**My words of wisdom:** You must be committed in your studying. I worked a 40-hr sometimes plus work week, and actually put in anywhere from 22 to 30 hours of studying (the workbook, reading the CFR, and the quizzes) for almost 2 months solid.

You can figure that each chapter will take a minimum of 4 hours of reading (which includes the workbook and then the CFR). When you get up to Chapter 15, it will take much more! Classifications took about 12-15 hours to get through.

Therefore, you must set time aside each day and part of your weekend in studying and doing the quizzes. What worked for me, since I did pass the Oct 2007 exam (and on my first try, I would like to say!) is to be consistent by first reading the textbook, then reading the appropriate CFR portion. After you take the chapter quiz, do the previous test questions in the workbook. Then go to the quiz site in the computer and take the chapter test, again. Once you receive your "WRONG" responses back, go to the CFR where the correct answer is and re-read it. Then, you can move on to the next chapter.

It worked for me! Now what I find very surprising is that it will take 8 to 12 months to complete the background check before I get my license!