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BITUMINOUS CONSTRUCTION BULLETIN

TO ALL GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CERTIFIED BITUMINOUS MATERIALS TESTING TECHNICIAN

SUBJECT: 2026 Recertification Training Workshops Schedule for Superpave Binder, Emulsified Asphalt and Cutback Asphalt Testing Technicians

As you are aware, all Certified Superpave Binder, Emulsified Asphalt and Cutback Asphalt Testing Technicians are permitted to recertify via completion of specified bituminous materials testing technician training within the 3 years certification period in lieu of taking a written examination. This bulletin is being provided to notify you of the dates scheduled for Bituminous Materials Testing Technician Training Workshops for 2026. These classes will be offered via virtual meetings on the following dates. **Attendees will have to submit their names and email addresses to Alex Bando a week before the class in order to receive an emailed invitation to the workshop.**

| Superpave Binder Level I & II | Emulsified Asphalt Level I & II | Cutback Asphalt |
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| Tuesday – February 10, 2026 | Tuesday – February 24, 2026 | Tuesday -March 10, 2026 |
| Tuesday - September 08, 2026 | Tuesday- September 22, 2026 | Tuesday-October 06, 2026 |
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| <i>All Workshops (6 credit hours/day) are held beginning 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM</i> | | |
| <i>The classes will be held remotely using Teams Meeting. You must have a working microphone and camera in order to obtain credit</i> | | |

Purpose: To provide training to certified bituminous materials testing technicians in accordance with GDOT's Certified Binder Technician Testing Program and thereby improve the overall quality in the testing of bituminous materials.

Initial Certification Requirements:

For initial certification, individual arrangements must be made with the Bituminous Control Engineer (404-608-4859)



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Recertification:

The participant must have been previously issued a GDOT (or GDOT Approved) certification in the applicable category.

Requirements:

- Written and performance testing requirements for recertification will be waived if a testing technician attends a minimum of an equivalent 18 training hours of approved training per three years certification period; prior to certification expiration.
- At least 12 hours of the required 18 training hours must be received through attending the specific certification training class (however, only 6 training hours of specific certification training will be credited per year). The remaining 6 hours of training may be obtained by attending one of the following approved classes: The Annual Joint Contractor/GDOT Bituminous Construction Workshop, the Annual Quality Asphalt Construction Workshop, SEAUPG's Annual Conference, or any GDOT approved industry sponsored training. If the Technician has not obtained the required number of training hours by the end of the three years certification period, he or she must recertify via taking the certification written test to continue performing bituminous materials testing for GDOT.

The certification test will only be mandatory for new certifications and technicians failing to obtain the minimum required training hours for recertification prior to certification expiration. This certification process will require the participant attend class, perform hands-on proficiency demonstration and achieve a passing minimum score of 75 % on the written test. New hires may obtain Temporary Certifications by contacting the Bituminous Branch (404/608-4859). Please note that Temporary Certificate (TC) will expire after 45 shipping days or within 90 calendar days from date GDOT issues the TC, whichever comes first.

Who Should Attend:

All certified testing technicians of material supplier(s) providing bituminous materials for Georgia Department of Transportation and all GDOT laboratory bituminous testing technicians who wish to retain their certifications.



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How to Register:

Each technician or their supervisor should send an email to abandoh@dot.ga.gov stating the name(s) of the participant, name of certification training, and requested date of training.

Instructors: Training will be provided by the Bituminous Branch of the Office of Materials.

AGENDA

- Introduction of Attendees
- Classroom Presentation (Superpave Binder/ Emulsified Asphalt/ Cutback Asphalt)
- Various Test Demonstrations by GDOT Instructor(s) OMR laboratory
- Conclusion

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