



CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD LICENSE EXAMINATION STUDY GUIDE



CABINET, MILLWORK AND FINISH CARPENTRY (C-6)

Content of the Examination

The Cabinet, Millwork and Finish Carpentry (C-6) Examination is divided into five major sections:

1. Planning and Estimating (20%)

- Planning cabinetry and millwork projects
- Estimating cabinetry and millwork projects

2. Cabinetry and Millwork Fabrication (24%)

- Milling cabinetry and millwork
- Assembling cabinetry and millwork
- Storing cabinetry and millwork
- Transporting cabinetry and millwork

3. Cabinet Installation (25%)

- Demolishing old cabinets
- Identifying possible hazardous materials
- Job site preparation
- Installing cabinets
- Finishing cabinets

4. Millwork Installation (16%)

- Installing millwork
- Installing stairs and mantels
- Refacing cabinets and millwork
- Installing windows and doors

5. Worker and Job Site Safety (15%)

- Personnel safety
- Job site safety
- Recycling and disposing of 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 marked with an asterisk (*).

1. What is the total board footage for a 4/4 board 4.25" wide and 11' long, adding 10% waste?
 - a. 3.90 bd. ft.
 - b. 4.29 bd. ft.*
 - c. 46.75 bd. ft.
 - d. 47.75 bd. ft.
2. Which part of a planer functions to hold down the stock and help prevent chatter?
 - a. Bed roll
 - b. Chip breaker
 - c. Sectional infeed roll
 - d. Pressure bar*
3. What sort of drill bit is BEST suited for drilling dowel holes?
 - a. Twist
 - b. Spade
 - c. Forstner
 - d. Brad point*

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

2025 California Building Code. California Code of Regulations, Title 24. International Code Council.

PHONE: (800) 786-4452
INTERNET: www.iccsafe.org

2025 California Green Building Standards Code. California Code of Regulations, Title 24. International Code Council.

PHONE: (800) 786-4452
INTERNET: www.iccsafe.org

LEAD Safety for Renovation, Repair, and Painting. Joint EPA-HUD Curriculum.

INTERNET: ehsbooks.com

VIEW ONLINE: www.epa.gov/lead

Modern Cabinetmaking. Umstattd, Davis & Molzahn. Goodheart-Willcox.

PHONE: (800) 323-0440

INTERNET: www.g-w.com

North American Architectural Woodwork Standards. Woodwork Institute and Architectural Woodwork Manufacturers Association of Canada.

PHONE: (916) 372-9943

INTERNET: www.woodworkinstitute.com

State of California General Industry & Electrical Safety Orders (Cal/OSHA) and State of California Construction & Electrical Safety Orders (Cal/OSHA). 2026. California Code of Regulations, Title 8. Mancomm.

PHONE: (877) 626-2666

INTERNET: www.mancomm.com

VIEW ONLINE:

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

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