

Basic Machining Certification (Endorsed by FANUC)

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Test Type: This assessment measures general knowledge of the machining industry, and the common processes, terminology, and careers in the industry. This assessment offers a written (multiple-choice) assessment and separate performance tests for milling and turning and can be used at the secondary level, post-secondary level, workforce development centers and businesses. This written (multiple-choice) assessment is delivered online. The performance assessments must be evaluated in a lab or shop.



48.0501 Machine Tool
Technology/Machinist



Science, Technology,
Engineering, and Mathematics



51-4011.00 Computer-Controlled Machine
Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic

Written Assessment

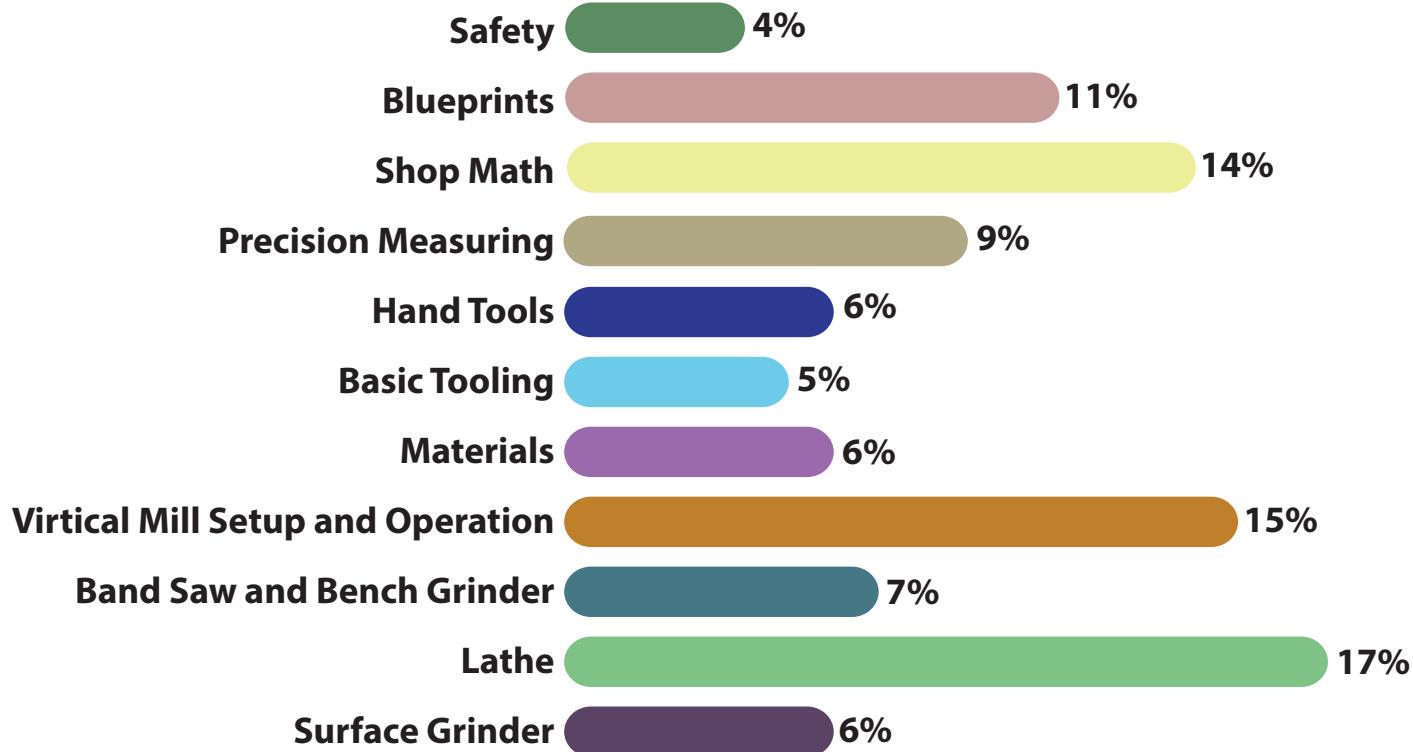
Written assessments consist of questions to measure an individual's factual theoretical knowledge.

Administration Time: 3 hours

Number of Questions: 125

Number of Sessions: This assessment may be administered in one, two, or three sessions.

Areas Covered



Specific Standards and Competencies Included in this Assessment

Safety

- Identify and appropriately use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Identify environmental and safety considerations established by the EPA, OSHA, and listed in SDS

Blueprints

- Describe basic print layout
- Identify blueprint lines
- Demonstrate knowledge of dimensioning
- Describe first and third angle projections
- Identify Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing (GD&T) symbols

Shop Math

- Calculate math related to blueprint dimensions and tolerances
- Calculate basic math (e.g., adding, subtracting, fractions, decimals)
- Calculate shop formulas (e.g., speeds, feeds, conversions)

Precision Measuring

- Describe applications and interpret readings of micrometers and calipers
- Identify and interpret dial indicator readings
- Describe surface plates/gage blocks and know application

Hand Tools

- Identify deburring tools and their applications
- Describe basic tools used for machining (e.g., wrenches, ratchet)

Basic Tooling

- Identify types of machining tools
- Describe cutting geometry (angles) and insert tools
- Identify types of tool materials (e.g., high speed steel, carbide)

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Specific Standards and Competencies (continued)

Materials

- Describe ferrous and non-ferrous materials
- Identify characteristics of stainless steel
- Describe material properties of carbon steel and alloys

Vertical Mill Setup and Operation

- Explain safe principles of mill operation
- Identify parts and mill operation
- Select and maintain appropriate tools
- Explain various workholding methods (e.g., mill vise, table set-ups, angle plates)
- Set up milling machines (e.g., head alignment, vise alignment, tool holder selection)
- Perform milling operations (e.g., pocketing, slotting, hole-making, peripheral and face milling)

Band Saw and Bench Grinder

- Describe saw and grinder safety practices
- Determine blade selection and cutting speed
- Describe proper grinder wheel selection

Lathe

- Explain safe principles of lathe operation
- Identify parts and lathe operation
- Select and maintain appropriate lathe tools
- Set up lathe machines (e.g., tail stock, rest, and chuck selection)
- Perform lathe operations (e.g., turning, facing, threading, boring, grooving)

Surface Grinder

- Describe surface grinder operation
- Identify wheel selection and dressing (surface finish)
- Determine proper use of magnetic chuck and workholding

Sample Questions

Store oily rags in fireproof containers with self-sealing lids to prevent

- A. odors from escaping
- B. oil from leaking on the floor
- C. a combustion hazard
- D. slips and falls

What is the difference of 8-3/16 inches - 0.4375 inches?

- A. 6-7/8 inches
- B. 7.375 inches
- C. 7-5/8 inches
- D. 7.75 inches

A safety consideration when operating a mill is to

- A. blow chips with compressed air
- B. never reach around rotating tools or clear chips by hand
- C. never lubricate the machine before operation
- D. wear hard hat and reflective vest

On a lathe, the half-nut lever is primarily used to

- A. cut threads
- B. engage the cross-feed slide
- C. face the part
- D. move the tail stock

If a grinding wheel becomes glazed, the operator should

- A. true the wheel
- B. apply less pressure
- C. dress the wheel
- D. apply more pressure