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Exams used to upgrade skill level certifications within a career field, while being written by personnel knowledgeable in the subject matter, were administered by individuals assigned to a base's Career Development Test and Evaluation department who did not necessarily have any knowledge of the subject matter being tested; they administered exams for any career field.

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