

Progress toward Chief Tester

Name _____

Test Date/Location	Test Station(s) worked	Number of Dogs tested



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PROGRESSION FROM APPRENTICE TESTER TO TESTER TO CHIEF TESTER

Apprentice Tester Applicant

If needed, fill out and send Application Form with application fee to:

American Temperament Test Society, Inc.
P.O. Box 591279
Houston, TX 77259

Application requirements: The Applicant must be at least 21 years of Age and have five (5) years current experience in dogs. This should include activity in one or (preferably) more of the following:

- Agility
- Conformation
- Dog Grooming
- Herding
- Obedience
- Schutzhund
- Other dog-related activities
- Search and Rescue
- Sledding
- Teaching
- Therapy
- Veterinarian
- Veterinary Assistant

Apprentice Tester

Duties include:

- Learning to score dogs – This is done under the direct supervision of a certified chief tester at:
 - Two (2) tests – Minimum 30 dogs scored per test
 - or
 - Three (3) tests – minimum 20 dogs scored per test
- Serve as a station worker for at least one test of 30 dogs.

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Provisional Tester

Must have completed apprentice tester duties and **have a recommendation from a certified chief tester**, and in addition to:

Duties include:

- Continue to learn to score dogs – This is done under the direct supervision of a certified chief tester at:
 - Two (2) tests – Minimum 30 dogs scored per test
 - or*
 - Three (3) tests – minimum 20 dogs scored per test
- Serve as a station worker for at least one test of 30 dogs. This is preferably a station other than worked during the apprentice period.

Temperament Tester

In order to become a tester, one must complete provisional tester duties, **have a recommendation from a certified chief tester**, pass a test on temperament testing in general and on the temperament of frequently tested breeds including scoring of several dogs' performance in a simulated temperament test and justifying each of the scores given.

Duties include:

- Continue to learn to score dogs – This is done under the guidance of a certified chief tester at:
 - Two (2) tests – Minimum 30 dogs scored per test
 - or*
 - Three (3) tests – minimum 20 dogs scored per test
- Serve as a station worker for at least one test of 30 dogs. This is preferably a station other than worked previously.

Provisional Chief Tester

Must have completed temperament tester duties, and **have a recommendation from a certified chief tester**, and in addition:

Duties include:

- Conduct walk through, score dogs, and deliver critiques to dog owner/handler at:
 - One (1) test – Minimum 30 dogs/test – under the direct supervision of a certified chief tester.

and

- One (1) test – minimum 30 dogs/test – under the observation but not direct supervision of a certified chief tester

Note: In order to attain chief tester status:

- ATTS recommends, but does not require, that a person serve as test organizer and/or test secretary for at least one test.
- ATTS requires that a person serve as a station worker at Station #5 and any two (2) of the following:
 - Station #1 or #2 (Choose one)
 - Station #3 or #4 (Choose one)
 - Stations #8, 9, 10

These stations may be worked in any order and are listed here only to help any interested person to take steps to speed their completion of the requirements to become chief tester.

- After completion of the two tests as a provisional chief tester, the candidate is then eligible to take the chief tester examination which includes scoring of dogs in a simulated temperament test.
- After the successful completion of the above examination, the candidate has achieved chief tester status. To be designated a certified chief tester, the new chief tester will officiate at one temperament test **critiqued by an ATTS evaluator**.

Certified Chief Tester

A certified chief tester may serve as a chief tester for his/her own club or organization and established testing groups in his/her local area.

Teaching Chief Tester

A teaching chief tester may serve as an instructor and chief tester for new or existing temperament testing groups or clubs whether they are local or outside the local area.

In order to become a teaching chief tester, a person would have to be a certified chief tester and, in addition to:

- **Attend teaching seminars**
- **Be evaluated by video and/or another teaching chief tester, written and oral examination**
- **Be approved by the ATTS board of directors**

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