

State-of-the-art identification

Palm vein pattern recognition



Pearson Professional Centers (PPCs) and Pearson VUE® Authorized Test Center (PVTC) Selects around the world are equipped with advanced palm vein recognition technology.

This state-of-the-art system offers a comprehensive level of security for examination programs that is quick and simple to use. Palm vein recognition examines the unique patterns in your palm veins using a safe, near-infrared light source like that in a TV remote control. This new technology is fast, highly accurate and secure, with many safeguards built in to protect your privacy and is virtually impossible to forge.

Why is Pearson VUE using palm vein technology?

Pearson VUE is using palm vein recognition because it offers a form of positive identification that is much more accurate than older identity verification technologies, such as digital fingerprinting. Palm vein recognition allows Pearson VUE to accurately identify people trying to take exams under assumed tester identities. By preventing proxy testers, the technology helps Pearson VUE maintain the integrity of our clients' examinations which maintains the value of your credential.

How does the palm vein recognition system work, and how do I use it?

Palm vein recognition works by scanning the veins inside of your hand and creating a digital template that represents your vein pattern. To use the system, place your hand on the device as shown in the photo. Palm vein patterns are unique to each individual — even identical twins have different patterns.

What can I expect at the testing center, and how will my vein pattern be used?

You will have your palm vein patterns scanned when you arrive at the testing center to check in for your exam. Your pattern will also be matched when you return to the testing room after a break. Your palm vein patterns will also be compared with those of other candidates to allow Pearson VUE to find people who may have tested under multiple names or identities. After you finish taking your exam, your scan is sent via encrypted transmission with your test results to Pearson VUE. Your vein pattern template is stored separately from other information about you in the system.