

# National Certified ECG Technician 2023 Detailed Test Plan - Comparison to Previous

Below is a quick comparison guide detailing the changes in the new Detailed Test Plan

Comparison	Previous	New
Total # scored test questions	125	100
Total # unscored pretest items	25	25
Total time	3 hours	3 hours
4-option multiple-choice items	90-95%	92%
Alternative items	5-10%	8%

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## Changes to Exam Content Categories:

Previous		New	
Patient Comfort and Safety	31	Patient Intake and Compliance	24
ECG Placement Techniques	36	ECG Placement Techniques	25
ECG Recording and Interpretation	36	ECG Recording and Recognition	36
ECG Troubleshooting and Maintenance	22	Troubleshooting	15

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## Deleted Tasks:

- 2A8 Remove electrodes from the patient as appropriate.
- 3A8 Ensure ECG machine sensitivity (e.g., h, 1, 2).
- 3A13 Prepare the report for the provider.
- 3A14 Transmit the report to the patient's EMR/EHR or chart.
- 3A15 Prepare an ECG for mounting as needed.
- 4A9 Backup ECG data to database of the electronic healthcare records.