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Purpose

This document outlines the requirements for becoming a SCAA Certified Cupping Judge. * To obtain this certification, one must complete a five day course with a SCAA Certified Cupping Judge Instructor and pass a series of tests, scoring within the following parameters:

Test Name		Passing Percentages	Passing Points Equal to Percentage
General Knowledge		Not Required	Not Required
Sensory Skills Tests	Part A	100%	100
	Part B	80%	79
	Part C	70%	67
Olfactory Tests	Part A	70%	70
	Part B	70%	70
	Part C	70%	70
	Part D	70%	70
Triangulation Tests	Test #1	85%	83
	Test #2	85%	83
	Test #3	85%	83
	Test #4	85%	83
	Test #5	85%	83
Matching Pairs Test		75%	6 of 8 Correct
Roasted Sample I.D.		75%	75
Green Grading		2 of 3 Correct	2 of 3 Correct

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Test Name		Passing Percentages	Passing Points Equal to Percentage
Roasted Grading Test		50%	1 of 2 correct
Cupping Tests	Test #1	80%	86
	Test #2	80%	86
	Test #3	80%	86
	Test #4	80%	86
	Test #5	80%	86

*Please note that this certification is distinct from the Q Grader Certification, although they can be obtained congruently.

▶ The key differences are as follows:

- (1) General Knowledge Exam is required for Q Grader Certification, while not required for SCAA Cupping Judge Certification.
- (2) The completion of a five-day certification course is required for the SCAA Cupping Judge Certification, while Q Grader Certification requires only the three-day exam session.
- (3) SCAA Cupping Judge Certification must take place in an SCAA Certified Lab.

▶ The scoring requirements are otherwise identical.