



Changes to the Alaska Administrative Code

January 8, 2013

Effective on December 28, 2012 the Alaska Administrative Code was amended with regulation changes to 13 AAC 63.050, 13 AAC 63.060(c) and 13 AAC 63.070(a)(1). The changes made to the AAC are underlined in bold font below.

In summary breath test operator training has been changed to 4 hours for the certification course. All breath test operator certificates will expire at 11:59 pm on December 31 three years after the year issued. All current breath test operators will expire three years from the date issued as listed on their BTO cards. Breath test supervisor certification training has been changed to 22 hours.

13 AAC 63.050. Breath test operator certification

*(a) To be certified as an operator of a breath test instrument, an applicant must successfully complete a course of instruction approved by the scientific director. The course must include at least **four** hours of instruction in the theory of alcohol physiology, toxicology, pharmacology, instrument maintenance, practical operation, and administrative procedures. The applicant must also obtain a score of 75 percent or higher on a written examination, approved by the scientific director, covering the content of the course.*

*(b) The scientific director shall, in his or her discretion, issue an operator certificate and operator identification number to an applicant upon receipt of written notice from a supervisor that the applicant has successfully completed a course of training and examination that meets the requirements of this section. **An operator certificate expires at 11:59 p.m. on December 31 of the third year after the year issued.***

13 AAC 63.060. Breath test operator recertification

(a) To renew a breath test operator's certification, a breath test operator must, during the period of the operator's current certification,

(1) complete a refresher course approved by the scientific director that includes at least four hours of instruction and training; and

(2) obtain a score of 75 percent or higher on a written examination, approved by the scientific director, covering the content of the refresher course.

(b) The breath test supervisor shall submit a written notice to the scientific director that an operator seeking to renew a breath test operator's certificate has complied with the requirements of (a) of this section. Upon receipt of the notice, the scientific director shall renew the breath test operator certificate and operator identification number.

(c) A breath test operator certificate that has been renewed under this section expires at 11:59 p.m. on December 31 of the third year after the year issued.

13 AAC 63.070. Breath test supervisor certification and duties

(a) To be certified as a breath test supervisor, an applicant must

(1) complete a **22-hour** supervisor training course approved by the scientific director; the course must include instruction in the theory of alcohol physiology, pharmacology, toxicology, instrument function, instrument maintenance, practical operation, administrative procedures, legal considerations, and other pertinent subjects as required by the scientific director;

(2) possess a valid instructor's certificate issued by the Alaska Police Standards Council under 13 AAC 87.040; and

(3) obtain a score of 75 percent or higher on a written examination, approved by the scientific director, covering the content of the training course.

(b) The scientific director shall issue a breath test supervisor certificate and an identification number to an applicant if the applicant has met the requirements of (a) of this section. A breath test supervisor certificate expires at 11:59 p.m. on December 31 of the third year after the year issued.

(c) In addition to performing all the duties of an operator, a breath test supervisor may train breath test operators and perform routine maintenance on a breath test instrument. A supervisor certificate is also an operator's certificate.

(d) A breath test supervisor shall inform the scientific director of the location of breath test instruments and the status of breath test operators under the breath test supervisor's supervision.



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