

We recently rolled out a new test system for both online tests and paper tests. The new system is a key part of preventing misconduct related to our test questions. The new online test system randomizes the test questions from a bank of questions. The type of questions in each exam will be similar but the details of the questions are not be the same. So, for the new online exams, it is less likely that two exams will be exactly the same exam. This helps ensure that test results accurately reflect each student's understanding of the training materials the test questions are drawn from. This was a major consideration in making the online exam our default system for all exams. However, we kept the option of using a paper-based test booklet for students that prefer to take the paper version. Operators cannot mix the two systems (paper and online) because the paper exam will not be the same as the exam in the online system. As further protection of the paper tests, the tests in the booklet will be updated bi-monthly. That is, the test may not be the same if ordered at different times. As you can see, we have to print these test booklets on demand and offer them to the students to accommodate their needs. We are striving to both accommodate students with different situations and keep the value of our CEUs for our operators.

In correlation with the new test systems, we developed an Academic Integrity, Course Expectations, and Copyright statement (included below) to explain these topics to enrolled students. We expect that clearly stating our objectives will encourage ethical behavior among students and operators.

We believe that the new testing system will improve learning and the passing rate of the certification exams. I hope this provides you the information you needed.

Academic Integrity, Course Expectations, and Copyright

OWP courses are administered and monitored by California State University, Sacramento (Sacramento State), and, therefore, are subject to the Sacramento State Academic Honesty Policy (www.csus.edu/umannual/student/stu-100.htm). Participants in our courses are licensed operators and individuals who are aiming to be licensed. They have a crucial role in maintaining the integrity and value of our courses to the profession and the communities they serve. OWP works to protect the integrity and accreditation of courses and materials by setting expectations for students and investigating violations of academic honesty and copyright infringement. This protection may include presenting different versions of course materials (including, but not limited to, exam questions) to different students.

As a professional participant enrolled in our courses, it is expected that all course work will be completed by you and that the course work demonstrates your skills and knowledge of the subject matter. As part of an educational community, OWP expects that all course participants protect the integrity of the curriculum and student grades. Activities that violate Sacramento State's academic honesty policy and OWP course expectations include sharing exam questions and answers, purchasing or acquiring exam questions and answers from others, turning in exams or other course work completed by others as the student's own, or any other misrepresentation of the student's knowledge or skills.

In addition, OWP course materials—including training manuals and exam questions and answers—are copyrighted by OWP. Publishing, reproducing, selling, or otherwise distributing any of OWP's materials without prior, explicit permission from OWP (except as allowed by law) is a violation of copyright.

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