aid projects on the National Highway System (NHS) until they requalify and receive a new qualification certificate.

The Materials Testing and Research Branch will not accept applications for the September 2013 examination because all of the examination slots are filled.



Schedule of Events

Registration starts at 7:15 a.m.

Asphalt Unit

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| Sept 16, 2013, Mon.
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Written & Performance Exam – Bituminous (Asphalt) Unit
Note: Priority to Neighbor Island Personnel)
(Max. 28 persons) |
| Sept 19, 2013, Thu.
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Written & Performance Exam – Bituminous (Asphalt) Unit
(Max. 28 persons) |

Concrete Unit

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| Sept 18, 2013, Wed.
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Written & Performance Exam – Concrete Unit
(Note: Priority to Neighbor Island Personnel)
(Max. 12 persons) |
| Sept 23, 2013, Mon.
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Written & Performance Exam – Concrete Unit
(Max. 12 persons) |
| Sept 25, 2013, Wed.
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Written & Performance Exam – Concrete Unit
(Max. 12 persons) |

Soils and Aggregate Unit

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| Sept 17, 2013, Tue.
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Written & Performance Exam – Soils & Aggregate Unit
(Note: Priority to Neighbor Island Personnel)
(Max. 20 persons) |
| Sept 20, 2013, Fri.
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Written & Performance Exam – Soils & Aggregate Unit
(Max. 20 persons) |
| Sept 24, 2013, Tue.
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Written & Performance Exam – Soils & Aggregate Unit
(Max. 20 persons) |

Note: The dates listed are for examination only. The Materials Testing & Research Branch will not conduct classroom or hands-on training and will not provide time, location, materials, equipment, or assistance to practice the testing procedures. Those taking the examination are expected to be knowledgeable in the test methods and capable of performing the testing procedures.

Exam & Registration Information

THE EXAM

The two-part (written and performance) examination will include the following test methods:

Bituminous (Asphalt) Materials Unit

1. AASHTO T40 – Sampling Bituminous Materials
2. AASHTO T168 – Sampling Bituminous Paving Mixtures

Soils and Aggregate Materials Unit

3. AASHTO T2 – Sampling Aggregates
4. Hawaii HDOT TM1 – Density of Soil In-Place by the Sand Cone Method
5. Hawaii HDOT TM3 – Field Determination of Moisture Contents in Soils

Concrete Materials Unit

6. AASHTO T23 – Making and Curing Concrete Specimens in the Field
 - a. Cylinders
 - b. Beams
7. AASHTO T119 – Slump of Hydraulic Cement Concrete
8. AASHTO R60 – Sampling Freshly Mixed Concrete
9. ASTM C1064 – Temperature of Freshly Mixed Portland Cement

Refer to the Examination Procedures for an explanation of requirements for the exam. A manual providing the test methods that will be covered by the examinations and some review questions and check lists will be sent to each applicant after receipt of registration forms and fees.

REGISTRATION FOR EXAMINATIONS

Private consultants interested in taking the examination shall submit the registration forms (HDOT-TPQP-1 and HDOT-TPQP-2) to the Materials Testing and Research Branch (MTRB) with a check payable to **“Hawaii Dept. of Transportation”**

Please mail the completed forms and check to:
Materials Testing and Research Branch
Hawaii DOT – Highways Division
2530 Likelike Highway
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819
Attn: September 2013 - Field Sampling
and Testing Qualification Program

DEADLINE: Registration Form & Payment must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on Friday, August 09, 2013.

Last day to cancel and receive a refund is Tuesday, August 20, 2013. To cancel, fax letter to the MTRB at (808) 832-3407, requesting cancellation and a refund. If you have any questions on your registration, please contact Ms. Beverly Chun at (808) 832-3405 ext. 108 or Beverly.L.Chun@hawaii.gov

If you have any questions on the program, please contact Faith Keene at (808) 832-3405 ext 101 or Faith Keene@hawaii.gov

MTRB personnel will mail applicants their study material within one week of receiving the applicant's payment for the examination.

Examination Procedures

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QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. The individual is not qualified unless he/she passes both the written and performance examinations of all applicable test methods for each unit and receives a certificate from the Materials Testing and Research Branch.
2. *Failure in either the written or the performance examination will constitute failure of the entire unit.* If qualification is still desired the person must register and pay to re-take both the performance and written examinations again at the next examination session which is able to accommodate the person.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

1. Closed book exam.
2. Questions will not be allowed during the examination.
3. Calculators are allowed for the examination but may not be shared.
4. The examiner will collect all examination papers and used scratch paper.
5. Participant must pass with a minimum score of 70% on each test method.
6. *Failure in more than 50% of the test methods in the initial exam is considered failure of the entire written examination.*
7. If the participant fails not more than 50% of the test methods in the initial exam, one retest will be allowed for each failed test method. *Failure in any of the test methods on the retest is failure of the entire unit.*
8. Test results for the initial exam will be posted. Each participant is required to check the test results and retake each failed test method.
9. Retest is scheduled for 12:30 pm.
10. Participant will be informed verbally of the retest result on the same day.

PERFORMANCE EXAMINATION

1. Closed book exam.
2. Coaching from the examiner will not be allowed during the examination.
3. Each examination shall be completed within the time limit designated for that test method.
4. The individual may be required to verbally describe material sampling procedures if performance of the method is not practical or feasible.
5. The individual shall perform all the procedures for each test method. Omission of any one of the procedures will constitute failure of that test method. The examiner may allow certain steps of the method to be accelerated when properly explained. Inability to complete the test method within the designated time limit will constitute failure of the test method.
6. If during the performance, participant notices an error he/she had made, he/she may be allowed one restart for each test method.
7. *Failure in more than 50% of the test methods in the initial exam is considered failure of the entire performance exam.*
8. If the participant fails not more than 50% of the test method in the initial exam, one retest will be allowed for the test method. Retest will be given after all test methods were performed once. *Failure in any of the test methods on the retest is failure of the entire unit.*

Hawaii Transportation Personnel Qualification Program Registration Form

Deadline: August 09, 2013

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Position/Title: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Participant's E-mail Address: _____

Employer: _____

Supervisor's Name/Title: _____

Employer's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Supervisor's Phone #: _____

Supervisor's E-mail Address: _____

Current ACI or Other Qualification #
(Submit copies if applicable): _____

Check one:

- Initial Qualification
- Renewal of Qualification

Mailing address to be used:

- Home
- Employer

NOTE:

Participants should bring a pocket calculator, pen, pencils, yellow highlighter, and note pad.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Bituminous (Asphalt) Unit \$100

Soils & Aggregate Unit \$100

Concrete Unit \$150

Examination Fee

Preferred Examination Date:

TOTAL _____

Bituminous (Asphalt) Unit 1st _____ 2nd _____

Soils & Aggregate Unit 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

Concrete Unit 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

Transportation Personnel Qualification Program (TPQP)

Qualification carries inherent rights and responsibilities. These rights include being exclusively sanctioned along with others so qualified by TPQP to perform sampling, testing, and reporting of test results for quality control and quality assurance programs. These responsibilities include performing and reporting tests with the accuracy and precision expected of the individual in accordance with the required test procedures. By signing this document the individual agrees to abide by all of the terms of the TPQP and as set forth by the contracting agency.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENT

This document affirms that _____ hereinafter
(print name)

the applicant, desires to be qualified by the Transportation Personnel Qualification

Program (TPQP) in _____ module.
(name of module desired)

The applicant should also be aware that both State and Federal laws may govern construction projects, including Title 18, United State Code, Section 1020, that in brief states that anyone making falsifications on Federal-aid projects,

“Shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.”

I, _____, have read, understand, and agree
(print name)

to abide by the rights, responsibilities, and penalties associated with receipt of this qualification.

Signature

Date

Highways Division

State of Hawaii Department of Transportation

Highways — Materials Quality Assurance Program

The Materials Quality Assurance (QA) Program represents the Hawaii Department of Transportation, Highways Division's recognition of its responsibility and commitment to ensure that materials incorporated into highway construction projects conform substantially to requirements of the plans and specifications. This program provides uniform, statewide procedures to ensure personnel are capable of performing materials sampling and testing in accordance with test methods used in the program.

All personnel performing field sampling and testing of materials for all State Highway construction projects (Federal & State funded) and all County Federal-Aid projects on the National Highway System (NHS), shall be qualified per the QA Program's Personnel Qualification Program of the Quality Assurance Manual for Materials. In accordance with Title 23 CFR, Part 637, the sampling and testing has to be performed by qualified sampling and testing personnel.

Personnel must successfully pass a two-part (written and practical hands-on) examination to become qualified to perform field sampling and testing of materials for all State Highways construction projects and all County Federal-Aid projects on the NHS.

Personnel who successfully pass the two-part examination will receive a 5-year

qualification certificate. All qualified personnel must requalify every 5-years. To requalify for another 5-years, personnel must successfully pass the two-part examination.

Personnel who are qualified and are actively submitting Materials Sampling Cards to the MTRB for approval or are actively performing field sampling and testing of materials on various State Highways construction projects and all County Federal-Aid projects on the NHS, shall participate in the MTRB's Independent Assurance (IA) Program on an annual basis.

The purpose of the IA program is to provide uniform, statewide procedures to ensure personnel qualified under the Personnel Qualification Program remain capable of performing sampling and testing correctly, and to ensure testing equipment is checked and calibrated.

Personnel from the MTRB will schedule the annual IA evaluation with the QA Officer at the four Highways District Offices (Oahu, Hawaii, Maui & Kauai). If you have any questions concerning the program please contact Faith Keene at (808) 832-3405 ext. 101.



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