

HL7 2.5 Control (Chapters 2 and 2A) Certification Testing Information

There are 70 questions on the exam. Candidates will have 2 hours to complete the exam. Candidates must score at least 70% (correct answers to 49 questions) to pass the exam. There is no penalty for guessing.

There are several versions of the HL7 2.5 Control Certification Test. Each version of the test is different. All tests have the following breakdown:

Sections of the standard	Number of questions	Approximate percentage of the test
2.2-2.5	10-15	20%
2.6-2.11, 2.13-2.14, 2.17	25-30	35%
2.12	5-10	10%
2.15, 2.18	5-10	10%
2.16, Chapter 2A	15-20	25%
Total	70	100%

The test covers all the material contained in Chapters 2 and 2A of the HL7 Version 2.5 standard, except for the Table of Contents contained in Section 2.1; the message profile document definition in Section 2.19; and the outstanding issues in Section 2.20.

A successful candidate is expected to know all of the following elements of HL7 Control:

1. Conceptual approach of HL7 (2.2-2.4)
2. Elements of HL7 messages (2.5)
3. Construction and processing of HL7 messages (2.6-2.9, 2.11, 2.13)
4. Special HL7 protocols (2.10)
5. Conformance using message profiles (2.12)
6. Acknowledgment messages (2.14)
7. Message control segments (2.15)
8. HL7 data types and their uses (2.16, Chapter 2A)
9. Other issues (2.17-2.18)

The successful candidate will be familiar with all the HL7 data types and their applications (Section 2.16 and Chapter 2A) – not just those used in a specific set of messages – and with all the segments defined in Chapter 2 of the Standard (Section 2.15).

Please bring a photo id to the test. No reading or writing materials, except those provided by the instructor, are allowed during the test. Pencils will be provided.

Mobile phones, messaging devices, and pagers **must be turned off** (not just silenced) during the test. Use of such devices during the test may result in disqualification. If you need to be reachable for emergencies while you are taking the test, please inform the hotel management or other personnel at the test site.

After the test, you are not allowed to discuss the contents of the test with others.

Results will be mailed to the address that you designate on the date of the examination. Examination answers are scored and results mailed within two weeks after the examination date.