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### **Memorandum**

**TO:** UDOT Materials Testing Technicians and Candidates

**FROM:** L. Scott Nussbaum, P.E., Engineer for Quality and Materials

**DATE:** March 25, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Updated COVID-19 Adjustments  
UDOT Transportation Technician Qualification Program (TTQP) for Materials Testing Technicians

Dear Colleagues,

At UDOT, we, like you, remain concerned about the health and safety of our employees and customers. We want you to know about additional adjustments we are making to reduce the risk of spreading illness in our Transportation Technician Qualification Program for Materials Testing.

**All in-person TTQP/WAQTC qualifications and courses are suspended while we work on processes to mitigate the risks of spreading illness.**

We have been granted permission to extend the expiration dates of existing certificates that had or have expiration dates in calendar year 2020.

- Certificates with expiration dates in calendar year 2020 will be extended through December 31, 2020.
- Certificates revoked for non-compliance with Independent Assurance requirements in 2019 will not be extended.
- Certificates will not be extended for those who attempted to recertify through UDOT TTQP courses in 2020, but were not able to show the required competence.
- Certificates will not be extended for any certificates that were revoked or suspended for abuse or neglect.
- Extensions will be processed and reflected in the UDOT Learning Portal in the next couple of weeks.

This will allow us to focus on new certifications and reinstatement certifications as soon as it is safe to do so.

- A new certification schedule will be published when we are able to resume TTQP/WAQTC certification activities. Technicians who were registered for suspended courses will have the first opportunity to move their registration to a new opportunity.
- Reimbursement for those who wish to withdraw rather than reschedule is available through our online forms.
- Strict adherence to prerequisite training and evaluations are necessary to ensure our best success under these constraints.
- Modifications to course schedules, presentations, classroom configurations, written and performance examinations may occur to protect health and safety when we resume.

Independent Assurance requirements for 2020 have not changed, and we encourage participation when it is safe for our staff to do so.

Most importantly, we encourage individuals to take care of their own health and respect the health of others, especially those that are most vulnerable. To protect our employees and our customers we ask you to observe the following:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing unexpectedly.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching one's face.
- Avoid shaking hands and other personal contacts.
- Follow CDC and Utah Department of Health recommendations for physical distancing and gatherings.

I am grateful for the kind and cooperative response our community has demonstrated in the face of adversity. We all hope this season passes quickly. We will try to inform you as soon as possible for resumption of certification programs or any further restrictions.

Sincerely,

Scott