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The RMAEC program has initiated an additional method for LabCAT re-certification. This method is available for all technicians who are currently certified in Levels A, B, C, D or E. The guidelines for utilizing this method are outlined in this notice. If you have any question about the implementation or use of this re-certification method, contact the LabCAT Program Manager for clarification.

Slip Stream Re-Certification method description:

This method of certification is only available to those who are currently certified and are eligible to re-certify using the standard certification method or the streamline certification method. To be eligible for the “**SLIP STREAM**” **RE-CERTIFICATION** a technician **MUST** demonstrate over the period of their certification (3 years) they have continued to work in the industry and are current on the CDOT /AASHTO procedures. The process of demonstration will require the certified technician to be a volunteer supplemental examiner (proctor) for the LabCAT certification program a minimum number of times during their certification period. The minimum number of visits are dependant on the level of certification the technician holds, and the levels requesting for re-certification. For example if a technician receives certification in January 2003 for levels A and B their certification period is January 2003 to January 2006. During this period the technician must be a volunteer supplemental examiner a minimum of 9 times, with a least of 3 the 9 times in the last year of their current certification period. During each visit to the RMAEC the volunteer supplemental examiner should proctor at a different station (Levels A and B have 9 total stations), thus they will have been at each of the required proficiency stations during the certification period. This requirement is to help assure they are current on the most up-to-date CDOT procedures and specifications. If a technician complies with the required volunteer supplemental examiner sessions, they will be allowed to re-certify by taking the written tests only, due to having shown proficiency in the areas which they are requesting to be re-certified. The LabCAT program manager is obligated and reserves the right to disqualify any technician volunteering to be a LabCAT supplemental examiner based upon lack of experience levels, or lack of adequate understanding of the materials.

The written “SLIP STREAM” CERTIFICATION tests will be administered by the LabCAT program and may be given at the RMAEC or CDOT regional laboratories. The written test will be the same tests given to all other technicians testing for re-certification in the LabCAT program. When a technician elects to use the slip stream certification process, they will need to indicate the amount of times they have volunteered for the LabCAT program. The RMAEC will verify the documented. The technician will need to indicate where they prefer to have the test administered. It is possible for the technician to complete the test when they volunteer for the final time in the 3 year period, by arriving at the certification session when the written test is being administered.

It will be the responsibility of the technician to notify the RMAEC **in advance** and submit the required registration forms indicating they are requesting to use the Slip Stream re-certification. This is necessary to allow the RMAEC to verify all requirements for re-certification have been satisfied.

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The minimum numbers of volunteer proctor sessions which will be required during the 3 year certification period for the 5 different levels of certification are as follows:

Level of Certification	Required Proctor Visits	Total Proficiencies (per level)
A	6	3
AB	9	9
ABC	12	12
ABCD	13	13
E	6	6
ABCDE	18	18

The fee for re-certification for those who elect to use this method will be reduced to \$200. This fee is applicable for all re-certifications requested in one session.