

# Preparing for the Exam

Once CSLB reviews and accepts your application, you will be contacted to schedule your exams. The *qualifying individual* must pass two exams: the law and business exam and a specific trade 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, with a touchscreen.
- ✂ You will receive your exam results immediately.
- ✂ All exam questions are written and reviewed by licensed contractors who actively work in the field.

## 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. Your exam date will be scheduled on a special translator testing date.

## Where Can I Take the Exam?

CSLB has eight testing centers:

- Berkeley
- San Bernardino
- Fresno
- San Diego
- Norwalk
- San Jose
- Oxnard
- Sacramento

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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 and business exam: [www.cslb.ca.gov/Contractors/Applicants/Examination\\_Study\\_Guides/](http://www.cslb.ca.gov/Contractors/Applicants/Examination_Study_Guides/).

### Study guides include:

- An overview of the exam content
- Testing policies and if the exam is open or closed book
- Suggested test strategy
- Sample exam questions
- Resources for further study

## Retaking the Exam

You have 18 months after CSLB determines that your application is acceptable to pass the exams. During that time, you may take the exam an unlimited number of times, though you must wait three weeks between taking and retaking an exam, and there is a \$60 fee each time you reschedule an exam.