

## **5 Steps to Obtaining Your North Carolina Public Utilities Contractor's License**

### **Step 1. Sign up for the exam.**

This classification includes those whose operations are the performance of construction work on the following subclassifications of facilities: a) water and sewer mains and water service lines and house and building sewer lines as defined in the North Carolina State Building Code, and water storage tanks, lift stations, pumping stations, and appurtenances to water storage tanks, lift stations and pumping stations; b) Water wastewater-treatment facilities, and appurtenances thereto; c) Electrical power transmission facilities, and primary and secondary distribution facilities ahead of the point of delivery of electric service to the customer; d) Public communication distribution facilities. Within appropriate subclassification, a public utilities contractor license covers work done under the specialty classifications of S(Boring and Tunneling), (PU) Communications, (PU) Fuel Distribution, (PU) Electrical-Ahead of Point Delivery, 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](http://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](http://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 4 hours, and is made up of 100 questions covering the following subject areas:

<u>Subject</u>	<u># of Questions</u>
Excavation and Grading	6
Electrical Power Distribution	15
Fuel Distribution	12
Swimming Pools	4
Concrete and Concrete Reinforcement	12
Shotcrete and Gunite	4
Water and Sewer Piping	12
Communication Systems	3
Boring and Tunneling	4
Erosion and Sedimentation Control	2
Safety	8
Liens	1
Licensing	2
Business and Law	7
One Call	2
Welding	6

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