



## CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD LICENSE EXAMINATION STUDY GUIDE



### FLOORING AND FLOOR COVERING (C-15)

#### Content of the Examination

The Flooring and Floor Covering (C-15) Examination is divided into eight major sections:

#### 1. Planning and Estimating (21%)

- Evaluating plans and specifications
- Evaluating material characteristics
- Performing job-related calculations
- Evaluating job site readiness

#### 2. Subfloor Evaluation, Preparation, and Material Acclimation (20%)

- Removing existing flooring
- Evaluating and preparing subfloor for installation
- Testing subfloor for moisture
- Installing underlayments
- Material acclimation
- Moisture mitigation

#### 3. Carpet Installation (12%)

- Installing tack strip, cushions, and trim
- Cutting and laying out carpet
- Seaming and sealing carpet
- Installing carpet
- Installing and replacing moldings, etc.

#### 4. Resilient and Rubber Flooring Installation (12%)

- Cutting and/or laying out sheet goods for installation
- Using adhesives
- Rolling and sealing sheet goods
- Installing resilient trim, and transitions

#### 5. Laminate Flooring Installation (8%)

- Cutting and laying out laminates
- Installing laminate, trim, and transitions

#### 6. Wood Flooring Installation (10%)

- Performing moisture tests
- Cutting and laying out wood
- Installing wood flooring and trim
- Filling and sanding wood
- Finishing wood

#### 7. Concrete Treatment and Synthetic Application (4%)

- Control and contain dust
- Applying synthetic finishes
- Mechanically prepare concrete surfaces

#### 8. Safety (13%)

- Applying personal safety procedures
- Applying job safety procedures
- Operating tools and equipment safely
- Safe handling and disposal of products

*\*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 answer the question than to leave the question blank.

Plenty of time is provided to answer all examination questions. Read each question and its four choices completely and carefully before selecting the BEST possible answer.

## Sample Questions

Below are three typical examination questions. The correct answer is marked with an asterisk (\*).

1. What is the square footage of a room that measures 23' long x 18' wide x 8' high?
  - a. 368 sq. ft.
  - b. 414 sq. ft.\*
  - c. 1,104 sq. ft.
  - d. 3,312 sq. ft.
2. What procedure should be used when the contractor finds a bump in the concrete substrate?
  - a. Install over it.
  - b. Use more adhesive.
  - c. Smooth the area with floor fill.
  - d. Grind the bump down to level it.\*
3. Which of the following hardwood surface finishes would be BEST for kitchen floors?
  - a. Spar varnish
  - b. Acrylic wax
  - c. Low gloss varnish
  - d. Urethane\*

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

**Armstrong Guaranteed Installation System Manual F-5061.** Armstrong Flooring.  
PHONE: (888) 276-7876  
INTERNET: [www.armstrongflooring.com](http://www.armstrongflooring.com)

**CRI Carpet Installation Standards.** The Carpet and Rug Institute, Inc.  
PHONE: (706) 278-3176  
INTERNET: [carpet-rug.org](http://carpet-rug.org)

**NWFA Technical Guidelines & Publications.** National Wood Flooring Association.  
PHONE: (800) 422-4556  
INTERNET: [nwfa.org](http://nwfa.org)

**Installation Brochures.** Congoleum Corporation.  
PHONE: (609) 584-3601  
INTERNET: [www.congoleum.com](http://www.congoleum.com)

**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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