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2016 SMA Questions for State Directors

These questions will be asked at each of the four regional Weights and Measures Meetings during the remainder of 2016. State replies will be collated and published without attribution on the SMA website to enable participants to compare their positions on these issues with those in their region and in other regions.

1. The SMA would be interested to know how others (in both the public and private sectors) feel about requiring service technicians to pass competency exam(s) before being allowed to make metrological adjustments on legal for trade devices. Does your State currently require an exam? If you are supportive of the proposed Professional Development Committee (PDC) exams for service agents, will you require your staff to take the PDC exams?

2. Does your state permit self serve or unattended scale operations? If so, are there special requirements associated with these applications? Does your State have Weigh master requirements and have they changed to address unattended device applications?

2016 SMA Questions for WWMA State Directors

Question 1	Is an exam required for Service Technicians?	Support the PDC exams?	Require staff to take PDC exams?
California	YES	YES	NO
Oregon	NO	Undecided	NO
Nevada	NO	YES	YES
Arizona	YES	YES	NO, but pays \$500 if staff completes exam
Montana	YES, includes class and exam	YES	YES for new staff
Washington	NO	YES	YES
Idaho	No	YES	YES
Alaska	No	YES	YES
Utah	YES	YES	NO, but will in future
New Mexico	NO	YES	NO

Question 2	Permit self-serve or unattended scale operations?	If yes, are there special requirements?	Do you have weighmaster requirements?	Do weighmaster requirements address unattended device use?
California	YES	Limited to construction materials, effective 2014 with sunset in 2019 unless renewed via legislation.	Yes	YES. Also, unattended scale operations require additional type evaluation
Oregon	YES	NO	Oregon does not have a weighmaster program	NO
Nevada	NO		YES	YES, requires type evaluation
Arizona	NO	Yes Must meet W&M requirements	YES	NO
Montana	YES	NO	NO	NO
Washington	NO	NO	YES	YES, NTEP and HB 44 must be met. Submit annual inspection report
Idaho	YES	YES	YES	NO
Alaska	YES	NO	NO	NO
Utah	YES	Must be NTEP and meet HB 44 requirements	NO	NO
New Mexico	YES	NO	YES	NO

2016 SMA Questions for SWMA State Directors

Question 1	Is an exam required for Service Technicians?	Support the PDC exams?	Require staff to take PDC exams?
Arkansas	NO	YES	NO
Florida	NO	YES	NO
Georgia	YES	YES	NO
Kentucky	NO	YES	NO
Maryland	YES	YES	YES
Mississippi	NO	YES	YES, for new employees
North Carolina	NO	YES	NO
South Carolina	NO	YES	NO
Texas	YES, written and practical test required	YES	NO

Question 2	Permit self-serve or unattended scale operations?	If yes, are there special requirements?	Do you have weighmaster requirements?	Do weighmaster requirements address unattended device use?
Arkansas	YES	Scoreboard is required, must have printed receipt	NO	
Florida	YES	Transaction integrity must be satisfied	NO	
Georgia	YES	Will accept an electronic signature	YES	NO
Kentucky	YES	Printed Scale Ticket required	NO	
Maryland	YES	One system in State, generates a printed receipt	NO	
Mississippi	Possibly	None currently in State	YES	
North Carolina	YES	Electronic signature and printed receipt required	NO	
South Carolina	YES	Printed receipt required	NO	
Texas	Possibly	None currently in State	YES	NO

2016 SMA Questions for NEWMA State Directors

Question 1	Is an exam required for Service Technicians?	Support the PDC exams?	Require staff to take PDC exams?
Connecticut	NO	YES	NO
Maine	NO, but Statue allows	YES	NO
Massachusetts	NO	YES	NO
New Hampshire	YES, for some device categories	YES	NO
New Jersey	YES	YES	NO
Vermont	NO	YES	YES

Question 2	Permit self-serve or unattended scale operations?	If yes, are there special requirements?	Do you have weighmaster requirements?	Do weighmaster requirements adress unattended device use?
Connecticut	YES	Limited to Retail, Vehicle Scales must be attended		
Maine	YES	YES, Company owned scale NO, Legal for Trade Application	YES	NO
Massachusetts	NO	NO Regulations pertaining to Unattended Scales	NO	NO
New Hampshire	YES	Have allowed, but no current Regulation	YES	NO
New Jersey	YES	Limited to Retail, Vehicle Scales must be attended	YES	NO
Vermont	NO	YES	YES	NO

2016 SMA Questions for CWMA State Directors

Question 1	Is an exam required for Service Technicians?	Support the PDC exams?	Require staff to take PDC exams?
Illinois	YES	YES	NO
Kansas	YES, plus 4 hours of Continuing Education/year	YES	NO
Minnesota	YES, each year	YES	NO
Missouri	YES, but a Voluntary Program	YES	YES, for new employees
Nebraska	YES	YES	NO
South Dakota	NO	YES	NO
Wisconsin	YES, every 5 years	YES	YES, to advance to Senior Level Inspector

Question 2	Permit self-serve or unattended scale operations?	If yes, are there special requirements?	Do you have weighmaster requirements?	Do weighmaster requirements address unattended device use?
Illinois	YES	NO	NO	
Kansas	YES	NO	NO	
Minnesota	YES	NO Regulations, Receipt required for Unattended Scales	NO	
Missouri	YES	NO	NO	
Nebraska	NO		NO	
South Dakota	NO		NO	
Wisconsin	YES	NO	NO	