

Annual Report on the Certified Bone Densitometry Technologist (CBDT) Examination

First introduced in 2008, the Certified Bone Densitometry Technologist (CBDT™) is a professional certification in the field of bone densitometry for technologists who perform central and peripheral bone densitometry. The CBDT™ credential signifies that an individual has passed an examination that meets the most stringent certification industry standards and best practices in the United States.

The computer-based, three hour examination is administered at Prometric Testing Centers throughout the US and Canada. In 2008 there were three testing windows in which 548 candidates took the exam. 444 candidates passed the exam, 104 failed. The averaged pass rate was 80.4%.

Subject matter experts within the ISCD Certification Council are responsible for continually reviewing and updating the examination content. The minimum passing score for the CBDT examination is 75%. The passing score was determined by a Cut Core Study with psychometric evaluation. Exam results are reported only to the examinee and are reported as pass/fail based on a scaled score, allowing for appropriate adjustments based on quantified exam difficulty. The 400-point scaled score system defines a minimum passing scaled score of 300 points.

Examinees who fail to meet the minimum passing score are provided a diagnostic breakdown of their exam performance by content topics that is meant to assist in mastery of the information. Diagnostics are reported as proficient, marginal or deficient as follows:

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- Proficient – Adequate understanding
- Marginal – Incomplete understanding of the concepts. Additional study is suggested.
- Deficient – Limited or no understanding of the concepts

The first testing window for 2009 is scheduled for March 2-28. Information on the remaining sessions is available on the ISCD web site.