



Certification Examination Instructions for Approved Candidates

Please note the following IMPORTANT information for your upcoming Vibration Institute Certification Examination.

1. **YOU ARE REQUIRED TO BRING A GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO ID** for identification purposes. If your identification cannot be verified, you will not be allowed to take the examination.
2. You will have a pre-assigned seat in the examination room.
3. Should you arrive late, you will be allowed to take the examination; however, expect the end time for your exam to coincide with the end time for the rest of the group. At the sole discretion of the proctor (invigilator), the end time of your test may be extended to allow the full testing time allotted for your examination.
4. Should you not show up to take the examination, a \$50 administrative fee may be charged unless written cancellation is received at the Vibration Institute office at least five (5) business days prior to the examination date.
5. Review the "Approved/Prohibited Items and Calculators for Certification Examinations" list so you know what you can and cannot have access to during the examination. If the list is not included with this document, contact the Vibration Institute immediately to get a copy or go to <https://www.vi-institute.org/vibration-analysts-certification-forms/> to download the document file.
6. You will open the examination envelope only after instructed to do so by the proctor.
7. Once the examination envelope is opened, the proctor cannot answer any questions other than to restate the examination instructions.
8. **YOU MUST SIGN THE ATTESTATION IN YOUR EXAMINATION.** If you do not sign the attestation, your examination may be disqualified and you will not be certified.
9. If you requested and were approved to use a dual language dictionary during the examination, be sure to bring the dictionary with you to the examination event. The proctor will review the dictionary in advance of the start of the examination. There shall be NO notes written in the dictionary.
10. Examinees are permitted to leave the room, one at a time, for brief, necessary toilet/water closet use only. You shall not leave the room to smoke, "get air", or for any other reason other than the reason stated in the previous sentence. Before leaving the examination room, your examination shall be placed face down and covering your "bubble" style answer sheet.
11. You will be allowed the following time to complete your examination. If you do not arrive on time, this time may be reduced.
 - Category I Vibration Analyst: 2 hours
 - Category II Vibration Analyst: 3 hours
 - Category III Vibration Analyst: 4 hours
 - Category IV Vibration Analyst: 5 hours

12. **Your examination includes a Bubble Style Answer Sheet.** Use either a #2 pencil or a mechanical pencil with HB lead to mark the correct answer by coloring in the rectangle next to the correct answer. Do NOT use pen on the bubble sheet. If an erasure is necessary, erase the mark completely and mark your new answer. Do NOT make other pencil markings on your bubble sheet. It is recommended that you also circle the answer on your examination in case there is a problem scanning your bubble style answer sheet.

13. Upon completion of the examination:

- a. Insert the examination, the equation sheets, and the bubble sheet into the smaller envelope provided.
- b. Seal the smaller envelope.
- c. Sign the smaller envelope over the seal.**
- d. Place the smaller envelope in the larger envelope (which is your examination packet).
- e. Give the examination packet to the proctor.

IMPORTANT: If equation sheets are not returned or the envelope is not signed across the seal, your examination may be disqualified, and you will not be certified.

14. Unethical behavior on a certification examination will not be tolerated. If the proctor conclusively observes or suspects that you are violating these instructions, the proctor must document the event and report it to the Vibration Institute. If the Vibration Institute determines that unethical behavior has occurred, your examination results will be disqualified.

If you are unable to take an examination due to circumstances beyond your control, please notify the Vibration Institute:

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