

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

1. API examinations consist of multiple choice questions (from 75 to 150, depending on the program) and some have open and closed book sections.

New Information:

510, 570, 653 Certification Examinations: See [announcement](#) about changes to the administration of these three program exams: 125 questions plus 25 “pre-test questions”, 7-hour exam
(4 hours open book/3 hours closed book)

TES Certification Examination: 120 questions, 4-hour exam – all closed book

936, 571, 577, 580 Certification Examinations: 75 questions, 4-hour exam – all closed book

2. If a candidate passes the examination, and has no deficiencies found in any sections of the application, the candidate will be certified and receive a certificate and wallet card approximately 3 months after the examination date.
3. API grants each candidate three consecutive attempts during a twelve (12) month period, beginning with the first exam administration the applicant is scheduled for, to sit and pass the test. Applicants who fail the examination on their first attempt, may retake it twice. If you fail to appear for the test it will still count as an official attempt.
4. If you do not pass the examination on the first attempt, you will need to submit a Test Registration Form and the reschedule fee. If the candidate is unsuccessful on the third attempt, a new application must be submitted along with a new application fee.
5. Examination results will be e-mailed to candidates approximately eight (8) weeks after the examination. Also API automated customer service line will provide candidates with their results (candidates will need to use their 5-digit API ID).

What to bring to the Exam

- No. 2 pencils
- Non-programmable calculator (a calculator with only simple functions)
- Your examination site confirmation letter
- A government issued, photo ID (i.e., driver’s license or passport) with a signature
- Relevant publications for exams with an open book section (510, 570, 653):
The applicable API & ASME reference publications are listed on the Publication Effectivity Sheet pertaining to the exam being taken.

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