



CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD LICENSE EXAMINATION STUDY GUIDE



FLOORING AND FLOOR COVERING (C-15)

Content of the Examination

The Flooring and Floor Covering (C-15) Examination is divided into seven major sections:

1. Planning and Estimating (20%)

- Evaluating plans and specifications
- Evaluating material characteristics
- Performing job-related calculations
- Evaluating job site readiness

2. Subfloor Evaluation, Preparation, and Material Acclimation (24%)

- Removing existing flooring
- Evaluating and preparing subfloor for installation
- Testing subfloor for moisture
- Installing underlayments
- Material acclimation

3. Carpet Installation (10%)

- Installing tack strip, cushions, and trim
- Cutting and laying out carpet
- Seaming and sealing carpet
- Installing carpet
- Installing and replacing moldings, etc.

4. Resilient and Rubber Flooring Installation (13%)

- Cutting and/or laying out sheet goods for installation
- Using adhesives
- Rolling and sealing sheet goods
- Installing laminate, trim, and transitions

5. Laminate Flooring Installation (8%)

- Cutting and laying out laminates
- Installing laminate, trim, and transitions

6. Wood Flooring Installation (11%)

- Performing moisture tests
- Cutting and laying out wood
- Installing wood flooring and trim
- Filling and sanding wood
- Finishing wood

7. Safety (14%)

- Applying personal safety procedures
- Applying job safety procedures
- Operating tools and equipment safely
- Safe handling and disposal of products

Percentages are approximate

Test Site Policy

This is a closed-book examination. No reference materials may be used during the examination. All materials brought to the examination site must be left in an unmonitored area at your own risk.

Test Strategy

This is a multiple-choice examination with four choices per question. Examination questions are written to provide only one BEST answer. Some questions require mathematical computation. A calculator will be provided.

There is no penalty for guessing. If you are unsure about a particular question, it is better to try to answer the question than to leave the question blank.

Plenty of time is provided to answer all examination questions, so be sure to read each question and its four choices completely and carefully before selecting the BEST possible answer to the question.

Sample Questions

Below are three typical examination questions.
The correct answer is marked with an asterisk (*).

1. What is the square footage of a room that measures 23' long x 18' wide x 8' high?
 - a. 368 sq. ft.
 - b. 414 sq. ft.*
 - c. 1,104 sq. ft.
 - d. 3,312 sq. ft.
2. What procedure should be used when the contractor finds a bump in the concrete substrate?
 - a. Install over it.
 - b. Use more adhesive.
 - c. Smooth the area with floor fill.
 - d. Grind the bump down to level it.*
3. Which of the following hardwood surface finishes would be BEST for kitchen floors?
 - a. Spar varnish
 - b. Acrylic wax
 - c. Low gloss varnish
 - d. Urethane*

All questions are written and reviewed by licensed contractors who are actively working in the trade

Resources

Publisher information for reference books and code is provided below. Other sources for reference books may be found online.

California code books can be viewed online:
www.dgs.ca.gov/bsc

Armstrong Guaranteed Installation System Manual F-5061. Armstrong Flooring.
PHONE: (888) 276-7876
INTERNET: www.armstrongflooring.com

CRI Carpet Installation Standards. The Carpet and Rug Institute, Inc.
PHONE: (706) 278-3176
INTERNET: www.carpet-rug.org

NWFA Technical Guidelines & Publications.

National Wood Flooring Association.

PHONE: (800) 422-4556

INTERNET: www.nwfa.org

Installation Brochures. Congoleum Corporation.

PHONE: (609) 584-3601

INTERNET: www.congoleum.com

State of California General Industry & Electrical Safety Orders (Cal/OSHA) and State of California Construction & Electrical Safety Orders (Cal/OSHA). 2022. California Code of Regulations, Title 8. Mancomm.

PHONE: (877) 626-2666

INTERNET: www.mancomm.com

VIEW ONLINE:

www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/LawsAndRegulations.htm

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