

On Monday March 16, 2020 the Minnesota Department of Transportation asked for the cancelation of the remainder of the 2019/20 Technical Certification Schedule to help reduce the possible spread of the COVID 19 virus.

I would like to explain what MnDOT's Technical Certification Program is attempting to do for those who were affected by these cancelations.

By no means are these steps going to cover all the possible scenarios we will face in the coming months, but the Technical Certification Program is doing what we can to help lessen the effect on employers and employees by canceling the remainder of the Technical Certification schedule.

- All those that were registered for a **Recertification course**, and have all prerequisites up to date, will have their certification extended for 1 year.
All prerequisites must be up to date in order to receive the extension.
- All those registered to take a **full certification course** will either be allowed to request a test-out, (if the course has no lab associated with it) or be offered an opportunity to be provisionally certified. (Classes with lab components)

This test-out option is only for those affected by the cancelation of classes, and may not be available to everyone.

The rules for Test-outs will be the same as they always are, (except for who qualifies for test-outs). These rules are available in the Technical Certification Handbook using the link provided. (See pages 14 & 15).

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/const/tcp/docs/tcp-handbook.pdf> (MnDOT Technical Certification Handbook)

- Provisional Testing Certificates will be offered to those registered in a course where a lab performance is required. Even if the person has been provisionally certified before for the same discipline. These provisional certifications will be issued by the Independent Assurance Inspectors across the state. They should not be done in groups, but be held to one on one reviews following the social distancing guidelines to minimize the person to person contact associated with contracting the COVID 19 Virus.
Provisional testing certificates **do not** give a person full certification, but allow a person to perform certain tests approved by an Independent Assurance Inspector.

Anyone not previously registered in a Technical Certification course will not qualify for these options, and must wait until October 2020 when registrations begins for the 2020/21 Certification season.

Emails will be sent to the individuals affected by the cancelation of Technical Certification classes informing them of their options.

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