



## 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 Estimation (26%)

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

#### 2. Subfloor Evaluation and Preparation (17%)

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

#### 3. Carpet Installation (14%)

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

#### 4. Resilient Goods and Rubber Flooring Installation (12%)

- Cutting and/or laying out sheet goods for installation
- Using adhesives
- Preparing subfloor for installation
- 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 (10%)

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

#### 7. Safety (13%)

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

*\*Percentages are approximate\**

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#### 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.

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#### 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. When installing carpet on stairs, in which direction should the pile point?
  - a. Any direction
  - b. Toward the left
  - c. Up the stairs
  - d. Down the stairs
  
2. What procedure should be used when the contractor finds a hump in the concrete substrate?
  - a. Install over it.
  - b. Use more adhesive.
  - c. Smooth the area with floor fill.
  - d. Grind the hump 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\**

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

***The Anderson Family of Brands Encyclopedia.*** Anderson Hardwood Floors, Inc.  
PHONE: (864) 833-6250  
INTERNET: [www.andersonfloors.com](http://www.andersonfloors.com)

***Armstrong Guaranteed Installation Systems.*** Armstrong World Industries, Inc.  
PHONE: (800) 233-3823  
INTERNET: [www.armstrong.com](http://www.armstrong.com)

***CRI Carpet Installation Standard.*** The Carpet and Rug Institute, Inc.  
PHONE: (706) 278-3176  
INTERNET: [www.carpet-rug.org](http://www.carpet-rug.org)

***NWFA Technical Manual.*** National Wood Flooring Association.  
PHONE: (800) 422-4556  
INTERNET: [www.nwfa.org](http://www.nwfa.org)

***Pergo Installation Essentials Guide For Laminate Flooring.*** Pergo, Inc.  
PHONE: (800) 337-3746  
INTERNET: [www.pergo.com](http://www.pergo.com)

***Professional Installation Guide.*** Congoleum Corporation.  
PHONE: (800) 934-3567  
INTERNET: [www.congoleum.com](http://www.congoleum.com)

***State of California General Industry & Electrical Safety Orders (Cal/OSHA) and State of California Construction & Electrical Safety Orders (Cal/OSHA). 2015.*** California Code of Regulations, Title 8. Mancomm.  
PHONE: (877) 626-2666  
INTERNET: [www.mancomm.com](http://www.mancomm.com)

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