

# The Breath Tester Bulletin

Lifeloc's newsletter features a variety of content specific to the drug and alcohol testing industry including the latest DOT updates, special equipment trade-in offers, upcoming events, recertification requirements, technical tips and much more!

#### Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Marijuana Rescheduling

On May 21, 2024, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) published a notice of proposed rulemaking to reclassify marijuana from Schedule I to a Schedule III of the Controlled Substances Act. Share your thoughts and concerns on the impact of this change by submitting a comment to the Justice Department.

## Public comment is open until July 22nd at 11:59pm EST.

Read Proposed Rule

Submit a Comment

### Lifeloc Spotlight: Online Shopping Cart

Don't run out of supplies during testing!

Did you know that you can easily purchase your breath testing and calibration supplies through our self-serve online shopping cart? This includes DOT forms, mouthpieces, dry gas, printer paper, cables, rechargeable printer batteries, and much more!

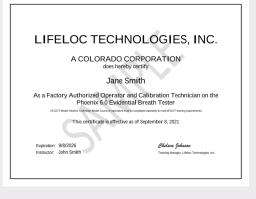
#### Place Your Order Today!



## Knowledge Check: Lifeloc Certifications & Renewals

Depending on your needs, Lifeloc has additional certification options available beyond the standard Breath Alcohol Technician (BAT) certificate:





**Request Training** 

### Certified Lifeloc Operator & Calibration Technician (C-LOCT)

A C-LOCT (Certified Lifeloc Operator & Calibration Technician) certification is a device specific certification that not only ensures well rounded educated on the operation and maintenance of the breath alcohol testing device, but it also allows for an individual to perform a full Calibration on the device. Calibration should be performed once per year in accordance with the EBT Quality Assurance Plan, as well as DOT 49 CFR Part 40.233 (c) which states to follow the manufactures instructions for calibration, including seeking out a properly certified individual or working with the manufacturer directly for maintenance.

C-LOCT is a secondary certificate which goes in conjunction with the Breath Alcohol Technician (BAT) certificate and is also valid for 5 years. The BAT certificate alone does not allow someone to conduct a compliant calibration on the EBT, only a calibration check.

**Renewal:** Every 5 years the C-LOCT must pass a written exam with a 90% or better and submit a \$25 recertification fee. C-LOCT renewal typically goes hand in hand with BAT renewal, therefore the associated fee may be rolled into other training fees and the individual may need to demonstrate their abilities hands-on during a live session with their certified instructor. Renewal must be completed within 30 days of expiration to avoid additional fees.

**Not C-LOCT certified?** Even if you were not C-LOCT certified at the time of your BAT certification, you can add it on at any time.

Have a Lifeloc FC Series Device? You can still be CLOCT certified on the FC10, FC10Plus and FC20 PBTs!

#### **Lifeloc Provisional Instructor**

A Provisional Instructor certification offers a cost-





#### Provisional Instructor Certification

Offered both online and in person, Lifeloc's Provisional Instructor certification offers a cost-effective and convenient way for organizations to certify individuals within their own organization as Breath Alcohol Technicians (BAT) and Operator & Calibration Technicians (Cc-LOCT).



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effective and convenient way for organizations to certify their own employees as Breath Alcohol Technicians (BATs) and Certified Lifeloc Operator & Calibration Technicians (C-LOCT) on the Lifeloc EBT being used at their facility. There are certain guidelines that must be agreed to via written agreement including:

- the Provisional Instructor can only certify employees of their company
- the Provisional Instructor is not able to certify other Provisional Instructors
- the Provisional Instructor must maintain current versions of their own BAT and C-LOCT certificates
- the Provisional Instructor must actively train during the two-year period of their certification

**Renewal:** The Provisional Instructor must take a written exam and submit \$50 recertification fee every two years to renew this certification. Renewal must be completed within 90 days of expiration to avoid additional fees.

It is the Instructor's responsibility to keep track of their expiration and renew timely. Lifeloc does send out an automated reminder email 14 days prior to the expiration date to the email address on file, however if this courtesy email is missed or is sent to an incorrect email address, this does not extend the grace period.

**Could your facility benefit from having an instructor on staff to train your employees?** Lifeloc has a network of experienced substance abuse training professionals conveniently located throughout the US and Canada who we would be happy to connect you with.



### Altitude Correction Reminder

Remember that when using a breath alcohol testing device that does not have an internal barometric pressure sensor, it is



the Breath Alcohol Technician's responsibility to ensure that proper adjustment has been made to the standard within the device itself by following the Altitude Correction Factor on the front of the dry gas tank.

These manual adjustments must be made within every 500 feet of elevation.

Note: The Lifeloc EV30 and FC Series devices require manual adjustment. The PX6.0BT does not as it has an internal Barometric Pressure Sensor.

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carbonless manifold DOT alcohol testing forms.

The regulation <u>does not state</u> that DOT breath alcohol tests may be completed on copies of a DOT Alcohol Testing Form or on Non-DOT Alcohol Testing Forms.

Note: When completing mock testing during the certification process, it is important to follow the same guidelines outlined in the regulations for everyday testing.

Read DOT Part 40.225 Now

## Did you know?

Lifeloc and our network of Certified Master Trainers offer various live training programs including:

Breath Alcohol Technician Calibration & Operator (C-LOCT) Train the Trainer Urine Specimen Collector Oral Fluids Collector (coming soon) Designated Employer Representative (DER) Reasonable Suspicion for Supervisors

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