

## **Responses to the 2013 W&M Directors Questions (Non-Attributable Version)**

*1. The Model NTEP Regulation in NIST HB 130 requires a device to be traceable to an active Certificate of Conformance prior to its installation unless specifically exempted. How does your State handle the “active” and “inactive” CC status for device installations?*

### **NORTHEAST WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ASSOCIATION**

The installation of a device with an “inactive” Certificate of Conformance would be permitted as long as the device fit the application and met the current performance requirements.

We would allow a scale with an “inactive” Certificate of Conformance to be installed.

We would accept either status and permit the device to be installed and used as long as it operates properly for the application.

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We cannot recall this question ever being received from the field. We would most likely accept either.

We would accept a device with an “inactive” Certificate of Conformance to be installed and used as long as it operates properly for the application.

As long as the scale meets the performance tolerances it would be allowed.

### **CENTRAL WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ASSOCIATION**

We allow inactive certificates to be used since they have been through the NTEP process at least once. There is nothing specific in our state statues that address this situation.

A new installation must have an active NTEP CC.

We follow Handbook 130. As long as it has had an active NTEP Certificate at one time or is pre-NTEP, we will allow it.

In our state it is required that an active NTEP Certificate be in existence when the device was manufactured.

We require that the device be manufactured during the period of time when the NTEP Certificate was active.

We also require that the device be manufactured during the period of time when the NTEP Certificate was active. It is grandfathered if it is pre-NTEP.

We too require that the manufacture date of the device be during the period of time when the NTEP Certificate was active.

## **WESTERN WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ASSOCIATION**

Devices covered by inactive NTEP CCs are not approved for use if they are installed after the inactive date or last serial number of production. A device with an inactive NTEP CC maybe used until it becomes irreparable. At that time it must be replaced with a device that has an active CC.

The device must have active NTEP CC to be installed for the first time.

While we do not adopt HB130, the device must be traceable to an active NTEP CC.

The device must have an active NTEP CC or have been manufactured before last serial number of production.

Not officially an NTEP State so we would allow a device to be installed with an active or inactive NTEP CC.

We have not adopted HB130. We would accept a device traceable to an active NTEP CC or past last serial number of production.

All devices being installed must be traceable to an active NTEP CC, no exception.

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## **SOUTHERN WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ASSOCIATION**

We will consider allowing a device not traceable to an inactive certificate but only on a case-by-case basis.

Installation and use are not permitted if the CC is inactive.

If it was traceable to a CC, active or inactive, it would be accepted if it meets all tested performance requirements.

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We follow NTEP policy so a new installation must be traceable to an active CC.

For initial installation the device must be traceable to an active CC. After CC is inactive this device can be moved as long as it remains with the original owner. If not original owner and CC is inactive then it may not be installed.

Must have an active CC to be installed and used.

*2. What role do the Professional Development Committee (PDC) device testing exams play in your service registration program?*

## **NORTHEAST WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ASSOCIATION**

The PDC device exams currently have no connection to the states service registration program.

We currently do not test individuals as part of our program, , so they would not play a role in our program.

The exams do not play a role in our state program, but we are looking into the possibility.

None today, but would like to have the exams play a role in the future.

We do not have a service registration program at this time.

We have no plans to use the exams at this time.

## **CENTRAL WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ASSOCIATION**

Not at this time. Our state has an existing examination and registration process.

No plans at this time. All of our inspectors have already taken this exam.

Not at this time.

We have been discussing this and feel that it would improve the quality of service agencies working within our state. We are conducting half-day classes monthly on different device types. If they are unable to attend these classes, then they can take the NCWM exam.

Not at the present time but we would like to utilize it in the future when a complete set of exams exist.

We are in the process of revamping our system and are not sure just how tough the exam needs to be.

We're kind of in the same boat. We are disappointed in the current quality of service technicians. This is just our opinion.

## **WESTERN WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ASSOCIATION**

The PDC exams are used as a training tool for state and county officials. Currently seen as a method to train service personnel but do not see it as part of the state's certification program.

We are looking at using this program as a way to certify service personnel, maybe in 3 to 5 years away.

Not at this time.

Currently using internal testing and do not anticipate changing this.

Considering switching from state based training to the PDC exams.

We have no current service registration program. We will use PDC exams for state inspectors.

We don't have a current service registration program.

Currently, we have no local exam requirements.

No exam required.

Currently using internal testing and do not anticipate changing this.

## **SOUTHERN WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ASSOCIATION**

Moving towards requiring service technicians and inspectors to take and pass the exams. We are waiting for all exams to be completed and available.

No current testing requirement. Supports the requirement for service technicians and inspectors to take and pass the exams and one exam for all states. We will consider using these exams if testing becomes a requirement.

No current testing requirement but would consider adopting these exams as a long range goal.

No current testing required.

As testing requirements currently and is considering changing and requiring service technicians and inspectors to take and pass the exams.

No current testing required.

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We are working toward having these exams as a requirement for registered service technicians.

No current testing required.

*3. Does your State allow “one-of-a-kind” devices? If so, what requirements must they meet?*

## **NORTHEAST WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ASSOCIATION**

Yes, we do allow “one-of-a-kind” devices and would handle them as they arise.

Yes, we do allow “one-of-a-kind” devices but like to limit it to hopper scales. We require that the terminal and the load cells have a NTEP Certificate of Conformance

We do not accept “one-of-a-kind” devices

We are not aware of a “one-of-a-kind” devices in advance but would accept it if it meets the application and performance requirements.

Yes, we would accept a “one-of-a-kind” device but like to limit it to hopper scales. We require that the terminal and the load cells have a NTEP Certificate of Conformance.

We do permit this on special situations but try to avoid allowing them if at all possible.

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## **CENTRAL WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ASSOCIATION**

We do allow one-of-a-kind devices but you have to prove that you really need this kind of a device. If allowed, the device must meet all applicable requirements.

Yes, specific requirements are found in our Weights and Measures Act.

We allow one-of-a-kind devices but, as of this date, have not allowed any. They must be truly one-of-a-kind and not available elsewhere or more than one manufactured.

We would allow it but you must show that nothing similar is available on the market. You must also demonstrate that the device performs to the appropriate tolerances.

We will only allow it if nothing else is being manufactured. Each of the components used in the scale, like load cells, must have a NTEP Certificate.

We have allowed one-of-a-kind devices in the past. Normally we would not but will consider it. There must be no other available alternatives in order for us to consider the allowance of a one-of-a-kind device.

Although our laws allow it, we have never done it before.

## **WESTERN WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ASSOCIATION**

Requirements are similar to what is in HB130. There are case-by-case variances to the NTEP policy. A Policy letter from 1986 is still in effect permitting a one-of-a-kind device but it will be tested to NTEP performance and tolerance requirements.

Will accept one-of-a-kind devices and may use them as a pilot device for other similar devices.

We will not accept a one-of-a-kind device for use in a commercial application.

Yes, but must consist of all NTEP approved components. (i.e. indicator and load cells.)

Yes, but must be reviewed and accepted on a case-by-case basis.

Not present

Yes. Testing will be conducted using the performance and tolerance requirements as stated in HB44.

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No, one-of-a-kind is not permitted.

Yes, but must consist of all NTEP approved components. (i.e. indicator and load cells.)

Yes, but generally only for hopper scales. This is not typically permitted for more common types of scales.

## **SOUTHERN WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ASSOCIATION**

We don't accept one-of-a-kind instruments.

Is allowed but must be justified and pass all performance testing.

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We allow this, but only for batching and bulking weighing applications.

This is allowed but must be constructed with NTEP approved components. A state certificate is then issued.

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This is allowed but typically only for livestock scales.

Is permitted on a case-by-case basis but must be justified and pass all performance testing.

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Is permitted on a case-by-case basis but must be justified and pass all performance testing. It is difficult to get approval for these installations.