

Industry Expert Program

INDUSTRY EXPERT PROGRAM HISTORY

The Industry Expert (IE) Program was initiated in 1985 after the CSLB had experienced a complaint backlog of approximately 12,000 complaints. The backlog was, in part, directly related to CSLB investigative staff and a consumer's inability to promptly secure the services of an expert witness to render an opinion on the workmanship involved in a construction job. The concept of the program is simple:

1. A group of licensed construction experts is formed.
2. The CSLB investigator asks an industry expert to view a job and render an opinion.
3. The investigator uses industry expert opinions to assist in determining if a violation of law has occurred.

EXPERT DEFINED – California Evidence Code Section 720

- (a) A person is qualified to testify as an expert if he/she has special knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education sufficient to qualify him/her as an expert on the subject to which his testimony relates. Against the objections of a party, such special knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education must be shown before the witness may testify as an expert.
- (b) A witness' special knowledge, skill, experience, training or education may be shown by any otherwise, admissible evidence, including his own testimony.

895.3 Industry Expert Qualifications *(pending Office of Administrative Law approval)*

- (a) Each industry expert must be eligible to be qualified as an expert witness pursuant to Evidence Code Section 720.
- (b) Each licensed contractor acting as an industry expert shall meet the following minimum qualifications:
1. Meet the licensing requirements set out in Section 7019 of the Code;
 2. Have at least five (5) years of experience in the construction industry, acting as the qualifying individual on a license in the trade(s) in which he or she is rendering an opinion;
 3. Possess current knowledge of accepted trade standards in his or her area of expertise;
 4. Be able to communicate effectively, orally and in writing, as needed to prepare an expert's report and present evidence at a hearing;
 5. Shall not have been the subject of legal action by the Registrar in the past seven (7) years;
 6. Shall not have been the subject of disciplinary action by the Registrar in the past five (5) years;
 7. If necessary, attend Board training to update or refresh the expert's understanding of his or her role in the industry expert program.
- (c) The Registrar may temporarily waive the Board training requirement. If the training requirement is waived and the industry expert continues in the program, the expert must be assigned to attend training as soon as such training can reasonably be accomplished.

Authority cited: Section 7008 and 7019, Business and Professions Code. Reference cited: Section 7019, Business and Professions Code



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INDUSTRY EXPERT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name (Last)	(First)	(Middle)	(Date of Birth)
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Residence Address (Number/Street)	(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)	Telephone Number (Residence) (Area Code + #)
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Full Name of Business	FAX Number (Area Code + #)
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Your Title or Position	Tax I.D. Number	E-Mail Address (Required)
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Business Mailing Address (Number/Street)	(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)	Telephone Number (Business) (Area Code + #)
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Contractors License Number(s)	Classification(s)	Description (Type of Construction)
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EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Current valid certificates of professional or vocational competence:

Current membership in professional associations:

Other professional or vocational licenses and expiration dates:

Business, correspondence, trade or service schools:

List any arbitrator experience:

Name and Location of College or University

Course of Study

Degree

Date

Please attach the following documents if possible:

- Resume
- Education Diplomas / Degrees
- Certifications
- Achievements

I am currently a _____ in the field of _____
(licensed contractor, supervisor, foreman, journeyperson, etc.)

_____, and have worked in this field for _____.
(specialization) (number of years)

While working in the field, my time was spent performing typical tasks as indicated:

Task	Yes	No	Year Last Performed
Working with the tools of the trade			
Reading blueprints			
Estimating job costs			
Troubleshooting job-related problems			
Supervising work			
Attending seminars and/or schools			
Teaching others this trade			
Writing reports pertaining to construction problems			
Testifying as an expert			
Knowledge of material and labor costs			

Do you have any past or pending:

Construction-related restraining orders or judgments?	Yes	No
Disciplinary action by CSLB?	Yes	No
Criminal convictions?	Yes	No

If you answered "Yes" to any of the aforementioned questions, please attach an explanation for each.

If requested to act as an industry expert in a proceeding before the Registrar of Contractors, I agree not to use such status in any advertising or sales promotion. I agree that I will not enter into any contract to perform the completion or correction of any work that is subject of my inspection. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that all statements, answers, and representations in this application including all attachments are true and accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature

Date