

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE AIDE COMPETENCY TESTING**

As of May 15, 2014, Oregon Administrative Rules governing Home Health Agencies require that the home health agency utilizing Home Health/Hospice Aides assure the competency of the Certified Nurse Assistant working as a Home Health/Hospice Aide prior to providing care to a patient. Within two weeks of employment, the agency must document completion of orientation for the aide.

To assist you in evaluation of the basic education of a Certified Nurse Assistant, OAHC has developed a testing tool. OAHC designed the examination to meet criteria the education committee identified in Oregon Administrative Rules for Home Health Agencies 333-027-0130(3), Hospice Conditions of Participation 418.76 and the federal requirements of OBRA 1987 (CFR 484.36 Title 42 Public Health).

OAHC revises this test biennially. OAHC will only recognize the 2026-2028 Edition for assessing competency of Home Health & Hospice Aides during the period from September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2028.

**Use the following instructions to ensure continuity and consistency among testing settings:**

### **1. Environment / Testing Process**

- A proctor must monitor the examination process and maintain an environment that is quiet and conducive to testing.
- The candidate must complete the examination within two (2) hours unless an approved accommodation has been granted.

### **2. Confidentiality**

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### **3. Scoring**

- Each question is worth one (1) point. Sections 1 through 12 are scored independently.
- The candidate must achieve a score of 80% or higher in each section to pass. The “Index” on page 9 provides the minimum number of correct responses required to achieve a passing score in each section. If a candidate does not achieve a passing score in a section, only that section must be retaken.
- Once the candidate has passed all sections, the Registered Nurse, Director, or designated supervisor must score the examination and sign the Home Health Aide Competency Certificate.

### **4. Storage of Records**

- The testing agency must maintain documentation of training, examination results, and the competency certificate in accordance with agency policies and applicable Oregon Administrative Rules.