



Office of Education and Data Management (OEDM) Testing Policy For All Building Code Enforcement Licensure Exams

An overall passing score of 75% for Building Code Official licensure and 70% for all other licenses, as well as a passing score of 65% for each exam section is required (see chart below).

If a candidate for Building Official, Assistant Building Official or Plan Review Technician achieves the Minimum Overall Score, but fails to earn 65% on up to two of the Code Book Section exams, s/he will be required to retake only the section(s) scored at less than 65%. If the candidate fails to earn 65% on three of the Code Book Section exams, s/he will be required to retake the entire exam.

For all other building exams, if a candidate achieves the Minimum Overall Score, but fails to earn 65% on one of the Code Book Section exams, s/he will be required to retake only the section(s) scored at less than 65%. If the candidate fails to earn 65% on more than one of the Code Book Section exams, s/he will be required to retake the entire exam.

An unexcused absence from an exam is equal to a score of 0% and counts as a failed exam. Candidates are allowed to take an exam only three times in a two-year period, including Code Book Section exams. Candidates must wait one calendar year after the date of the third failed exam before being admitted to sit for the exam again.

| Licensure Exam Title | Test Duration | Number of Questions | Minimum Code Book Section Score | Minimum Overall Score | Code Books |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Building Official | 6 hrs. | 125 | 65% | 75% | Codebooks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 |
| Assistant Building Official | 5 hrs., 30 min. | 115 | 65% | 70% | Codebooks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 |
| Residential Building Inspector | 4 hrs. | 80 | 65% | 70% | Codebooks 1, 5, 6 |
| Plan Review Technician | 5 hrs. | 100 | 65% | 70% | Codebooks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 |
| Mechanical Inspector | 4 hrs. | 80 | 65% | 70% | Codebooks 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9 |
| Electrical Inspector | 4 hrs. | 80 | 65% | 70% | Codebooks 1, 5, 6 |
| Plumbing Inspector | 4 hrs. | 80 | 65% | 70% | Codebooks 1, 2, 4, 9 |
| Heating & Cooling Inspector | 4 hrs. | 80 | 65% | 70% | Codebooks 1, 2, 3, 6, 9 |
| Construction Inspector | 4 hrs. | 80 | 65% | 70% | Codebooks 1, 2, 6, 7 |

Corresponding codebooks referenced in the above chart

Book 1: 2015 International Residential Code
 Book 2: 2015 International Building Code
 Book 3: 2015 International Mechanical Code
 Book 4: 2015 International Plumbing Code
 Book 5: 2017 National Electric Code

Book 6: 2015 International Energy Conservation Code
 Book 7: 2015 International Existing Building Code
 Book 8: ICC/ANSI A117.1-2009 Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities
 Book 9: 2015 NFPA 54

DAS conforms to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act in providing qualified individuals with accommodation to take exams. Contact Michael Fullerton at michael.fullerton@ct.gov or (860) 713-6437 immediately upon submitting an application for an exam to request special testing accommodations. The candidate should be prepared to provide a description and documentation of his or her specific needs.

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Office of Education and Data Management (OEDM) - Exam Information For All Building Code Enforcement Licensure Exams

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

The code-related books, Connecticut General Statutes, and Standards listed on this page form the content of the licensure examination, and applicants are required to be familiar with the appropriate material.

WHAT IS ALLOWED IN THE EXAM

- The 2018 Connecticut State Building Code Document, with Amendments
- Chapters 390, 391, 396a and 541 of the Connecticut General Statutes (copies OK)
- Applicable code books (*as referenced on the chart on the preceding page*)
 - Book 1: 2015 International Residential Code
 - Book 2: 2015 International Building Code
 - Book 3: 2015 International Mechanical Code
 - Book 4: 2015 International Plumbing Code
 - Book 5: 2017 National Electric Code (NFPA 70)
 - Book 6: 2015 International Energy Conservation Code
 - Book 7: 2015 International Existing Building Code
 - Book 8: ICC/ANSI A117.1-2009 Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities
 - Book 9: 2015 NFPA 54

Code books can be marked (tabs, annotations) to reflect the Connecticut Supplement amendments, additions and deletions. ICC commentaries and NFPA-70 Handbooks are permitted in addition to, or in lieu of, the model codes. **Code books and other reference materials are not supplied by the proctor.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

- To be admitted to the exam you must bring your acceptance letter and a photo ID (such as a Driver's License)
- The open-book exams are composed of Multiple Choice and True/False questions, for which you will need to bring at least two #2 pencils to properly fill out the answer sheet
- Separate sheets of loose paper are not allowed
- Sharing reference materials is prohibited
- There are no scheduled breaks. However, people may be allowed to use the bathrooms one at a time with the exam proctor's permission
- You may bring something to drink, but food is not allowed at the testing site
- Simple calculators are permitted, however, laptop computers and tablets are not allowed
- Cell phones must be turned off and put away

WHERE TO OBTAIN REFERENCE MATERIALS

ICC and NFPA Code Books

International Code Council, Eastern Regional Office
900 Montclair Road
Birmingham, AL 35213
(P) 888-ICC-SAFE (888-422-7233)
(P) 800-786-4452
www.iccsafe.org

Amazon
www.amazon.com

American Institute of Architects, CT Chapter
370 James Street, Suite 402
New Haven, CT 06513
(P) 203-856-2195
www.aiact.org

Connecticut Building Officials Association
www.ctbuildingofficial.org

Construction Book Express
30 Oser Avenue, Suite 500
Hauppauge, NY 11788
(P) 800-253-0541
(F) 760-734-1540
www.constructionbook.com

National Fire Protection Association
1 Batterymarch Park
Quincy, MA 02269
(P) 800-344-3555
(F) 800-593-NFPA
www.nfpa.org

Connecticut General Statutes

Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) are available by clicking on the following links:

[Chapter 390 "Architects"](#)

[Chapter 391 "Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors"](#)

[Chapter 396a "Interior Designer"](#)

[Chapter 541 Part 1 "Office of Fire & Building Safety" and Part 1a "State Building Code"](#)

They may also be obtained from OEDM at 860.713.5522, from the Office of the Secretary of the State at 860.509.6200 or from the local library.

Connecticut State Building Code

The **2018 State Building Code Document** and the Amendments can also be found on the web. Go to <https://portal.ct.gov/DAS> and type *State Building Code* into the left-hand search box. Find *Connecticut State Building Code* in the search results and follow that link.