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## **National Wireless Safety Alliance Announces Zero-Tolerance Exam Environment Policy Effective September 1, 2026**

(Salt Lake City, UT) – The National Wireless Safety Alliance (NWSA) announced today that it will implement a zero-tolerance policy for exam environment requirements, effective September 1, 2026.

Beginning on that date, candidates whose testing environments do not meet all established requirements will not be permitted to take their exam.

### **Exam Environment Requirements**

Candidates must comply with the following requirements for the entire duration of the exam:

- Candidates must be alone in a private, enclosed room with a door.
- Any area that offers visibility through the door, door panel, windows, or other opening of the closed room must be covered for the duration of the exam.
- Unless otherwise permitted by exam type, all whiteboards, bulletin boards, chalkboards and/or additional monitor(s) in the enclosed room must be covered for the duration of the exam session.

“NWSA is dedicated to being the gold-standard for professional trade certification programs offered in the communications infrastructure industry,” said NWSA Executive Director Duane MacEntee. “To maintain such a high standard requires continuous focus on exam security and integrity.”

All ORP exam administrations will follow accepted industry standards to ensure fair and consistent administrations. NWSA administration policies are standardized as much as possible across modalities to ensure a fair, valid, and reliable test administration across all modalities. In addition to this announcement, NWSA is updating exam environment requirements across its public communications.

NWSA certification embodies and exemplifies our core values of Safety, Quality, and Proficiency. For more information about NWSA certification programs and digital credentialing, please visit <https://www.nws-a.org>. We encourage industry workers, companies, and all stakeholders to learn more about NWSA and the certification process.

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#### ***About National Wireless Safety Alliance (NWSA)***

*National Wireless Safety Alliance (NWSA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing comprehensive, independent, ANSI-accredited assessments of knowledge and skills. NWSA offers verifiable worker certification to enhance safety, reduce workplace risks, improve quality, promote training, and acknowledge the skilled professionals who work on towers and other structures.*