

# ODOT Construction Inspector Testing Process and FAQ 05/08/2014

## Inspector Types:

[Project Inspector](#)  
[Structure Inspector](#)  
[Coatings Inspector](#)  
[Traffic and Electrical Inspector](#)  
[Soils and Aggregate Inspector](#)

## How to get training:

The following organizations offer training / testing throughout the year on various topics:

[ODOT – Division of Construction Management](#)  
[Flexible Pavements Association of Ohio](#)  
[Asphalt Institute](#)  
[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?

In order to take an ODOT administered test the applicant will provide documentation that all of the other requirements have been met **PRIOR** to taking the test:

- ❖ For the Flexible Pavement Test provide documentation for:
  - 18 Months of Construction Project Technical Experience
  - ACI Concrete Field Testing Technician, Grade 1
  - Ohio Level 1 Aggregate Technician
  - Provide one of the following:
    - A Diploma indicating an Associate's Degree in Civil Engineering Technology
    - A Diploma indicating an Associate's Degree in Construction Engineering Technology
    - Equivalent Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering/Technology
    - NICET Highway Construction Level II
  
- ❖ For the Advanced Structures Test, provide documentation for:
  - Passing of the Flexible Pavement Test
  - NICET Highway Construction Level III with Structures Work Elements
  
- ❖ For the Certification for Compaction Test follow the process in Supplement 1121

Testing space is limited; reservations may **ONLY** be made by emailing applications to the following address:  
[Marvin.harris@dot.state.oh.us](mailto:Marvin.harris@dot.state.oh.us)

The applicant will be notified by **email** within 7 working days of receipt of the application with confirmation of testing Location, Date, and Time and other testing requirements. Again, testing space is limited; the spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

**Failure to arrive for a reserved and ODOT confirmed test will disqualify the applicant from taking any ODOT administered test for one year. Request for excuse will be directed to the Program manager.**

Only the applicants who successfully pass an ODOT administered test will be entered into the online database. The database is available here:

[www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/Pages/default.aspx)

The applicant may check the database, and report any errors to the program administrator.

Candidates must score a minimum of 80 percent correct answers on the Flexible Pavement Test and the Advanced Structures Test in order to pass. Candidates must score a minimum of 90 percent on the Certification for Compaction Test in order to pass. Candidates will have a maximum of 90 minutes to complete the exam. Acceptable materials to take the exam include:

- Provided by the candidate: Pen/Pencil and non-programmable calculator. **No phones or computers will be allowed!**
- Provided by the exam-proctor: Reference Materials, including the MOP and C&MS.

Should a candidate fail to achieve the minimum score, the candidate will be permitted one additional attempt at passing the exam (on a different day). If the candidate should fail the re-examination, then the candidate will not be permitted to take the exam again until the following calendar year.

### **Where and how often will the Flexible Pavement test, Advanced Structures test, and the Certification for Compaction Test be offered by ODOT?**

ODOT will offer the Flexible Pavement Test, Advanced Structures Test, and the Certification for Compaction Test on a monthly basis. The tests will be provided at ODOT facilities, and monitored by ODOT personnel.

A list of upcoming dates and locations is available online here:

[www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/Pages/default.aspx)

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

The applicant who passes an ODOT administered test will be entered into the online database. If an applicant does not appear in the online database, then the applicant did not pass the test. The database is available here (Prequalified Construction Inspector Test Results):

[www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/Pages/default.aspx)

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

No review 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 – provided they meet the necessary prequalifications listed above.

### **How long does a testing certification last?**

Office of Consultant Services  
1980 West Broad Street Mailstop: 4100  
Columbus, Ohio 43223

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

Program Manager: Marvin Harris, Office of Construction Administration

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Columbus, OH 43223

Phone: (614) 466-7057

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