Meat Evaluation Certification Examination

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Test Administration
Test Site
• School: Online

Can the instructor take this test?: Yes

Number of Test Items: The certification exam consists of 100 questions from a test bank of 200 questions. The question bank and order is randomized for each certification exam. Exams are administered online and have several question types, including multiple-choice, matching, labeling, fill-in-the-blank and other question types.

Time allowed (minutes): There is no time limit; however, the system will time out after five hours.

Passing score (percent): 70

Cost Per Test: $30 for iCEV subscribers; Option B: $50 for non-iCEV subscribers

Additional information:
• https://meatscience.org/events-education/meat-industry-certifications
• The American Meat Science Association created their certifications because they take responsibility for being an industry leader and in turn want to create a pipeline of qualified workers for their industry. The industry standards the certification tests for, which were developed by AMSA, include:
  » Meat Science Principles (15%)
  » Animal Harvesting Procedures (5%)
  » Carcass & Cuts Evaluation (20%)
  » USDA Beef Grading (30%)
  » Retail Cut Fabrication & Identification (30%).
• This certification is used in industry and is, therefore, an industry certification. It is available to learners at all stages of their education and/or career. There are multiple exit points for individuals with this certification. It’s valuable to someone without a high school diploma, to someone with multiple degrees who has been in the industry for decades, and more.
• AMSA uses iCEV as its certification testing platform. As the testing platform, iCEV is responsible for the following:
  » Providing secure testing technology for exams
  » Regulating the testing environment
  » Working with secondary and postsecondary academic institutions, workforce development associations and the public-at-large to offer certification options for career advancement
Providing certification verification to employers for potential job applicants

Offering optional certification exam preparation materials.

- The certification exam must be administered in a proctored environment. It is the responsibility of the proctor to ensure all certification candidates follow the certification exam rules and guidelines (https://www.icevonline.com/proctoring-guidelines).

- If a candidate requests to retake a certification exam, it is left to the discretion of educational personnel to decide if and when a candidate can retake an exam. Be aware, the candidate will be required to enter a new certification voucher, credit card payment or digital voucher for each certification exam that is attempted.

Possible Preparatory Courses

Applied Agricultural Concepts (8073/36 weeks)
Introduction to Animal Systems (8008/36 weeks)
Livestock Production Management (8012/36 weeks)
Veterinary Science I (8088/36 weeks, 140 hours)
Veterinary Science II (8089/36 weeks, 140 hours)

Accommodations: Students with Disabilities

Timing

Multiple test sessions .........................................................................................................................Yes
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 ..................................................................................................................... No
Visual aids ......................................................................................................................................... No
Amplification equipment ....................................................................................................................Yes
Headphones, earmuffs, or earplugs .....................................................................................................Yes
Large-print test ................................................................................................................................. Yes
Braille test ........................................................................................................................................ Yes
Read-aloud test ................................................................................................................................. Yes
Audio test .......................................................................................................................................... Yes
Interpreting/translittering testing directions ................................................................. Yes
Interpreting/translittering the test .................................................................................. No

Response

Enlarged copy of the answer document .............................................................................. Yes
Communication board or choice cards .............................................................................. No
Examiner records responses .............................................................................................. Yes
Braille ................................................................................................................................. Yes
Word processor or word processor with speech-to-text ..................................................... Yes
Augmentative communication device ................................................................................. No
Word prediction software .................................................................................................... No
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 ................................................................................. Yes
Math aids ............................................................................................................................ Yes
Dry erase board .................................................................................................................. Yes
Additional writing implements .......................................................................................... Yes

Accommodations: English Learners

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