

7083.1040 EXAMINATION.

Subpart 1. **Examinations.** An examination for basic information regarding an SSTS and each of the specialty areas under part 7083.1020, subpart 1, must be offered by the commissioner at least annually. The examinations must be based on the skill, knowledge, experience, and education that a person must have to perform the authorized duties and responsibilities under parts 7083.0710 to 7083.0800 for each specialty area sought. An individual must successfully complete the basic and specialty area examinations with a passing score of 70 percent or greater to qualify for certification and apprentice designation. The commissioner shall require a passing score of 70 percent or greater on any portion or subpart of an examination, which focuses on a critical skill component, in order to pass the entire examination.

Subp. 2. **Expiration of test score.** An examination that qualifies for certification expires if the continuing education requirements under part 7083.1060, subpart 1, are not fulfilled. The period within which continuing education must be completed starts when the first examination is taken in which a passing score is received.

Subp. 3. **Failure on examination.** An individual who fails an examination is ineligible to retake the same examination for six months unless the individual has completed additional training approved by the agency in the subject matter covered by the failed examination in addition to that required under part 7083.1030, subpart 1. Official documentation of this additional training must be provided at the time the examination is retaken. Training hours used to fulfill this reexamination requirement must not be used to fulfill continuing education requirements. Failure to pass the examination in a specialty area or the basic examination does not prevent the person from taking an examination for a different specialty area certification.

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