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## **IMPORTANT CDR SPECIALIST EXAM TESTING UPDATE 4/2026**

**CDR is excited to announce that ALL the specialist exams will be administered by testing vendor PEARSON as of MAY 11, 2026.**

There will be an overlap as PSI (CDR's current vendor) will administer specialist exam appointments scheduled on or before May 31, 2026.

### **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?**

- 1) Candidates who have scheduled an appointment with PSI on or after JUNE 1, 2026, **WILL** have to reschedule their appointment with PEARSON.
- 2) Candidates with current eligibility CAN schedule an examination appointment with PSI until MAY 31 OR PEARSON **starting MAY 11, 2026**. Candidates CANNOT schedule with both vendors.
- 3) All exam appointments scheduled for June 1, 2026, and beyond MUST be scheduled with PEARSON.

### **SCHEDULE WITH CURRENT TESTING VENDOR PSI (until May 31, 2026):**

Candidates should have already received an email with instructions for scheduling their examination appointment with PSI, shortly after their eligibility application was approved.

### **SCHEDULE WITH PEARSON:**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO TEST EMAIL:**

You will receive an Authorization to Test (ATT) email from Pearson by **MAY 8, 2026**. This email indicates the authorization/eligibility dates and explains the process to schedule the exam on Pearson's website. If you cannot locate your ATT email by this date, check your spam folder and then contact Pearson customer service at 888-874-7651.

#### **VOUCHER EMAIL:**

By **MAY 8, 2026**, you will also receive a separate email from [specialists@eatright.org](mailto:specialists@eatright.org) with a testing voucher number. **You will not be able to schedule an exam until you receive this voucher.**

### **WHAT STAYS THE SAME:**

- 1) Specialist exams will continue to be administered year-round.
- 2) Eligibility to take specialist exams is still one year.
- 3) You will still receive your score report at the test center after the exam.

**CANDIDATE HANDBOOK:** The **UPDATED** [candidate handbook](#) can be accessed [here](#). Candidates are strongly encouraged to read the Candidate Handbook to be aware of exam procedures and expectations

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