
MEMORANDUM

TO: DISTRICT ENGINEERS
MDOT SHA HANOVER COMPLEX DIRECTORS
INDUSTRY PARTNERS *Sejal Barot*

FROM: DIRECTOR SEJAL BAROT, OFFICE OF MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY

SUBJECT: MID-ATLANTIC REGION TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION
PROGRAM (MARTCP) UPDATES

DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

PURPOSE OF MEMORANDUM

To inform our customers and partners that, effective September 25, 2020, MARTCP training and written examination will resume virtually utilizing Microsoft Teams. Practical training/examinations that are required in some material disciplines will be conducted in person at the Office of Materials Technology (OMT) Vehicle Calibration Building (VCB).

SUMMARY

Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic, the Office of Materials Technology (OMT) temporary suspended MARTCP in-person training and exams and provided modified MARTCP guidelines on April 7, 2020. The modified guidelines were provided as a temporary measure for MARTCP to continue to support this program for essential construction activities in Maryland. While the Modified MARTCP requirements have worked for us through the Covid-19 Pandemic, OMT has been working on a more feasible and safe solution.

I am pleased to inform you that, effective September 25, 2020, OMT will be resuming MARTCP training and testing for all material disciplines. Details of our new plan include the following:

- Training and written exams will be performed virtually utilizing Microsoft Teams as the online platform.
- For those training courses that require practical training and exams, technicians will be required to take the practical training and exams at OMT, MDOT SHA Hanover Complex, Vehicle Calibration Building, 7450 Traffic Drive Building # 4, Hanover MD 21076.
- For Hot Mix Asphalt Plant Technician Level II certification, requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis. There is no current backlog for this certification.
- Practical training/examination will be conducted in person following the COVID-19 guidelines provided by Maryland Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and Center for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC), and MDOT SHA facial covering guidance.

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- Face coverings are required to be worn at all times, unless in a closed office, while in indoor MDOT facilities as well as on outdoor job sites where social distancing cannot be maintained. Face coverings shall be either MDOT-issued or similarly comply with CDC guidance. Face coverings must cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly. Social distancing does not relieve the requirement to wear face coverings indoors. Social distancing means to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet between individuals. Please ensure that your face covering does not contain any political statements or endorsements, or graphics or verbiage that could be considered offensive or inappropriate for the workplace.
- Bandanas/scarves are not acceptable as face coverings as they do not provide sufficient coverage of facial contours, which undermines the intended function.
- Per the direction provided by DBM, to reduce the risk of COVID-19 contamination and transmission among state employees, visitors and contractors who come into our facilities, everyone that enters OMT must arrive at Building #4 front entrance and would be asked the same screening questions, which must be answered. Please refer to the attached MARTCP Visitor COVID-19 Screening Application Guide.
- For those technicians who have MARTCP cards that are expiring in 2020 and have not received their Final Audit within 2020, their MARTCP cards will remain valid until December 31,2020.
- After December 31, 2020, the only technicians that would be allowed to work on MDOT SHA projects are technicians that are MARTCP certified who have completed the training and passed the written and practical exams.

A summary table of the revised MARTCP virtual training and an in-person practical examination or training is attached. The revised MARTCP guidelines will be posted on the MDOT SHA website at <https://www.roads.maryland.gov/mdotsha/pages/Index.aspx?PageId=53>.

Please share this update about the MARTCP guidelines with your colleagues as applicable. If you have any questions or concerns related to MARTCP, please contact Evan Howard, Materials Management Division Chief at 443-572-5020 or MARTCP@mdot.maryland.gov.

Attachments

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