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Frequently Asked Questions: Regional Exam Centers

1. Which Regional Exam Center (REC) is closest to me and how do I contact them?

To determine which REC is closest to you, please visit our <u>REC homepage</u> and utilize the interactive map that lists all RECs. Once you have selected the REC of your choice, it will show their contact information, to include; address and fax number.

2. Do I need an appointment to visit my local REC or can I just walk-in?

Most RECs accept walk-ins for application drop off. However, if testing, an appointment must be made. All walk-ins will be handled on an "as available" basis.

- If going to REC Charleston, an appointment must be made in order to be seen.
- Appointments should be made 3 days in advance.
- If testing in REC Boston or REC New York and unable to begin your testing on Monday, you must contact them directly in order to set up your appointment.

3. Do I have to go to the REC in order to submit my application?

No. If you want, you can mail, e-mail, or fax your application to the REC of your choice. Visit our REC homepage to get their address, e-mail, or fax number.

4. When testing, what can I take into the REC with me?

Information on what can be taken into the exam room during testing can be located in the <u>Deck and Engineering Exam Guide</u> (Section 2.2, Rules of the Examination Room).

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