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Notable Changes to the Hearing Conservation Course Examination Procedures

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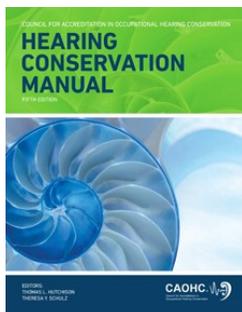
The Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation (CAOHC) has recently made significant changes to its certification and recertification examination procedures. These changes apparently reflect an overall effort by certification/credentialing organizations to improve standardization across courses.

In the past, MEDI and other course providers had primary control over examination procedures. The course director and other instructors knew the questions on the test and could emphasize certain subjects to help students prepare. They could also clarify questions during the test and students could take as much time as they needed to finish. The exams were graded at the course, and students knew their status upon leaving. CAOHC has now taken over control of the examination process.

Under the new exam process, CAOHC develops all of the test questions, which are unknown to course providers. The test booklets are sealed by CAOHC prior to being sent, and only the students are allowed to break the seal. The test is timed, and no questions are permitted while taking it. Students reseal the booklets and answer sheet before handing them in, and the completed exams are then immediately sent back to CAOHC for grading. CAOHC will notify students directly of their status within 5-7 business days (granted participant has remitted payment). CAOHC does not reveal the results of the tests to MEDI or the course director. **After the course, you must speak with CAOHC directly in order to check the status of your test results.**

CAOHC has now completely taken over control of the course exam process. They do not reveal the test results to MEDI or course director. After the course, you must speak with CAOHC directly in order to check the status of your test results.

Students who fail the exam may take a computer-based version twice more at an independent testing station. CAOHC waves the cost of the first retest, but the student pays a fee of \$75.00 for the second retest. Any student who does not pass the second retest must take the full course again.



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The new exam is constructed to follow certain subject areas. These subject areas are available for review at www.caohc.org. **MEDI strongly recommends reviewing material provided by CAOHC on their website prior to attending the course.**

MEDI also has CAOHC manuals available for purchase, if you would like to prepare even further. You can order your copy on MEDI's online store at www.medi6334.com/online-store.

Meanwhile, know that the course director and the entire staff of MEDI will do whatever they can to give students the knowledge they need to not only meet their professional goals, but also to pass the test!

If you have any questions or concerns about this new testing procedure, please call MEDI at 707-746-6334. You can also find more information on CAOHC's website (www.caohc.org).