



## CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD LICENSE EXAMINATION STUDY GUIDE



### ASBESTOS CERTIFICATION (ASB)

#### Content of the Examination

The Asbestos Certification (ASB) Examination is divided into five major sections:

#### 1. Planning, Estimating, and Training (22%)

- Reading plans and specifications
- Regulatory agency notification
- Estimating material, labor, equipment, and disposal
- Training requirements for employees

#### 2. Containment Area Preparation (29%)

- Area notification and signage
- Containment setup
- Utility isolation
- Negative air pressure

#### 3. Asbestos Abatement Methods and Disposal (24%)

- Encapsulation and encasement
- Contamination prevention procedures
- Asbestos-containing material transportation and disposal

#### 4. Documentation (8%)

- Health records
- Site activity records

#### 5. Safety (17%)

- Personnel and job site safety
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements
- Air sample collection

*\*Percentages are approximate\**

#### Test Policy

This is a closed-book examination. No reference materials may be used during the examination.

#### 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 marked with an asterisk (\*).

1. Which of the following describes surfacing ACM?
  - a. Material that contains more than 0.001% asbestos
  - b. Material that contains more than 0.010% asbestos
  - c. Material that contains more than 0.100% asbestos
  - d. Material that contains more than 1.000% asbestos\*
  
2. Approximately how much square footage of ACM will be removed from the walls of a 27' x 12' room with a 10'-high ceiling, 3' x 9' doorway, and 5' x 4' window?
  - a. 733 sq. ft.\*
  - b. 753 sq. ft.
  - c. 760 sq. ft.
  - d. 780 sq. ft.
  
3. When must a contractor require the use of protective clothing?
  - a. When Class II work requires removal of ACM exceeding 10 square feet
  - b. When airborne exposure exceeds the TWA and excursion limits\*
  - c. When Class II work requires removal of TSI exceeding 25 linear feet
  - d. When a negative exposure assessment is produced

*\*All questions are written and reviewed by licensed contractors who are actively working in the trade\**

## References

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

### **Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools.**

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, Part 763, Subpart E (AHERA).

INTERNET: [www.ecfr.gov](http://www.ecfr.gov)

### **California Contractors License Law & Reference Book.**

Matthew Bender & Company, Inc.

PHONE: (800) 223-1940

INTERNET: [store.lexisnexis.com](http://store.lexisnexis.com)

VIEW ONLINE:

[www.cslb.ca.gov/About\\_Us/Library/Guides\\_and\\_Publications](http://www.cslb.ca.gov/About_Us/Library/Guides_and_Publications)

### **EPA 560/5-85-024 Guidance for Controlling Asbestos-Containing Material in Buildings (Purple Book).**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

PHONE: (202) 564-4700

INTERNET: [nepis.epa.gov](http://nepis.epa.gov)

### **National Emission Standard for Asbestos.**

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, Part 61, Subpart M (NESHAP).

INTERNET: [www.ecfr.gov](http://www.ecfr.gov)

### **State of California General Industry & Electrical Safety Orders (Cal/OSHA) and State of California Construction & Electrical Safety Orders (Cal/OSHA). 2025.**

California Code of Regulations, Title 8. Mancomm.

PHONE: (877) 626-2666

INTERNET: [www.mancomm.com](http://www.mancomm.com)

VIEW ONLINE:

[www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/LawsAndRegulations.htm](http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/LawsAndRegulations.htm)

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