



User Updates

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Feature Topic:

Changes to Radiological Worker Challenge Exam

Users are required to re-qualify themselves for radiological worker training every two years in order to be issued a dosimetry badge and be able to enter a radiological area. One way to meet this requirement is to take the Radiological Worker Challenge Exam (HP-RWT-150CB) offered on the web.

Historically, if a guest failed the exam they were required to wait 24 hours before retaking the exam with no limit to the number of times the exam could be taken. Effective July 1, 2007, the rules have changed. The 24-hour wait period is being replaced with a rule that requires remediation if the exam is not successfully completed after three attempts. Below are some guidelines that guests should know:

- The exam is difficult. Read the Study Guide prior to taking the exam in order to complete the course successfully. The Study Guide can be found at:
http://www.bnl.gov/userscenter/Training/study_guides1.asp .
- Once the exam has started, it must be completed in its entirety. Do not start the exam unless you are sure that you will not be interrupted.
- Each question is timed. If you do not answer within a specified timeframe, the question will be marked incorrect.
- The exam is comprised of 50 random questions. You will not be asked the same questions each time you take the test.
- Guests who fail the exam twice may wish to take a paper version of the test rather than challenge on the web. Paper exams are only offered at BNL. The advantage to taking a paper exam is there aren't any time restrictions. This is recommended for guests who might have difficulty with the English language.
- If you fail the exam three times your radiological qualifications are immediately suspended and remediation is required.
- Challenge exams are only to be taken by guests who have already completed a full-day classroom course or both portions of the web/classroom (Part 1 & 2) version of the course.
- Being qualified in RadWorker at your home institution does not qualify you for RadWorker at BNL.
- Reciprocity (course credit) is available for individuals who are radiological-trained employees at their home institutions. Guests should contact the Guest, User, Visitor Center at 631-344-3333 or at guvcenter@bnl.gov for assistance.



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