

# Standards Department Advisory

## Updated Demonstration of Skills Testing (DOST) Process Guidelines

**Notice Date:** May 19, 2026

**Subject:** Modernization of the DOST Process and Fee Structure

**Original Effective Date:** June 15, 2026

### 1. Executive Summary & Rationale

We are pleased to announce the first comprehensive update to the DOST process since 2007.

Over the last 18 years, industry demands and operational costs have evolved significantly. As we transition all exam responsibilities to Skilled Trades Ontario, we are also updating our testing standards to align with current best practices. These changes are essential to ensure the sustainability of our testing centres, streamline invoicing for stakeholders and maintain consistent, high-quality evaluation for all candidates.

### 2. Standardized Invoicing Structure

Effective **January 1, 2026**, the following fee structure will apply to all DOST administrations. Please note that these fees are standardized to ensure transparency across all regions.

Part	339A	339B	339C
Hand Signals	\$120	\$120	\$120
Load Charts			
DOST	\$375	\$375	\$300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$495</b>	<b>\$495</b>	<b>\$420</b>

**Payment Notice:** All testing fees are to be handled and processed directly by the approved testing centres. Please do not send payments to Skilled Trades Ontario nor other non-approved entity.

### 3. Testing Centres Contact Information

To schedule a test or inquire about specific site availability, please contact the approved testing centres below:

- **Durham College**  
Email: [apprenticeship@durhamcollege.ca](mailto:apprenticeship@durhamcollege.ca)
- **Foran's Training Inc.**  
Email: [foran@forancranes.ca](mailto:foran@forancranes.ca)
- **HITE Services Ltd.**  
Email: [info@hiteservices.com](mailto:info@hiteservices.com)
- **Operating Engineers Training Institute of Ontario (OETIO)**  
Email: [jwong@oetio.com](mailto:jwong@oetio.com)

### 4. Important Policy Update: Re-attempt Protocols

Please be advised of the strict new policy regarding repeated failures, instituted to ensure candidates are adequately prepared before attempting the examination process.



#### **Re-attempt Policy**

If a Candidate fails any of the DOST parts (1, 2, and/or 3) **on more than two occasions**—regardless of whether these attempts occur at the same or different testing centres—they will be required to wait **one full calendar year** prior to re-attempting the DOST.