# State Water Resources Control Board

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To: Underground Storage Tank Designated Operators, Service Technicians, and Inspectors

**CHANGES TO THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL CALIFORNIA EXAMINATIONS**

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has been working with the International Code Council (ICC) to update the California underground storage tank (UST) certification examinations to reflect the 2026 amendments to the California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 16 (UST Regulations) and Health and Safety Code, chapter 6.7 (H&SC). The following ICC California UST examinations have been updated:

UC California UST System Operator
UI California UST Inspector
UT California UST Service Technician

Note: The ICC U1 - UST Installation/Retrofitting certification is not a California-specific examination and has not been modified to reflect the California UST Regulations and H&SC.

All three California UST examinations will be open book and will use the same reference materials: the 2026 UST Regulations, the 2026 amended H&SC, and the Petroleum Equipment Institute's Recommended Practices 1200-24. No additional reference materials will be required.

The updated examinations will be administered beginning January 15, 2027, at Pearson VUE testing centers or online through ICC's PRONTO system. Candidates may attempt an examination up to six times within a six-month period, with a mandatory 10-day waiting period between each unsuccessful attempt. Candidates who fail an examination six times must wait six months before attempting the exam again.

The current examinations will remain available until January 14, 2027. UST Inspectors may continue to renew their ICC UST Inspector certification through the continuing education process. Continuing education credits earned before January 15, 2027, will continue to be accepted after that date.

The California Certified Unified Program Agency Learning Management System (LMS) offers UST courses that provide ICC continuing education credit. Following the amendments to UST Regulations, many of these courses now contain outdated information that no longer aligns with the updated ICC examinations. The Division of Water Quality UST Program Manager has reviewed the UST courses available in the LMS in accordance with UST Regulations, section 2634(a)(2) to identify those containing outdated information. All UST courses will remain available on the LMS. After January 14, 2027, however, ICC continuing education credit hours will be removed from outdated courses and only select courses will continue to qualify for credit. All ICC continuing education credits earned prior to January 15, 2027, will remain valid.

For additional clarification regarding requirements for ICC certification, please contact me at (916) 319-9128 or Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov.

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