



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 Estimation (18%)

- Plan and specification interpretation
- Material and labor calculations
- Job site inspections

2. Preparation for Lath and Plaster Applications (20%)

- Pre-lath inspections
- Substrate preparations
- Lathing materials and their application
- Methods for sealing penetrations

3. Plaster/Stucco Installations and Repairs (42%)

- Scratch and brown coats
- Plaster/stucco installations
- Repairing plaster/stucco installations
- Specialty plaster/stucco installations

4. Safety (20%)

- Safe work practices
- Accident prevention
- Cal/OSHA laws and regulations

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 round columns with a 3' diameter?
 - a. 565 sq. yds.
 - b. 240 sq. yds.
 - c. 188 sq. yds.
 - d. 113 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

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***

2016 California Building Code. California Code of Regulations, Title 24. International Code Council.
PHONE: (800) 786-4452
INTERNET: www.iccsafe.org

Builder's Guide to Stucco, Lath, and Plaster.
Builder's Bookstore, Inc.
PHONE: (818) 887-7828
INTERNET: www.buildersbook.com

Gypsum Construction Handbook. U.S. Gypsum Corporation.
PHONE: (866) 528-7089
INTERNET: www.usg.com

Portland Cement Plaster/Stucco Manual.
Portland Cement Association.
PHONE: (847) 966-6200
INTERNET: www.cement.org

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

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