PRP Test Procedures

ALOA SPAI has formed a partnership with Kryterion, a third party test development and delivery company, to help move the PRP test delivery and grading into the 21st century. In the not so distant future ALOA SPAI will be able to deliver testing to a members business or home computer via secured site login and make testing for the various Certifications much more convenient. There will also be new "practice" tests available to give a potential test taker an idea of the type and scope of information needed to study and pass the actual testing. While these items are still on the horizon, what is available currently using the Kryterion system is:

➢ Our standard Paper&Pencil delivery which can be taken at any ALOA sponsored event such as the annual Convention, local association meetings and classes, at ALOA headquarters or anywhere a test sitting is requested and the standards for a sitting meets the minimum requirements. A sitting is arranged thru the Certification Coordinator, Jessica, and test takers register through the Kryterion site, which will have a link on our website or we can email them the link. The tests will be sent to the sitting location and once completed, will be returned and graded. Scores will be emailed from the Kryterion system immediately after grading. The test taker will then have an established "account" with the Kryterion system which will allow them to log in at any time and review which tests have been taken, which have been passed or failed and allow them to register for more available testing.

➢ HOST site testing. This option allows a test taker to register at a local "Proctored" test site, usually a community college or test center, and take the tests online. Again, a test taker will register on the Kryterion site and be given a choice of times available and locations nearby. They will take the testing and upon hitting the "submit" button when finished, be notified on-screen immediately whether they have passed or failed. We will then be notified and will send out notifications and certificates where applicable. Once again the test taker will have created an account on the system to allow for all the options mentioned above.

Changes to PRP Testing

In an effort to update the testing, make taking the locksmith Mandatory test less stressful as well as re-establish the security and integrity of the testing, there will be some changes to how a test taker may take tests as well as the number of tests that may be taken at one sitting.

Mandatory Exam (L00)

o If taking the Mandatory locksmith exam (L00) via Paper&Pencil delivery, the test is divided into 10 sections. The test will be a pass/fail based on an overall score of 70% or higher, however,

each section will be graded as well. Should a test taker pass any section but fail the overall exam, when retaking the exam, any section passed will not need to be retaken. This will continue until an overall 70% or higher is achieved. This option applies ONLY to the Paper&Pencil delivery.

o   If taking the Mandatory locksmith exam via HOST site, you will only be able to register for this test alone in a single sitting. A 3 ½ hour time allotment will be given to take this exam. You may not be tested and graded on the sectional testing as mentioned in Paper&Pencil delivery. All sections will be taken in every retake regardless of pass/fail on an individual section.

Electives

o   If testing in Paper&Pencil delivery, a test taker may take an additional 2 elective exams with their Mandatory exam or may register to take up to 12 electives in a 4 hour sitting. If the test taker fails to complete all 12 exams, they are only billed for those tests which are completed and graded. Paper&Pencil also includes "after-class" testing.

o   Elective tests will be available at HOST centers however, due to the Kryterion systems restrictions, they can't be taken with the Mandatory nor in a package of tests but must be scheduled individually at this time. It would be much more cost effective currently to schedule all Electives in Paper&Pencil delivery. Future options will allow for multiple Electives to be scheduled in a single sitting at a single sitting cost, with some restrictions.

CAL, CPS & CMST

o   The CAL and CPS tests will be unchanged. The paper delivery will remain as it is now and the HOST testing will allow test taker to take the exam in a 3 ½ hour time frame.

o   The CMST will have the same option as the Mandatory locksmith exam whereby Paper testing will be graded by section as well as overall while the HOST testing must be taken in its entirety each time.