

Technical Certification Program (TCP) Performance Exam Guidelines 2021-2022 Training and Certification Season

Performance Exams are required as part of the TCP program for individuals requesting certification as a materials tester of aggregate, soils, or asphalt mixtures.

Tester certification requires a demonstration of the test or procedure. That demonstration is referred to a “performance exam”. It is the student and employer’s responsibility to verify anyone registered for a performance exam has sampling and testing experience before the scheduled date and time.

Completing a test or procedure may mean physically completing the test in part, or its entirety; verbally explaining a test or procedure. The method required will be at the discretion of the DOT Examiner. A DOT Examiner may be a representative from the Materials and Research Division or any of the District Materials Coordinators.

Students are allowed two attempts. If a student is not able to complete the performance exam the second attempt, they will be required to repeat the class. Individuals requesting temporary certification and fail the second attempt may not request a new performance exam within two weeks. Employers must provide additional training and proof of that training.

Student Requirements:

1. Complete classroom training.
2. Read and understand all relevant tests and procedures as written in the [ND Field Sampling and Testing Manual](#)
3. On the job or employer training
 - a. All students should have at minimum of one week of hands-on experience before requesting certification
 - b. Highly recommended that students have prior field-testing experience.
4. Performance exam dates will be posted in the class registration system.

Refer to the policy for [temporary certification here](#).