

Notice to Members

Change to the Policies and Procedures Document

An addition to “*Section 5-40 Certification Committee*”, specifically related to the passing score for the practical examination, as ratified by the Board of Directors is as follows:

Requirements for Passing the Practical Examination

Policy:

In order to be successful on the Practical Portion of the CATA Certification Examination, a Certification Candidate must achieve an overall score of 70% on each of the Clinical and Field Sections. In addition, a Certification Candidate must score a minimum of 60% on each of the subsections of each of the Clinical and Field Sections.

Procedure:

1. The Examination Review Committee will create and maintain a spreadsheet that shall be used to calculate the scores for each Certification Candidate at each practical examination.
2. At each Practical examination, the scores for each Certification Candidate shall be entered into the spreadsheet.
3. Within the spreadsheet a summary sheet shall summarize the results of the practical examination for that scenario and site. The summary sheet shall include: Certification Candidate identification number(s), the percentage score of each subsection, the percentage score of each station (Clinical and Field), a score of ‘Pass’ or ‘Fail’ for each station (Clinical and Field) and a score of ‘Pass’ or ‘Fail’ for the entire practical examination.
4. The practical examination Summary Sheet shall be forwarded to the Chair of the Member Services Committee in a timely fashion for distribution to the Certification Candidates.

To review the complete section on the Certification Committee policies and procedures, please go to www.athletictherapy.org and log in as a member. Once in the member’s section go to the *Documents* tab and choose *Policies and Procedures*.

Here are a few examples of how this policy will be applied for your information:

Candidate 1: Urgent = 70%, Non-urgent = 68%, Sideline = 76%, Taping = 80% Overall = 74% = PASS

Candidate 2: Urgent = 68%, Non-urgent = 64%, Sideline = 62%, Taping = 63% Overall = 64% = FAIL because overall score is less than 70%.

Candidate 3: Urgent = 54%, Non-urgent = 76%, Sideline = 74%, Taping = 72% Overall = 68% = FAIL because Urgent score is less than 60% and overall score is less than 70%

Candidate 4: Urgent = 52%, Non-urgent = 88%, Sideline = 84%, Taping = 90% Overall = 78% = FAIL because Urgent score is less than 60%.