



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 (27%)**
 - Evaluate plans and specifications
 - Evaluate material characteristics
 - Perform job-related calculations
 - Evaluate job site readiness
- 2. Subfloor Evaluation and Preparation (15%)**
 - Remove existing flooring
 - Evaluate and prepare subfloor for installation
 - Correct subfloor for installation
 - Test sub-floor for moisture
 - Install underlayments
- 3. Carpet Installation (11%)**
 - Evaluate carpeting
 - Install tack strips, cushions, and trims
 - Cut and lay out carpet
 - Seam, seal, stretch and tuck carpet
- 4. Resilient Goods and Rubber Flooring Installation (11%)**
 - Evaluate sheet goods
 - Cut and/or lay out sheet goods for installation
 - Use adhesives
 - Prepare sub-floor for installation
 - Roll and seal sheet goods
 - Install trim moldings and transitions
- 5. Laminate Flooring Installation (8%)**
 - Evaluate laminates
 - Cut and lay out laminates

- Install laminate and laminate trims and transitions

6. Wood Flooring Installation (14%)

- Evaluate wood materials
- Perform moisture tests
- Cut and lay out wood
- Install wood flooring and trims
- Fill and sand wood
- Finish wood

7. Job Site Safety (14%)

- Apply personal safety procedures
- Apply job safety procedures
- Operate tools and equipment safely
- Handle and dispose of products safely

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. Some questions require mathematical computation. Examination questions are written to provide only one BEST answer and are NOT written as trick questions.

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.

Ample 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

The following questions are typical of the types of items that are on the examination. The correct answer is marked with “➡.”

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 field

Resources

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

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

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

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

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

Professional Installation Guide. Congoleum Corporation.
PHONE: (800) 934-3567
INTERNET: www.congoleum.com

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

State of California General Industry & Electrical Safety Orders (Cal/OSHA) and State of California Construction Safety Orders (Cal/OSHA). 2012. California Code of Regulations, Title 8. Mancomm.
PHONE: (877) 626-2666
INTERNET: www.mancomm.com
VIEW ONLINE:
www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/LawAndRegulations.htm

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