

FACT SHEET

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL INVESTIGATORS **CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATOR (CPI) TEST**

Key Points Regarding the Test

- The test is voluntary and is not required to become a WALI member, or maintain current membership status
- The test consists of 100 questions and, in order to receive certification, an applicant must answer a minimum of 85 questions correctly
- The test questions are based on scenarios and areas most associated with the private investigations industry
- Areas covered in the test will include, but may not be limited to; Conducting Interviews, Surveillance, Evidence Gathering, Document Retrieval, Constitutional/Legal Issues, Report Writing, Court Testimony, Case Management, Sub-Contractors, Workplace Investigations, and WALI Best Practices
- Each question will have only one correct answer, and may be structured as True/False, Yes/No, or multiple choice – there are no essay or written response questions
- Applicants will take the CPI test online through the WALI website – test cost is \$100 and can be paid online
- The test is open book and based on an honor system that presumes the person taking the test is the person authorized and qualified to do so
- The \$100 fee includes the ability to take the test three times within structured time periods
- Failure to pass the test after three attempts will require a 6-month waiting period and a new payment of \$100
- You will have 4 hours to take the test and, upon completion, the results will be returned to the applicant immediately after the answers are graded electronically
- Any issues regarding challenged questions or answers, test format or delivery, or similar concerns directly related to the application of the test must be made in a timely email to the WALI Board of Directors
- WALI is planning to offer a 2-3 hour education seminar twice yearly, intended to enhance knowledge in key areas associated with private investigations – a fee of \$50 will be applied for each of these seminars

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