

Frequently Asked Technician Certification Questions:

- 1) When do I have to re-certify and where is the re-certification application?

The midpoint recertification process was eliminated by the WMTC Committee September 15, 2015.

- 2) When does my certification expire?

All certifications will expire 5 years from the date certified.

- 3) How do you find out the dates of the next courses?

Check the WYDOT WMTC web page or call one of the following:

Registration and re-test contact for all non-WYDOT participants.

WY Tech Transfer Center
Kahled Ksaibati or Staff Assistant
Civil & Architectural Engineering
Engineering 2094
PO Box 3295
University of Wyoming
Laramie WY 82071-3295
Office #: (307) 766-6743
Fax #: (307) 766-6784

Registration and re-test contact for all WYDOT participants.

Audrey Hobbs, Senior Staff Technician
WYDOT
Construction Program
5300 Bishop Blvd
Cheyenne WY 82009
Phone #: (307) 777-4456
Fax #: (307) 777-4765

Maintains and updates database records and distributes all correspondence, including; letters, certificates, and laminated cards.

Cathi Lutz, Staff Technician,
Mike Reyes, Staff Technician, OR
Alisha Reese, Staff Technician
WYDOT
Materials Program
5300 Bishop Blvd
Cheyenne WY 82009
Phone # Cathi: (307) 777-4073
Phone # Mike: (307) 777-4096
Phone # Alisha: (307) 777-4080
Fax #: (307) 777-4481

Web-site access:

http://www.dot.state.wy.us/home/engineering_technical_programs/materials--testing/materials_technician_certification.html

- 4) I've lost my card. Can you send me a new one?

Contact Cathi Lutz, Mike Reyes, or Alisha Reese listed in Item #3.

- 5) How do I register for the next class?

Registration forms can be found in the current year brochure on the WYDOT's WMTC web, page 4.

Non WYDOT – fill out application and mail to WY Tech Trans Center - listed in Item #4.

WYDOT – contact resident engineer to sign up for classes. Audrey Hobbs processes all WYDOT applications – listed in Item #4.

- 6) What was my test score? (Why can't you tell me except when I fail?)

If you pass with a 70% or better, congratulations. This is not meant to be a competition. Failed scores are released to give the student an idea of how much extra studying should be done to pass the written retest.

- 7) How long is the Qualification good? Do I have to take the certified classes and tests before the qualification expiration date?

Qualification is good for 1 construction season. It expires on January 31st of the following year. You must get certified before the next construction season. You may only be qualified 1 time for Soils & Aggregates, Asphalt Concrete, and Portland Cement Concrete.

- 8) Can I get a list of the certification types and expiration dates of certified or qualified people?

Yes. Access the website "Certification Search" link and select the search criteria.

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- 9) I have my ACI results but not my WYDOT results, when will I have those?

WYDOT Portland Cement Concrete results are available from 1 to 5 days after seminar date.

ACI results take an average of 3 weeks to be processed.

You will be notified in 1 to 5 days if you failed the WYDOT performance and/or written portion of the Portland Cement Concrete seminar. Once ACI forwards their results all those passing both the WYDOT and ACI portions will be notified and presented with their certification letter, card, and certificate.

If you fail the ACI portion, it is your responsibility to set up a retest date with ACI. Please be sure retest results are forwarded to the Materials Program for processing. See Item #3 for contact information.

10) If I take the written re-test and fail, what happens?

If you fail the written re-test, you must take the entire certification class again.

11) How can I contact ACI to find out my results?

ACI results will be posted on ACI's website.

www.concrete.org/certification/cert.asp

12) Why are all the classes held in Laramie?

The classes are held in Laramie because they are administered by the University of Wyoming. There are classrooms and testing facilities made available for the classes.

13) Why are all the tests given every year the same except for just a few questions changed around?

Specifications are updated frequently, and performance is checked to see if procedures are being followed.

14) Why are there so many questions pertaining to design rather than field operations?

To be a well rounded tester and technician, the information learned enhances the technician's knowledge base and builds a stronger foundation and credibility.

15) Why can't there be some indication on the WYDOT written test results in regards to the failed portions of the tests so can restudy these areas before the retest?

You can contact Dr. Khaled Ksaibati at the University of Wyoming (307) 766-6230. He can review your test with you and tell you the needed areas to be further studied.

16) Why do veteran employees need to recertify as far as taking the written and performance tests every 5 years?

As stated in Item #18 above, specifications are updated frequently, and performance is checked to see if procedures are being followed. Everyone needs to be updated on current specifications and procedures.

17) Why should new employees not attend the certification classes?

Unless the new employees are well trained in testing, they should not attend. This course is a certification class and not meant to be used as a training class. It is suggested new employees attend the Materials Program Lab School before enrolling in the certification classes. Contact Mike Reyes, Field Services Supervisor Materials Program (307) 777-4096 for more information.

18) Is there any on-line testing or renewal opportunities available?

Not at this time.

19) To be WYDOT certified for Portland Cement Concrete, why can't the ACI certification be accepted as being certified?

ACI covers only testing procedures. WYDOT certification covers the specifications and Wyoming modified procedures.

20) Why do I have to figure pay factors?

Although most of the computer spreadsheet applications calculate the pay factor, it is still necessary to know how to calculate the pay factor in case a computer is unavailable.

21) Why are there so many pay factor questions on the test?

The amount of pay factor questions on the test has been significantly reduced. While teaching the class Dr. Ksaibati emphasizes the importance of the pay factor information and reminds the class the written test is open book.

22) Why can I only qualify once?

Being qualified means you are in training to be certified. After one year of training, should be ready to take the next step in the process to get certified.

23) How many people are allowed in each certification class?

10 WYDOT
15 Contractors, Engineering, or Consultant Company employees

If one group does not use its quota people from the other group will be registered to fill the classes.

24) What if I never get a chance to get certified?

There are plenty of opportunities to get certified each year with there being three classes made available per certification

25) Can I get my results faster by knowing results before I leave class?

Results are usually processed with 1 to 5 days of class and pass/fail posted on the WYDOT Materials Program WMTC link within the same time period.
Paperwork verifying certification is sent in the mail.

26) Shouldn't priority be given to certain people to get in the classes?

All classes are based on a first come first serve basis.