



National Craft Assessment and Certification Program S P E C I F I C A T I O N S

FIELD OPERATOR (FIELD)

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Overview

This written assessment is a two-hour closed-book examination. You will be permitted to use a basic function, non-printing calculator during the examination. The assessment center will provide any necessary pencils. No extra papers, books, notes or study materials are allowed in the testing area.

Study Material

All NCCER written assessments are referenced to Contren[®] Learning Series modules listed in the content. You may order modules from Pearson (800.922.0579) or from NCCER's Online Catalog at www.nccer.org.

Assessment Development

All questions on each assessment have been developed and approved by subject matter experts from the respective craft. Assessment development and administration is under the direction of Prov[™], NCCER's testing partner.

Credentials

NCCER will send appropriate credentials (certificate, wallet card and official transcript) to the assessment center upon successful completion of the written assessment. For API assessments, candidates must meet the cut score of each individual topic area within the entire assessment to receive NCCER certification, even if topic area requirements are met for API.

Training Prescription Reports

Each candidate will have access to individual results of the written assessment from Prov's website at www.provexam.com. This training prescription will include the overall score and results by topic area.

National Registry

Assessment results will be maintained in NCCER's National Registry and become a part of each candidate's training records. These records are stored and become a portable record of the candidate's training and assessment achievements.

Focus Statement

The Field Operator remotely opens and closes valves, starts and stops units (local control system). Monitors and maintains pressure, flow, and alarm settings, and documents accordingly. Responds, analyzes, and reacts to alarm conditions. Monitors origin and delivery meters and line balances. Monitors tank levels and rates. Monitors and reacts to instrumentation related to product quality. Performs facility surveillance via routine inspections. Interfaces with other control centers, public, and field personnel.

Written Assessment Contents:

Module Number	Topic Area	# of Questions
60105 65106	Start-up of a pipeline (63.1)	10
60105 65106	Shutdown of a pipeline (63.2)	10
60105 65106	Monitors pressures, flows, communications and line integrity and maintains them within allowable limits (63.3)	35
60105 65106	Manually or remotely open or close valves or other equipment (63.4)	15
Total Number of Questions		70

The API Task numbers are in parentheses.

The cut score for this assessment is 74%.