



National Craft Assessment and Certification Program S P E C I F I C A T I O N S

GAS PIPELINE OPERATOR (GPO)

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Overview

This written assessment is a two-hour closed-book examination. You will be permitted to use a basic function, non-printing calculator during the examination. The assessment center will provide any necessary pencils. No extra papers, books, notes or study materials are allowed in the testing area.

Study Material

All NCCER written assessments are referenced to Contren® Learning Series modules listed in the content. You may order modules from Pearson (800.922.0579) or from NCCER's Online Catalog at www.nccer.org.

Assessment Development

All questions on each assessment have been developed and approved by subject matter experts from the respective craft. Assessment development and administration is under the direction of Prov™, NCCER's testing partner.

Credentials

NCCER will send appropriate credentials (certificate, wallet card and official transcript) to the assessment center upon successful completion of the written assessment. Candidates must meet the cut score of each individual topic area within the entire assessment to receive NCCER certification, even if topic area requirements are met for operator qualification.

Training Prescription Reports

Each candidate will have access to individual results of the written assessment from Prov's website at www.provexam.com. This training prescription will include the overall score and results by topic area.

National Registry

Assessment results will be maintained in NCCER's National Registry and become a part of each candidate's training records. These records are stored and become a portable record of the candidate's training and assessment achievements.

Written Assessment Contents:

Module Number	Topic Area	# of Questions
67104 67105	Start-up of a pipeline (65.1, 65.4)	9
67104 67105	Shutdown of a pipeline (65.2, 65.4)	9
67104 67105	Monitor pressures, flow, communications, and line integrity and maintain them within allowable limits (65.3)	15
67104 67105	Purge gas from a pipeline (50)	10
67104 67105	Purge air from a pipeline (51)	10
67104 67105	Test remote control shutdown devices (54)	10
67104 67105	Perform incremental pressure increase to uprate MAOP (56)	5
67104 67105	Operate odorant equipment (57)	7
67104 67105	Monitor odorant level (58)	5
Total Number of Questions		80

Covered task numbers are in parentheses.

The cut score for this assessment is 70%.