



CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD LICENSE EXAMINATION STUDY GUIDE



MASONRY (C-29)

Content of the Examination

The Masonry (C-29) Examination is divided into seven major sections:

1. Planning and Estimation (12%)

- Scope of work
- Identify and calculate material needs
- Identify and calculate labor and equipment needs

2. Job Site Preparation (24%)

- Pre-construction activities
- Water management
- Reinforcement and bracing
- Job site preparation

3. Masonry Wall and Building Installation and Repair (16%)

- Build CMU walls and buildings
- Repair and reconstruct historical masonry structures
- Build and repair retaining walls
- Clean masonry walls and buildings

4. Decorative Masonry Installation and Repair (10%)

- Install flatwork and staircases
- Install precast masonry
- Install glass block
- Repair and clean decorative masonry

5. Masonry Veneer and Stone Installation and Repair (8%)

- Install adhered veneers
- Install anchored veneers
- Install dimensional stone veneers
- Repair and clean veneer installations

6. Fireplace, Chimney, and Barbeque Installation and Repair (11%)

- Fireplace construction requirements
- Barbeque and fire pit construction requirements

7. Safety (19%)

- Cal/OSHA safety requirements
- Elevated work
- Handling and fabrication of stone slabs
- Disposal of contaminated materials

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. While planning to pour a footing requiring six yards of concrete, the contractor overestimated the job by one yard. How should the contractor handle the excess material?
 - a. Place it in a ditch deeper than 4'.
 - b. Send it back in the delivery truck.
 - c. Ask the general contractor for direction.
 - d. Wash the excess into a local street drain.
2. What area does 550 blocks of 8" x 8" x 16" CMU cover?
 - a. 440 sq. ft.
 - b. 490 sq. ft.
 - c. 550 sq. ft.
 - d. 605 sq. ft.
3. Which of the following hazards is the greatest concern when storing gas cylinders?
 - a. Vibration
 - b. Electromagnetic static
 - c. Extended freezing weather
 - d. Undue absorption of heat

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.dgs.ca.gov/bsc

2016 Building Code Requirements and Specification for Masonry Structures.

The Masonry Society.

PHONE: (303) 939-9700

INTERNET: masonrysociety.org

2019 California Building Code. California Code of Regulations, Title 24. International Code Council.

PHONE: (800) 786-4452

INTERNET: www.iccsafe.org

2019 California Residential Code. California Code of Regulations, Title 24. International Code Council.

PHONE: (800) 786-4452

INTERNET: www.iccsafe.org

Dimension Stone Design Manual. Natural Stone Institute.

PHONE: (440) 250-9222

INTERNET: www.naturalstoneinstitute.org

Informational Guide to Grouting Masonry, 3rd Edition. Masonry Institute of America.

PHONE: (310) 257-9000

INTERNET: www.masonryinstitute.org

Masonry Design Manual. Masonry Institute of America.

PHONE: (310) 257-9000

INTERNET: www.masonryinstitute.org

Masonry Fireplace and Chimney Handbook.

Masonry Institute of America.

PHONE: (310) 257-9000

INTERNET: www.masonryinstitute.org

Masonry Veneer. Masonry Institute of America.

PHONE: (310) 257-9000

INTERNET: www.masonryinstitute.org

State of California General Industry & Electrical Safety Orders (Cal/OSHA) and State of California Construction & Electrical Safety Orders (Cal/OSHA). 2019. California Code of Regulations, Title 8. Mancomm.

PHONE: (877) 626-2666

INTERNET: www.mancomm.com

VIEW ONLINE:

www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/LawsAndRegulations.htm

Vocational Skills Training for Segmental Paver Installation. Pave Tech, Inc.

PHONE: (800) 728-3832

INTERNET: www.pavetech.com

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