



## CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD LICENSE EXAMINATION STUDY GUIDE



### LATHING AND PLASTERING (C-35)

#### Content of the Examination

The Lathing and Plastering (C-35) Examination is divided into four major sections:

#### 1. Planning and Estimating (18%)

- Interpret plans and specifications
- Estimate material, equipment and labor
- Inspect job sites

#### 2. Lath Preparation and Installation (22%)

- Coordinate lath and plaster installation
- Prepare substrates
- Install lathing materials
- Seal penetrations

#### 3. Plaster/Stucco Preparation, Installation, and Repair (40%)

- Mix and apply scratch and brown coats
- Install plaster/stucco systems
- Repair plaster/stucco installations
- Install specialty plaster/stucco installations
- Clean up job sites

#### 4. Safety (20%)

- Personnel safety
- Job site safety
- Cal/OSHA laws and regulations
- Personnel protective equipment

*\*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 underlined.

1. How many square yards of plaster will be required to plaster fifteen 12' high x 3' wide decorative panels?
  - a. 540 sq. yds.
  - b. 180 sq. yds.
  - c. 120 sq. yds.
  - d. 60 sq. yds.
2. What is the recommended mixing time when using a mixer to prepare plastic portland cement plaster for a brown coat?
  - a. 1 - 2 minutes
  - b. 3 - 5 minutes
  - c. 18 - 24 minutes
  - d. 25 - 30 minutes
3. According to Cal/OSHA, the top handrail around scaffolding should be at what MINIMUM height?
  - a. 36"
  - b. 38"
  - c. 42"
  - d. 48"

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

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## 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](http://www.dgs.ca.gov/bsc)***

**2019 California Building Code.** California Code of Regulations, Title 24. International Code Council.  
PHONE: (800) 786-4452  
INTERNET: [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org)

**2019 California Residential Code.** California Code of Regulations, Title 24. International Code Council.  
PHONE: (800) 786-4452  
INTERNET: [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org)

### ***Builder's Guide to Stucco, Lath & Plaster.***

Builder's Book, Inc.

PHONE: (800) 275-2665

INTERNET: [www.buildersbook.com](http://www.buildersbook.com)

### ***Gypsum Construction Handbook.*** U.S.

Gypsum Corporation.

PHONE: (800) 950-3839

INTERNET: [www.usg.com](http://www.usg.com)

### ***Plaster & Drywall Assemblies Manual.*** Walls & Ceilings.

PHONE: (248) 362-3700

INTERNET: [www.wconline.com](http://www.wconline.com)

### ***Portland Cement Plaster/Stucco Manual.***

Portland Cement Association (PCA).

PHONE: (847) 966-6200

INTERNET: [www.cement.org](http://www.cement.org)

### ***State of California General Industry & Electrical Safety Orders (Cal/OSHA) and State of California Construction & Electrical Safety Orders (Cal/OSHA). 2019.*** California Code of Regulations, Title 8. Mancomm.

PHONE: (877) 626-2666

INTERNET: [www.mancomm.com](http://www.mancomm.com)

VIEW ONLINE:

[www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/LawsAndRegulations.htm](http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/LawsAndRegulations.htm)

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