

In order to strengthen the available resources for the continuously increasing amount of SCDOT construction work, the SCDOT Technician Certification Board has made the following changes to the Policy in reference to **Asphalt Roadway Technician (ART) and Earthwork Technician re-certification only**.

For **qualified candidates***, a **TEST ONLY** re-certification option will begin being offered for ART and Earthwork.

- Testing will be held in Columbia with the first sessions beginning August 2016. Contact TriCounty Technical College (TCTC) for test date, location, and other registration information. [http://www.tctc.edu/Corporate and Community Ed/Programs and Courses/SCDOT.xml](http://www.tctc.edu/Corporate_and_Community_Ed/Programs_and_Courses/SCDOT.xml)
- This will be a one day testing session. There will be 2 sessions: 8am-12pm and 1pm to 5pm. Both ART and Earthwork tests will be offered in the morning and afternoon sessions. Applicants may take both ART and Earthwork tests in the same day if desired. Prior registration **required** for all tests. *Walk-ins will not be accepted.*
- The course manual will be available on the TCTC website for reviewing prior to the class. A clean hardcopy manual will be provided to each attendee at the test. No materials may be brought into the test except pencils and calculators. Cell phones will be required to be turned in to the proctor or left outside the testing facility.
- Testing will be limited to the 4 hours allotted for each session. There will be no review session and the test proctor will not be able to answer questions.
- No meals or lodging included.
- If an applicant passes the exam, they will be certified in that area for **3 years**, after which they may elect to take just the re-certification test again to be re-certified for another 3 years or may elect to take the certification course and be certified for 5 years.
- No more re-certification classes will be held for ART or Earthwork – options for certification will be test only or the full certification course.
- If an individual does not pass the test, they must attend the applicable certification course. No retest will be offered for the TEST ONLY option.
- Prerequisites remain the same: SCDOT personnel are required to have valid Nuclear Gauge certification prior to testing for ART and Earthwork; valid Nuclear Gauge certification is required for all Earthwork certifications.

***Qualified candidates:** individuals seeking re-certification or applicants that have an equivalent certification from another state. Proof of certification (if other than SCDOT) must be provided to mmraovic@tctc.edu at time of registration.