

HL7 CDA Certification Testing Information

There are 70 questions on the exam. Candidates will have 2 hours to complete the exam. Candidates must score at least 84% (correct answers to 59 questions) to pass the exam. There is no penalty for guessing.

There are several versions of the HL7 CDA 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
Section 1	9-10	14%
Section 2, 3, 4.4	5	7%
Section 4.1- 4.2	17-18	25%
Section 4.3.1- 4.3.5	14-15	20%
Section 4.3.6	12	17%
Section 4.3.8	11-12	17%
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Total	70	100%

The test covers all the material contained in CDA Release 2.0 standard, except for the Table of Contents; and the contents of Table 3 and Table 4 in Section 3, as the use of V2 or V3 messaging is non-normative.

A successful candidate is expected to be familiar with the following CDA sections:

1. (1) CDA Overview (What is CDA, General CDA Concepts, CDA Conformance, CDA Extensibility and Backwards and Forwards Compatibility.
2. (4.1-4.2) CDA Document and CDA Header
3. (4.3.1- 4.3.5) Body Choice, Section - Attributes, Participants, Relationships, and Narrative Block
4. (4.3.6) Entry Acts
5. (4.3.8) Entry Relationships
6. Other topics (2, 3, and 4.4) Technical Artifacts, Document Exchange, CDA Context

The successful candidate will be very familiar with the CDA Introduction, Header participants and associated acts, Body construction options and Narrative text elements and a basic understanding of the RIM based entries and external acts defined by the Clinical Document Architecture Release 2.0.

Please bring a photo id to the test. No reading or writing materials, except those provided by the instructor, are allowed during the test. Participants will be provided with the CDA Visio diagram that can be referenced 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.