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DWC Accepting Applications for Qualified Medical Evaluator Examination in October

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has made changes to the Qualified Medical Examiner (QME) examination process.

DWC will offer in-home computer-based testing (CBT) for the examination using Proctor U. Candidates who are interested in taking the CBT exam and have the minimum system requirements should indicate so on the application. Interested candidates will be notified of registration and scheduling requirements.

DWC will also offer an in-person examination in Northern California on October 17 and 18, following the guidelines and recommendations by the CDC and California Department of Public Health. Due to limitations on capacity, candidates will be assigned a test date on either of those dates.

DWC will announce in-person testing for Southern California in a future newsline.

QMEs are independent physicians certified by the DWC Medical Unit to conduct medical evaluations of injured workers. Applications for the QME exam may be downloaded from the DWC website. Applicants may also contact the Medical Unit at (510) 286-3700 to request an application via U.S. mail, email or fax. The deadline for filing the exam applications is September 3, 2020. For more information contact the Medical Unit at 510-286-3700 or by email at QMETest@dir.ca.gov.

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