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**BITUMINOUS CONSTRUCTION BULLETIN**

TO ALL GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
CERTIFIED BITUMINOUS MATERIALS TESTING TECHNICIAN

**SUBJECT: 2013 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 year certification period in lieu of taking a written examination. This bulletin is being provided to notify you of the dates and locations scheduled for Bituminous Materials Testing Technician Training Workshops for 2013.

<b>Superpave Binder Level I &amp; II</b>	<b>Emulsified Asphalt Level I &amp; II</b>	<b>Cutback Asphalt</b>
Tuesday - February 5, 2013	Tuesday - April 23, 2013	Tuesday - June 11, 2013
Tuesday - May 28, 2013	Tuesday - September 10, 2013	Tuesday - October 8, 2013
Tuesday - August 6, 2013		
Tuesday - November 12, 2013		
<i>All Workshops (6 credit hours/day) are held beginning 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the Office of Materials, 15 Kennedy Drive, Forest Park, GA 30297</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 (404/608-4857) or State Bituminous Construction Engineer (404/608-4856).

### 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 year 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 year 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 80 % on the written test. New hires may obtain Temporary Certifications by contacting the Bituminous Branch (404/608 - 4857). 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.

### How to Register:

Each technician or their supervisor should send an email to [shines@dot.ga.gov](mailto:shines@dot.ga.gov) or [apindexter@dot.ga.gov](mailto:apindexter@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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