

Gordy,

I think Walter and others need to step back a bit and quit reading things into what other people have written. We now have a new rumor spreading about the CI Written Test being on the internet. Nowhere in Dan's original message below does he state that is the case. What he is saying, if I am not mistaken, is what many of us already know. The CI Performance Test has been published on the internet and is being passed around in its different forms, updated or not. There is no written test for the MCI.

There are a number of user forums, including the FFF forum that used to exist, that had discussions or just plain answers to the Performance Test but nowhere did I ever see anyone directly discussing questions on the CI Written Test.

To test whether or not the test had been disseminated on the internet, I opened copies of two of the six tests and randomly copied and pasted 5 questions from each into google using "quote". Using the quote marks forces a search on the exact phrase. If there was a hit on an exact phrase it would have been sorted to the top of the results. Each search resulted in a message that the search did not return anything.

The only possible place there might be test would be closed listservs. Contents of closed listservs is unsearchable. A closed listserv would also mean that the contents were being shared among a small group and not open to the general internet population. Since closed listservs have been replaced by forums over the last decade, I doubt there is anything out there.

It is also possible that an MCI/BOG has allowed the written tests to be copied, but I doubt it. Having said that I think the FFF CICP should take greater control of the written test documents by sending only what is needed for each test and have pre-assigned versions to each

candidate, with all copies (including keys) being returned to the FFF. If, as has been suggested, we go with Prometric or another of the testing administration companies, we have to expect a lot of pushback due to the cost to take the test. In the computer world it runs about \$200 for the cheap ones.

Guy Manning

[GH] Dan McCrimmon responds :

Response to Gary Eaton;

Gary, much of what you have said has basis in fact. I am the last guy to disagree. The current work on the MCI committee addresses many of your concerns. Our objective is to create an exam that clearly outlines the tasks, and makes the expectations for that task as clear as possible for BOTH the candidate and the examiner.

I have seen copies of the CI exam floating around on the web. It is too late now to suggest that these tests are secret.

The alternatives are to write new exams OR to make sure everyone who is interested get the exams so that they are prepared to write them. The idea being, that it is too late to hide them, so in fairness, everyone should have access to the same materials. Knowledge gets imparted either way.

As we get nearer to completing the new CI practical test, I will be asking the Committee if this is an appropriate action to take. It is their decision, not mine as a single member. But fair distribution of information is key. Why would we want to put good candidates at a disadvantage in relation to those who are cheating?

Dan McCrimmon
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