



Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION **TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2019-05**

DATE: June 14, 2019

TO: Criminal Justice Agency Administrators
Criminal Justice Training Center Directors
Criminal Justice Selection Center Directors

FROM: Director Dean Register *DR*
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SUBJECT: Implementation of a Single Basic Abilities Test (BAT)

This Technical Memorandum is to clarify procedures for the implementation of the Basic Abilities Test (BAT) administered by Pearson VUE.

Implementation of a singular BAT. Beginning August 15, 2019, the BAT administered via Pearson VUE will be the only testing instrument accepted throughout Florida for entrance into the Corrections and Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Training Programs from this testing date forward.

- **Current Testing.** BATs administered before August 15, 2019, will still be valid for four years from the testing or amended date. BATs administered after August 14, 2019 by any vendor other than Pearson VUE will be declared invalid and results will not be placed in the Automated Training Management System (ATMS).
- **Testing Length.** The BAT administered by Pearson VUE will be 90 minutes in length.
- **Authorized Test Sites.** All test sites that plan to administer the BAT must be authorized by Pearson VUE. If test sites already have a General Partnership Agreement (GPA) with Pearson VUE in place, the BAT will appear in the list of available tests offered by those test sites on the official roll-out date. Any test site that has not been authorized to administer the BAT by August 15, 2019 will be unable to offer the BAT on the roll-out date; however, test sites can apply to administer the BAT at any time throughout the life of the executed contract between FDLE and Pearson VUE. There is no deadline date for becoming a test site. To learn more about becoming a Pearson VUE approved test site, please visit <https://home.pearsonvue.com/For-test-centers.aspx>.
- **Out of State Test Sites.** Regardless of the vendor's global reach, the BAT will only be administered/honored from authorized test sites physically located in Florida.
- **BAT Testing Fee.** The BAT testing fee is capped at \$39. No additional administration fees can be added by the test site.
- **Official Result and Grade Report.** The BAT result is pass or fail. No percentage scores will be given. The only official grade report for the BAT is the exam result listed on a prospective officer's global profile in ATMS. Commission staff will not endorse or confirm any unofficial (printed) grade reports, nor provide duplicates of unofficial grade reports.

If you have any questions, please contact Training & Research Manager Ashley Pennington at ashleypennington@fdle.state.fl.us or 850-410-8673.

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