

5 Steps to Obtaining Your North Carolina General Building Contractor's License

Step 1. Sign up for the exam.

This classification covers all types of building construction activity including but not limited to: commercial, industrial, institutional, and all types of residential building construction; covers parking decks; all site work, grading and paving of parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, curbs and gutters which are ancillary to the aforementioned types of construction; and covers the work done under the specialty classifications of (S) Concrete Construction, (S) Insulation, (S) Interior Construction, (S) Masonry Construction, (S) Roofing, (S) Metal Erection, and (S) Swimming Pools.

Submit the license application or examination request form to:

North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors
PO Box 17187
Raleigh, NC 27619
T: 919-571-4183
www.nclicensing.org

Exams are administered by PSI Exam Services. Once the Board has approved you, you will be sent an Eligibility letter. Upon receipt of this letter, you will be responsible for contacting PSI to schedule an appointment to take the examination and make exam payment arrangements. The non-refundable examination fee is \$60.

PSI will make every effort to schedule the examination site and time that is most convenient for you. Testing centers are located in Asheville, Charlotte, Fayetteville, Greenville, Raleigh, Wilmington, and Winston-Salem. For further information, you may contact PSI at:

PSI Examination Services
3210 E. Tropicana Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89121
(800) 733-9267
www.psiexams.com

North Carolina currently has no reciprocity agreements with other states for this license.

Step 2. Purchase the required books for your exam.

To find out what documents and books the State of North Carolina requires for this exam, follow this link to the list of documents and books on your state's exam page of our website. You must purchase these documents and books in preparation for the exam and bring them with you on testing day for the open book portions of the exam.

Step 3. Start studying!

To fully prepare for your exam it is best to thoroughly study the required documents and books, as well as any recommended studying materials. The amount of preparation time needed will be different for each individual. Be sure to allow yourself enough time to fully prepare for the exam.

Step 4. Follow the rules.

The following security procedures will apply during the exam:

- Cell phones, pagers, and guests are not allowed in the examination site. This policy is strictly enforced.
- Any individual papers that are not part of a paper-back, ring-binder, spiral binder, or loose leaf binder type of book, or part of a multi-paged CMR, MGL, UL, or NFPA documents as described in this section MUST be removed prior to entering the examination area.
- Non-programmable, non-printing, silent, battery-operated, non-alphabet key calculators will be permitted.
- Copies of the books and references required for the open-book portions of the exam will be admitted into the exam room. They may be tabbed or un-tabbed and may contain highlighted or underlined sections or paragraphs of the original text.

Step 5. Good luck on the exam!

It is best that you arrive at the examination site at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled exam time on the day of testing. Be sure to bring at least one form of valid picture identification that has been issued by a state or federal authority.

This exam is open book, lasts 2 and ½ hours, and is made up of 90 questions covering the following subject areas:

<u>Subject</u>	<u># of Questions</u>
Site work	6
Concrete	15
Masonry	6
Metals	15
Carpentry	7
Roofing	6
Associated Trades	3
Business and Law	7
Safety	4
Estimating, Plan Reading, and General Building Code Requirements	14
One Call	2
Erosion and sedimentation control	2
Licensing	2
Liens	1

Candidates are required to answer 70% correctly in order to pass the exam.