

# ODOT Construction Inspector Testing Process and FAQ

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### INSPECTOR TYPES:

- Project Inspector
- Project Structure Inspector
- Coatings Inspector
- Traffic Signal and Lighting Inspector
- Soils and Aggregate Inspector

### HOW TO GET TRAINING:

The following organizations offer information throughout the year on various topics:

- [ODOT - Division of Construction Management](#)
- [Flexible Pavements Association of Ohio](#)
- [Asphalt Institute Ohio](#)
- [Ohio Contractors Association](#)
- [American Concrete Institute](#) (ACI)
- [Ohio Aggregate and Industrial Minerals Association](#) (OAIM)
- [National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies](#) (NICET)
- [National Association of Corrosion Engineers](#)
- [NorthEast Transportation Training And Certification Program](#) (NETTCP)
- [Ohio Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyor Board](#)
- [International Municipal Signal Association](#) (IMSA)
- [Steel Structures Painting Council](#) (SSPC)

### HOW DO I APPLY TO TAKE AN ODOT ADMINISTERED TEST?

Testing is administered by the [Local Technical Assistance Program](#) through ODOT's [Division of Planning](#). The Ohio LTAP Center provides training in the areas of highway and worker safety, infrastructure management, workforce development and organizational excellence.

Click on the "[Training Course Registration](#)" tab, then click on the pdf link [Inspector Testing ODOT Division of Construction Management](#). This will take you to the registration instruction page, including a link to register for any of the following tests required for ODOT Inspectors: Flexible Pavements Test • Advanced Structures Test • Certification for Compaction Testing • Traffic Work Zone Test

Applicants who successfully pass an ODOT administered test will be added to the [Division of Construction Management's](#) online database [Prequalified Construction Inspector Test Results](#). Applicants may check the database, and report any errors to the program administrator.

In order to successfully pass the ODOT administered tests, candidates must score a minimum of:

80% correct answers on the Flexible Pavement Test

80% correct answers on the Advanced Structures Test

80% correct answers on the Traffic Work Zone Test

90% correct answers on the Compaction Test

Only the following items will be permitted in the testing facility:

- Pen/Pencil
- Non-programmable calculator
- 2013 C&MS
- 2103 Construction MOP
- Temporary Traffic Control Manual 2012 Edition

All other reference documentation will be provided by the Proctor. Cell phone and computers are **not** permitted.

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

**QUESTION:** Where and how often will the Flexible Pavement test, Advanced Structures test, the Certification for Compaction Test and the Traffic Work Zone test be offered by ODOT?

**ANSWER:** ODOT will offer the Flexible Pavement Test, Advanced Structures Test, the Compaction Test and the Traffic Work Zone Test on a monthly basis. The tests will be provided at ODOT facilities, and monitored by ODOT personnel.

**QUESTION:** How will I know if I passed an ODOT administered test?

**ANSWER:** The applicant who passes an ODOT administered test will be notified immediately upon completion of the test. Applicants who successfully pass an ODOT administered test are added to ODOT's online [database](#).

**QUESTION:** Is there a testing review or appeal process for the ODOT administered tests?

**ANSWER:** No review or appeal of the graded tests will be offered. The findings issued by the ODOT Central Office Division of Construction Management are final. Applicants may retake the test as often as required in order to pass the test.

**Question:** How long does a testing certification last?

**Answer:** 5 years from the end of the year the test was taken. For example, if a test was taken 3/12/2014, the test certification would expire 12/31/2019. In order to have no lapse in coverage the applicant would have to take a renewal test sometime in 2019.

**QUESTION:** Does an existing ODOT HT or retired HT have to take the tests?

**ANSWER:** In order to be eligible for Prequalification as a Project Inspector, individuals must pass the appropriate tests.

**QUESTION:** Once I have passed a test am I prequalified?

**ANSWER:** No. Prequalification is managed through the [Office of Consultant Services](#). You must send a cover letter, résumé, and documentation or certificates indicating successful completion of the prerequisites to their attention.

The entire Consultant Prequalification Requirements and Procedures can be found on the Office of Consultant Services webpage.

Click on “Consultant Prequalification Requirements & Procedures” under the Prequalification Information” tab on the left side of the page. Instructions for applying for Prequalification can be found in [Part IV: Prequalification Submittal Format](#).

Mail all required documents to: Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Consultant Services, 1980 West Broad Street, Mailstop: 4100, Columbus, Ohio 43223

**QUESTION:** Who can I contact regarding the ODOT Prequalified Construction Inspector Process?

**ANSWER:** Marvin Harris, Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Construction Administration, 1980 West Broad Street, Mail Stop 5190, Columbus, OH 43223 or at 614-644-6690.