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SOMB Standard	Standards and Guidelines for Adult Sexual Offender Management Practice Section 4 Post-Conviction Sex Offender Polygraph Examinations and Examiners Subsection II: Adopted Standards for Post-Conviction Sex Offender Polygraph Testing Standard 5.7.2 Number of exams per examinee	

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Purpose: Clarify number of exams that can be conducted by the same examiner on the same examinee per year to guard against examinee habituation and familiarization between polygraph examiners and defendants being examined.

Current SOMB Standard 5.7.2: Number of exams per examinee. Offenders will not take more than (4) tests per calendar year for maintenance purposes except for re-tests. Does not include testing for sexual history, etc. that may occur the same year.

SOMB Guidance and Recommendation: To safeguard against examinee habituation and familiarization between the examiner and subject, it is recommended that the polygraph examiner not conduct more than four (4) consecutive CPE's of the same type (i.e. maintenance tests) on any post-conviction sex offender. A re-examination over previously examined issues where no opinion was formed would not be considered a separate session, but may be defined as a "re-test."

Evidence to Support Guidance and Recommendation: In September 2021, the APA adopted revisions to its Model Policy for Post-Conviction Sex Offender Tests, including amendments to Section 5.7.2 which now reads as follows:

"5.7.2 Number of exams per examinee. Because of the risks of familiarization and other possible retest effects, examiners should not conduct more than four consecutive examinations per year with the same examiner. This does not include re-testing due to a lack of resolution from an earlier examination."

The SOMB has incorporated by reference the American Polygraph Association "Standards of Practice" and "Code of Ethics" under IDAPA 57.01.01.003.02. In addition, the SOMB requires examiners to adhere to any standards and guidelines regarding PSCOT polygraph examinations adopted by the APA. See Standards and Guidelines for Adult Sexual Offender Management Practice, Section 4.I.A(b).

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