

I would say that this test is no JOKE. You work your butt off for three months with no guarantees of passing what so ever. This test is so draining; I still can't pick up a book to start studying for the April exam. If you think you are going to get a new career and make a change by just studying 3 to 6 months, guess again. If you want to be a CPA, engineer, teacher, it takes time to get the knowledge to go into that field. LTS get's you ready, but until you experience the test, you have *no idea*. There is a 5% pass rate for first timers for a reason. The thing that made me angry was this: The test is so hard to begin with, then the CBP puts in trick questions or re-words them to be the opposite. Pay attention, or you will fall into their trap.

Do NOT take the practice tests until you are totally ready to do so. Do NOT study drawback and then go through all of the past test to see how much you know about drawback. These tests are your only benchmark to see where you are at in your studies. If you can't complete them in four hours, then you are not ready.

If you pay for the on-line instructor, ask them every question you can. If you don't understand, ask. If you go the training class and you don't understand, ask them stay after and explain-they will offer to do this, *so take advantage of the offer*. I didn't do it and regret it to this day. I'm weak on valuation and still am after taking the test.

Find a person in your area taking the test and team up with them. Having someone familiar in the same room going through the same thing you are is priceless. Study with them prior if possible.

The CFR is a two bladed sword. You start reading when you get it and it puts you to sleep. I tried and couldn't do it. After taking the LTS class and thinking I was ready, I remember wishing I had the one more month just to read the CFR's with the knowledge I gained over the 3 month period. So, take the LTS class, then allow yourself a couple of weeks to go through and re-read the CFR.

Don't freak when you start the test. I struggled with the first question and couldn't even find the answers to questions 5 and 6. If I didn't keep it together, I would have been toast. Keep plugging away and at worst case guess. I guessed on about 20 questions or didn't feel confident with the answers I gave and missed by one question. But, I at least answered all questions.

I would rather miss by 10 than one. Can you not pass by one on the first try and possibly do worse on the second try? Talk about more pressure.

I will say this. I am more determined now to get my license and will definitely try again. Getting this piece of paper is means something to me. If you pass, you have worked hard to earn it.