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**THEORY TESTING**  
**EXPIRATION DATES**

(Applies to all Bulletin. tape exam except zero rating)

In theory testing the slow down comes in part from making the student pass a test on the entire bulletin even though he or she did not flunk until the last paragraph. Retesting the entire bulletin is both time-wasting and exasperating.

Therefore bulletin and tape tests are given an Expiration Date. If retaken in one week, the only part examined is from the area flunked onward. If, however, the bulletin or tape is retaken *after* a period of one week the *entire* material is retested.

The Examiner, when a student flunks, marks the *student's* bulletin or tape notes with an initial and a date just above the area of the first flunk. The Examiner may go a question or two above the question flunked to enter the date and initial. No other record is made.

If the student is re-examined on a date before the date marked plus seven (within one week) the Examiner only asks questions from the date mark onward.

It does not matter how many flunks are given or how many weeks a bulletin or tape exam is extended so long as no period of seven days elapses between tests. If such a period does elapse (date written + 7 days) only then does the whole material get examined.

The reason for this Expiration Date is this: students are often very poor administrators. They take a bulletin or tape, study it and flunk it, throw it aside and take up another one. Finally they have gone through all the course materials in this fashion and have nothing on their check sheets and nothing but failure in their studies. By introducing the Expiration Date they are persuaded to complete that which they begin.

As students have to go to the end of the examination line, popping back in for the next bit a minute later is unworkable. Further an Examiner seeing that a student is trying to pass an examination with one question passed at a time can always exercise his right to assure himself the student knows the materials by a spot examination of the whole bulletin or tape before granting a pass.

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