

ALAT Training Manual Comparison: 1998 and 2009 editions

The table below identifies where the content of the 1998 *ALAT Training Manual* is incorporated into the 2009 ALAT edition and the next edition of the *LAT Training Manual* (in production). You will see that many topics are in a new location in the manual, while other topics will be in the next LAT manual. For example, “An Introduction to Science” is Chapter Three in the 1998 version, but the corresponding chapter in the 2009 version is Chapter 15, “Introduction to Science and Metrics.” Cells, tissues, organs, and organ systems were covered in Chapters 4 and 5 of the 1998 version; this information was removed from the 2009 ALAT manual to be incorporated in the next edition of the LAT manual. The 2009 ALAT manual also contains some new topics, including disaster planning, biological safety cabinets, waste management, and drug storage.

If you are unable to purchase the 2009 *ALAT Training Manual*, it is possible to study and pass the ALAT certification exam using the 1998 version of the manual. Questions covering new 2009 *ALAT Training Manual* content do appear on the current certification exam, but these are only pretest questions that do not count toward the exam score. Until 2011, only questions on material included in both the 1998 and 2009 manual editions count towards your ALAT exam score.

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