

Is an Early Class for You?

Many API classes are offered the week before the API exam. At MSTs we like to offer our API classes a few weeks prior to the API exam. Occasionally, some inspectors will ask why we don't offer all our classes the week before the exam. Our answer is, ***“Early class dates give inspectors the opportunity to achieve their highest possible score on the API exam.”***

Here are a few specifics on why we like API classes a few weeks prior to the API exam:

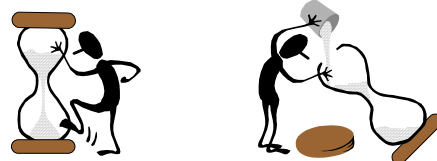
1. ***Lack of Study before Class!*** We recommend a total of 150 - 200 hrs of study (including class time) to prepare for an API exam. Most inspectors don't do enough study before class. With class a few weeks before the API exam, inspectors have a chance to complete the necessary study.
2. ***So much to Memorize!*** There is a tremendous amount to memorize when preparing for an API exam (over 500 facts). Most inspectors need time after class to get all these facts processed and memorized.
3. ***Brain Saturation!*** By Friday's class the inspector has "lost" some of the "learnings" from the first days of class. With class a few weeks before the API exam, inspectors have time to recapture all they learned by reviewing the homework, class manual, & codes.
4. ***Recovery Time!*** What if an inspector does poorly on the class exam? If the class is the week before the API exam this inspector is in trouble. But with class a couple of weeks before the API exam, inspectors have plenty of time to work on "problem" areas.

5. ***Class is Tiring!*** An API class is a tough week and is physically, mentally and emotionally draining. Sit all day, at least 2 hrs of homework every evening, and probably eat more than we should. That's not the right physical condition for taking the API exam. Getting home and refreshing prior to the API exam, helps the inspector be at peak performance on exam day

There are a few students that do benefit from having an API class the week before the API exam. These are:

1. ***Rough Work Schedule:*** For example, an inspector returns from class and works 7-12's on a turnaround. There is no time to continue their studies. (Note! This is not the right time for an API exam!)
2. ***Major Procrastinator:*** The one who intends to "pick up the books", but never gets around to it, will do better with the class the week before the exam. (Note! This is not the right character quality for an API inspector!)
3. ***Long Distance Traveler:*** Someone who lives far from both a class site and an API exam site may save travel expenses by having the class the week prior to the exam.

We have had a number of inspectors who failed the class exam and ended up with good scores on the API exam. Why? They took the time available after class to invest in improving themselves. Today these certified inspectors are proud of their scores. Without time after the training class great improvements in exam scores are very difficult to achieve.



NOT ENOUGH TIME? ADD TIME BY ATTENDING OUR EARLY TRAINING CLASSES!