



# Facts About: Underground Storage Tank System Certification

## Testing

The following information is provided to describe the certification and recertification testing requirements for UST System Technician, Remover, Inspector, and Heating Oil Technician. Our UST Certification Fact Sheet and other important information may be obtained from the Oil Control Program (OCP) UST Certification Programs webpage:

[https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/LAND/OilControl/Pages/ustcertification\\_programs.aspx](https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/LAND/OilControl/Pages/ustcertification_programs.aspx)

### NOTE:

- MDE no longer charges fees related to the certification or recertification of UST System Technicians, Removers, Inspectors, or Heating Oil Technicians.
- The application must be sent directly to the Oil Control Program as instructed on the new application form.
- Effective June 30, 2021, certification extensions will no longer be granted and you must submit your application no later than May 30, 2021 to qualify for option B (Recertification – Continuing Education) and keep your current MDIC number.
- In person testing and a virtual UST System Inspector Orientation is now available. Please see details below.

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### **Registration**

Testing for all UST Technician, Remover, Inspector or Heating Oil Technician certifications and recertification is offered at MDE, the second Tuesday of each month beginning promptly at 1:00 pm starting May 11, 2021, except for July 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 will be replaced with July 6<sup>th</sup> 2021. The following additional dates and times have been added.

- Friday, April 9, 2021, 1pm to 4pm
- Wednesday April 14, 2021, 9am to 12pm
- Monday, May 3, 2021, 9am to 12pm
- Wednesday, June 16, 9am to 12pm

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- To register to take a test, you must:



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- a. Submit your completed application 14 days prior to testing; and
  - b. Call one week in advance at 410-537-3442 or toll-free in Maryland 800-633-6101, ext. 3442 to register for your test date (limited seating available).
- If you have not pre-registered and if all required information has not been provided to MDE in advance, you will not be allowed to take the test.
  - Photo I.D. is required on the day of the test to sit for the exam.
  - A maximum of three hours is allowed to complete the test. The test is not counted towards continuing education time.

### **Scoring**

- In order to pass a test, an individual must score 90 percent or better.
- If an individual scores less than 90 percent on any certification or recertification test, they may retest within 90 days without reapplying.
- If an individual does not achieve a passing score within 90 days, they must reapply to take the test.

### **Study Materials**

- Materials needed to prepare for the UST Technician or Remover Certification Exams are covered in COMAR 26.10.02 - .10, American Petroleum Institute (API) 1604 and 1615 (1-800-854-7179), Petroleum Equipment Institute (PEI) RP-100 (918-494-9696), any fiberglass tank manufacturer's instructions, and Steel Tank Institute Installation Instructions.
- Materials needed to prepare for the UST Inspector Certification Exam are covered in COMAR 26.10.02 - .11 and .16, and include MDE's inspection report and inspection handbook.
- Training courses to help prepare an individual for the test are available and listed on the UST Certification Programs webpage referenced above.

### **Questions**

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