



## CREST EXAMINATION CHANGES 2016

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **If the written and practical elements of the exams are separate, how do I book?**

The written elements of the exam should be booked directly through Pearson Vue. You will be able to browse to [www.pearsonvue.com](http://www.pearsonvue.com) and schedule an exam at a test centre that is local to you. Once you have taken and passed the examination, CREST will be advised of the passing score within 48 hours, and you will be advised by e-mail within 5 working days. You will then be able to book their practical examination directly with CREST. This will be through the same channels that you currently book your CREST examinations.

#### **How do I pay for my exam? Is there a fee for each element or do I pay up front for both the written and practical elements and if so what happens if I fail one of them?**

You will be able to book exams with Pearson Vue using online payment channels. At the point of booking the written part of the exam, you will be charged for the written element only. The fees for this will be displayed clearly on the Pearson Vue site. If you pass the written element of the examination you will be able to progress directly on to taking the practical part of the examination, (where relevant). This can be booked directly with CREST through the current payment channels. If a candidate fails the written part of the examination, they will be able to rebook their written examination 7 days later. This can be booked through Pearson Vue, in the same way as they would have booked any previous examination attempts.

#### **Has the cost of the CCT examinations changed?**

No. The Certified Web Applications and Certified Infrastructure tester examinations will remain at £1,600 each but you will pay in two parts. You will pay £250 to Pearson Vue to sit the written element of these examinations and then make a separate payment to CREST for the balance of £1,350 when you book to take the practical element of these examinations.

#### **How long is the written pass valid for while I'm taking my practical?**

In instances where written exams are used to assess the whole syllabus, (ie. CPSA), exam passes will be valid for 3 years.

In instances, where written exams form a part of a larger examination, (ie. CCT), candidates will have up to 12 months to pass the practical element of the exam, once they have passed the written. The Certification will be granted once both the written and practical elements have been passed. The only exception to this is for the CRT exam. In this instance, candidates that have a valid CPSA examination that has been awarded within the past 3 years, will be eligible to take the CRT practical exam without being subjected to the 12 month time limit.

#### **With the exception of CRT:**

*If candidates fail to pass the practical aspect of any exam within 12 months, the written element of the exam will lapse and the candidate will be required to re-sit the written aspect of the examination.*

#### **How long is an exam pass valid for?**

CPSA certifications will be valid for 3 years.

CRT certifications will be valid for 3 years from the date that the candidate achieves a pass for both the written and practical parts of the examination.

CCT certifications will be valid for 3 years from the date that the candidate passes the practical element of the examination.



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#### **What happens when I come to retake my CCT in 3 years' time?**

Candidates will have to follow the same procedure as candidates taking the examination for the first time. They will need to book the written examination first and once they have passed this, they will be required to sit the practical examination.

#### **I have previously taken and held CRT status. My renewal is due, what do I need to do?**

If you both sit and pass the current examination prior to the 6 June 2016, you will be awarded CREST Registered Tester status. If you have not passed the CRT examination before the 6 June, you will be required to sit and pass the CPSA examination prior to booking the CRT examination. If you fail the practical element of the re-assessment but pass the written, your status will drop to CPSA until you have passed the practical examination.

#### **When I received by CRT equivalency through the OSCP route, I was told I would need to take a CRT "top-up" examination. What do I do?**

The CRT "top-up" examination is the CPSA examination. CREST will update all of its literature throughout 2016 to reflect this name change.

<http://www.crest-approved.org/professional-qualifications/oscp-and-crt-equivalency/index.html>

#### **How frequently can I retake the exams?**

CREST is modifying its retake policy. Candidates will be able to sit the written aspects of the examination once in a 7-day period. If a candidate fails the written examination, they will need to wait 7 days before attempting to rebook the examination. The position that CHECK will take on this has yet to be agreed.

Candidates wishing to re-sit a practical examination must wait 3 months between attempts.

#### **What happens if I fail a CREST written examination whilst qualified as a CREST Certified Tester, for example when approaching a three-year renewal date?**

CREST will contact candidates 3 months before the 3 year anniversary of their certification advising them of the expiry date. Candidates will be expected to book the written elements of the examination in addition to the practical elements of the exams, knowing that the written must be passed before the practical can be attempted. Candidates can book the practical element of the exam before they have passed the written elements, however they will not be allowed to sit the practical exam without a passing written exam score.

If a candidate that holds a valid CCT qualification takes and fails the written element of the CCT as part of their renewal cycle, it will not revoke the candidate's qualification provided that the original certification is still within its validity period.

If a candidate has sat and passed both written and practical components required for a CCT examination, this examination will remain valid for a period of three years.

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#### **Which syllabus should I use to study for the new CPSA examination?**

The CRT theory syllabus should be used. CREST will be updating the syllabus and notes for candidates for both the CPSA and CRT examinations.