

AOSA/SCST RE-EXAMINATION POLICY

A. POLICY APPLICATION

A passing score for each portion of an exam (Germination or Purity) is 70% minimum for the written and 80% minimum for the practical portions, with an overall average minimum of 80%.

Candidates who pass both portions of the Germination exam are eligible for certification in germination (CVT or CSA-G). Such candidates must pass the germination written portion of the exam (minimum of 70%) as well as the germination practical (minimum of 80%), with an overall minimum of 80%. Example: If a candidate receives 70% on the written portion, he or she must receive a minimum of 90% on the practical portion in order to receive an overall passing score of 80%.

Similarly, candidates who pass both portions of the purity exam are eligible for certification in purity (CPT or CSA-P).

If a candidate has previously been certified in one field (Germination or Purity), he or she needs to take only the exam pertaining to the certification in the other field (Germination or Purity) in order to become an RST or CSA.

B. ADMINISTERING THE RE-EXAMINATION

The re-examination of a failed exam or portion of an exam shall be administered after six months but within one year of the initial exam at one of the regional exam sites, unless extenuating circumstances prevent the candidate from taking the re-examination at that specific time (i.e. surgery, family emergency, etc). Re-applications must be received two months prior to re-examination date.

After a year, if the re-examination of the failed portion is not done, and the candidate wishes to retake an exam, the candidate must retake both portions (written and practical) of the exam.

In the event the candidate is unable to retake the examination of the failed section at the specified time due to extenuating circumstances, an appropriate time and place to administer the re-examination will be selected by the BOE/CoA committee

C. REPORTING EXAMINATION SCORE

The score from the re-examination shall replace the existing score from the portion failed on the initial examination. If the new average score of 80 percent or above is not achieved or the candidate once again fails the specified portion, both portion of the exam must be retaken if the candidate seeks to re-take the exam.

D. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

A candidate retaking an exam or a portion (written or practical) of an exam is required to earn an additional **5 continuing education points in the area of the failed exam**. The points must be earned or scheduled to be achieved prior to retaking an exam. Failure to do so will result in being denied to take the exam. The following **will not** count toward continuing education points for the re-examination:

- 1. Attendance at annual meeting**
- 2. Work experience in your own laboratory**