

Preparing for the Exam

Once CSLB reviews and accepts your application, your examination eligibility will be provided to PSI, our contracted third-party vendor, for scheduling of your examination appointment. The *qualifying individual* must pass two exams: a specific trade and the Law & Business exam.



About the Exam

- ✘ All exams are multiple choice.
- ✘ Some questions may refer to a diagram or drawing.
- ✘ The exam is taken on a computer.
- ✘ You will receive your exam results immediately.
- ✘ All exam questions are written and reviewed by licensed contractors who actively work in the field.

Where Can I Take the Exam?

PSI administers CSLB exams at 20 locations around California, and Wilsonville, Oregon. The qualifier can pay to schedule their own examinations at the locations and date of their choice. More information can be found by contacting PSI at (877) 392-6422 or <https://test-takers.psiexams.com/cacon>.

The Law and Business exam and a few trade exams are available outside of California in the following states: Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and Virginia. When you go to schedule your exam with PSI you may search for the test center closest to you and see if your trade exam is available there yet.

Retaking the Exam

You have 18 months to pass the exams once CSLB determines that your application is acceptable. During that time, you may take the exam an unlimited number of times, though you must wait 21 calendar days after each attempt before you may test again. A re-examination fee is required and must be paid to PSI.

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You are not required to go to school to take or pass the exam, and there are no schools or application preparation services that are officially affiliated with CSLB.

CSLB's website has study guides for each trade exam it offers, as well as the Law & Business exam: cslb.ca.gov/Contractors/Applicants/Examination_Study_Guides.

Study guides include:

- An overview of the exam content
- Suggested test strategy
- Sample exam questions
- Resources for further study

Special Accommodations

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), CSLB provides applicants with ADA-compliant accommodations for taking the examinations. Applicants requesting accommodation must complete the "Accommodation Request for Examination" form (Form 13E-77) and submit it with their application. Verification by a medical authority or learning institution may also be required.

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Translators

If you have difficulty understanding or reading English, CSLB allows you to bring a translator (approved by CSLB in advance) to read the exam for you. Once your translator is approved, PSI will contact you to assist with scheduling.

Spanish versions of 10 exams are available, including:

- Law and Business
- B – General Building
- C-8 – Concrete
- C-9 – Drywall
- C-15 – Flooring and Floor Covering
- C-27 – Landscaping
- C-33 – Painting and Decorating
- C-36 – Plumbing
- C-39 – Roofing
- C-54 – Ceramic and Mosaic Tile

Candidates requesting translators for those exams are required to take the Spanish versions.

The content, format, and exam plan of the English and Spanish exams are the same. However, the Spanish language exams also include a toggle option such that the candidate can see the English version of the question as well. While they are reading the question and answers in Spanish, they can click a button to the right of the screen to see an English language version of the question if needed.