Installer (or Service) Core (HVAC/R) Examination

Credential Source Contact information

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Credential Contractor

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Test Administration

**Test Site**
- School: Online  
- School: Paper/Pencil  
- Contractor’s test location  
- Testing facility

**Can the instructor take this test?:** Yes

**Number of Test Items:** 50

**Time allowed (minutes):** 90

**Passing score (percent):** 70

**Cost Per Test:** $105 for high-volume/educational partners; $125 for standard providers

**Additional information:**
- NATE Core Exam, [https://www.natex.org/Portals/_Appleseed/images/default/Core%20KATE.pdf](https://www.natex.org/Portals/_Appleseed/images/default/Core%20KATE.pdf)
- Founded in 1997, North American Technician Excellence (NATE) is the nation’s largest nonprofit certification organization for heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration technicians. As our business evolves to meet the growing demands of the HVACR workforce, the company’s vision — to be the leader in developing and recognizing professional HVACR technicians — remains clear. Headquartered in Arlington, Virginia, NATE is the certification organization that was developed by, and has been supported by the entire HVACR industry for over 20 years.

Possible Preparatory Courses

**Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration I** (8503/36 weeks, 140 hours)

**Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration II** (8504/36 weeks, 280 hours)

Accommodations: Students with Disabilities

**Timing**
- Multiple test sessions: No
- Time of day: Yes
Order of tasks................................................................. No
Planned breaks during test ......................................................... Yes

**Setting**
Test location................................................................. Yes
Adaptive or special furniture ................................................. Yes
Special lighting................................................................. Yes

**Presentation**
Written directions accompanying oral directions ... Yes
Specific verbal prompts .................................................. Yes
Visual aids................................................................. Yes
Amplification equipment ................................................... Yes
Headphones, earmuffs, or earplugs................................. Yes
Large-print test ................................................................. Yes
Braille test........................................................................ No
Read-aloud test.............................................................. Yes
Audio test......................................................................... No
Interpreting/transliterating testing directions ................. Yes
Interpreting/transliterating the test ................................ Yes

**Response**
Enlarged copy of the answer document ......................... Yes
Communication board or choice cards ......................... Yes
Examiner records responses ...................................... Yes
Brailer............................................................................ No
Word processor or word processor with speech-to-text .. Yes
Augmentative communication device ......................... Yes
Word prediction software ............................................ Yes
Spelling aids................................................................ Yes
English dictionary......................................................... Yes
Dictation using a recording device................................. No
Dictation to a scribe........................................................ Yes
Read back student response........................................ Yes
Calculator and arithmetic tools..................................... Yes
Calculator with additional functions ............................ No
Math aids...................................................................... Yes
Dry erase board .................................................................Yes
Additional writing implements ......................................................Yes

Accommodations: English Learners
Audio test..................................................................................No
Bilingual dictionary ......................................................................Yes
Dictation to scribe ......................................................................Yes
English dictionary ......................................................................Yes
Examiner records responses .......................................................Yes
Flexible schedule ......................................................................Yes
Multiple test sessions ...............................................................No
Read-aloud test ..........................................................................Yes
Test directions delivery ...............................................................Yes
Visual aids ................................................................................Yes