

EPA Technician Certification Examination Rules

Personal Identification

Proctors are required to verify the identity of individuals taking the test. Acceptable forms of identification are drivers' licenses, governmental identification cards, passports, and military identification.

Test Structure

Type I Certification can be achieved via U.S. Mail or internet testing. Type II and Type III Certifications are closed book proctored exams. Moreover, retesting in the core sector is required when testing for a Type II or Type III Certification.

The EPA Technician Certification is a closed book examination, and notes or training materials are prohibited during testing. The examination contains 25 questions about EPA general requirements and regulations, and 25 questions on recycling procedures in the area the technician work. For example, a technician may choose to be tested as a Type II technician only, or he/she may choose to be tested in more than one sector-specific area, or he/she may choose to be tested as a Universal Technician. The Universal Technician examination is comprised of 100 questions: 25 general and 75 sector-specific (25 from each sector specific area).

Minimum Passing Requirements

Individuals scoring 70% or above will be certified.

Answer Sheet

Each answer sheet must contain the technicians' full name, home address, social security number, test location, and testing date. More importantly, mark all answers on the answer sheet, not in the test booklet. Marking in the test booklet will result in an automatic disqualification.

Calculators

The use of calculators will be permitted only if the machine is completely silent, cordless, produces no tape, and is small enough that it will not infringe on other technicians' work space.

Allowable Reference Material

Technicians may use a Pressure/Temperature chart during testing, which can not be shared by others. No other material will be allowed.

Note Taking

No paper of any sort can be brought to the examination room during testing. If needed, scratch paper will be provided by proctors. No part of the exam may be copied or reproduced in any manner, or removed from the examination room. If notes or calculations are made as reference material during testing, all material must be given to the proctor at the completion of the examination.

No Talking

Talking is prohibited during testing. No technical questions of any sort will be answered by proctors. If you do not understand a question on the examination, do your best to answer it. If you feel a question has an error, notify the proctor and he will see that the grader is informed. Answer all questions,... there is no penalty for guessing.

No Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in the examination room.

Violation of the rules will result in expulsion from the examination room. If you are not certain about any material, ask a proctor before starting the examination.