



**PENNDOT ASPHALT FIELD TECHNICIAN  
ANNUAL UPDATE/REFRESHER COURSE  
2020**

The certification period for PennDOT Certified Asphalt Field Technicians is five (5) years. In the year 2020, all field technicians certified in 2015 must renew their certifications to avoid a lapse in their certified status. For renewal as a PennDOT Certified Asphalt Field Technician, PennDOT Publication 351 provides two options, A and B. Option B is simply repeating the initial certification procedure by attending the two day Field Technician Review and Certification course and scoring at least 75% (seventy-five percent) on the written examination administered on the third day. Option A is an alternative which permits certified field technicians to participate in two PennDOT approved technical learning activities and accrue additional work experience during the 5 year certification period to substitute for the review and examination. (*See Pub. 351 for complete certification renewal requirements and procedures.*)

Current applicants for Option A must attend at least one of NECEPT’s Annual Asphalt Field Technician Update/Refresher courses. This one (1) day long update/refresher course was developed to provide practicing PennDOT Certified Asphalt Field Technicians with the latest information on changes in pertinent specifications, test methods, practices and policies. It will also address field operation problems identified by PennDOT Construction QA during the previous year’s asphalt paving season and offer proposed remedies. The time spent on each of the various agenda topics listed below may vary as needed. This course will be updated and revised annually. A certificate of attendance will be issued to each registered participant before course dismissal.

- **Picture identification is required** and will be verified upon check in to issue the certificate of attendance.
- Participants should bring a calculator and pencils/pens to the sessions, especially for the problem solving session.

**FIELD TECHNICIAN ANNUAL UPDATE/REFRESHER COURSE AGENDA<sup>(1)</sup>**

<b>Check In: 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.</b>	
<b>Morning Session 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<i>The following are examples of Special Topics.</i>
<b>Introduction</b>	
<b>Specs &amp; PTMs: Review &amp; Update</b>	<b>Experiences from the Field</b>
<i>Special Topics</i>	<b>Warm Mix Asphalt</b>
<b>Lunch: 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Establishing Rolling Pattern</b>
<b>Afternoon Session 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Paving For Smoothness</b>
<i>Special Topics continued...</i>	<b>Warranty Specification</b>
<b>Problem Solving Session</b>	<b>Longitudinal Joints</b>
<b>Open Discussion: Questions &amp; Concerns</b>	<b>Thin Asphalt Overlays</b>
<b>Dismissal: 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>PWT</b>

- (1) Agenda is just an example and may vary from year to year.  
 (2) Morning and afternoon breaks will be given at the instructor’s discretion.