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Materials & Tests Training Policy Regarding TDOT Technicians

HQ Materials & Tests is committed to providing enough training opportunities each year to accommodate the needs of our TDOT Inspectors, Material Producers, Contractors and CEI Partners in regard to required materials certifications. To reach this goal the Asphalt Level 1 (Roadway), the abbreviated Aggregate Technician (Moisture/Gradation Only) and Concrete Level 1 certification courses will be taught twice per year in each region.

With only two opportunities a year, M&T asks that the regions prioritize students for each course so that employees requiring a certification have first opportunity to attend prior to someone who is cross training. To accomplish this, we will require that registration for these classes flow through the Regional Training Coordinators who can better prioritize each region's need.

The Radiation Safety and Nuclear Gauge Technician class is available on demand online and testing can be scheduled during one of the routinely available TCAT proctoring windows.

One Asphalt Plant Technician course will be offered in Nashville during the winter. With sufficient interest a second class will be scheduled. This certification requires extensive hands-on lab work and math skills. To set up students for success, it is recommended that students intending to take this course get some hands-on experience in an asphalt lab prior to attending class.

All other materials certifications are meant for limited audiences such as the Producer or Contractor who must provide a level of quality control per specification. Based on current demand and our commitment to provide classes to fulfill our contractual obligations with the producers/contractors these classes are not open to TDOT Technicians.

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