Office of Education and Data Management Testing Policies

For All Building Code Licensure Quarterly Exams

A passing score of 65% for each exam section is required, as well as an overall passing score of 75% for Building Code Official licensure and 70% for all other licenses. (See chart below.)

If a candidate for Building Official, Assistant Building Official or Plan Review Technician achieves the Minimum Overall Score, but fails to earn 65% on up to two of the Code Book Section exams, s/he will be required to retake only the section(s) scored at less than 65%. If the candidate fails to earn 65% on three of the Code Book Section exams, s/he will be required to retake the entire exam.

For all other building exams, if a candidate achieves the Minimum Overall Score, but fails to earn 65% on one of the Code Book Section exams, s/he will be required to retake only the section(s) scored at less than 65%. If the candidate fails to earn 65% on more than one of the Code Book Section exams, s/he will be required to retake the entire exam.

If any candidate fails to achieve the overall passing score, even if earning 65% or above on any of the Code Book Section exams, s/he will be required to retake the entire test.

There is a 30-day waiting period from the date of your exam before you can take the exam again. Please note that you are allowed to take an examination only four (4) times in a two year period, including Code Book Section Exams.

Licensure Exam Title	Test Duration	Number of Questions	Minimum Code Book Section Score	Minimum Overall Score	Code Books
Building Official	6 hrs	122	65%	75%	Codebooks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Assistant Building Official	5 hrs, 30 min	112	65%	70%	Codebooks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Residential Building Inspector	3 hrs, 45 min	76	65%	70%	Codebooks 1, 5, 6
Plan Review Technician	4 hrs, 45 min	96	65%	70%	Codebooks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Mechanical Inspector	3 hrs, 45 min	76	65%	70%	Codebooks 1, 2, 3, 4, 6
Electrical Inspector	3 hrs, 45 min	76	65%	70%	Codebooks 1, 5, 6
Plumbing Inspector	3 hrs, 45 min	76	65%	70%	Codebooks 1, 2, 4, 6
Heating & Cooling Inspector	3 hrs, 45 min	76	65%	70%	Codebooks 1, 2, 3, 6
Construction Inspector	3 hrs, 45 min	76	65%	70%	Codebooks 1, 2, 6, 7

Corresponding codebooks referenced in the above chart

Book 1: 2009 International Residential Code
Book 2: 2003 International Building Code
Book 3: 2003 International Mechanical Code
Book 4: 2003 International Plumbing Code
Book 5: 2011 National Electric Code
Book 6: 2009 International Energy Conservation Code
Book 7: 2003 International Existing Building Code
Book 8: ICC/ANSI A117.1-2003 Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities

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