# U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS
## DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

## CANDIDATE INFORMATION BULLETIN
### FOR EXAMINATIONS

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EXAMINATIONS BY PSI SERVICES LLC

This Candidate Information Bulletin provides you with information about the examination and application process for becoming licensed in U.S. Virgin Islands for the following. The Board has contracted with PSI Services LLC (PSI) to conduct its examination program. PSI provides examinations through a network of computer examination centers in the Virgin Islands. All examinations are closed book except the Construction examination. Please see page 6 listing the references that are allowed.

**Barber & Cosmetology Exams**
- Barber Examination - English
- Barber Examination - Spanish
- Cosmetologist Examination - English
- Cosmetologist Examination - Spanish
- Esthetician Examination - English
- Esthetician Examination - Spanish
- Manicurist Examination - English
- Manicurist Examination - Spanish
- Manicurist Examination - Vietnamese
- Hair braiding - English

**Construction Exam**
- General Construction Exam (National & State portions)

**Certified Public Accountant Exams**
- CPA (State portion)

There is no limit to the number of times you may take the examination if you fail (except Cosmetology candidates). If the examination has 2 portions, you must pass both portions before applying for licensure.

**Important notice for Cosmetology candidates:** If you fail any part of the Cosmetology examination three times, you must reapply with the VI Board of Barbers, Beauticians and Manicurist.

**Real Estate Exams**
- Broker (National & State portions)
- Salesperson (National & State portions)

**For Real Estate Broker and Salesperson candidates:** If you fail an examination portion twice, you must wait 6 months from the last fail date before you can retest.

GUIDELINES FOR LICENSURE

Upon passing the examination, you will need to apply for your license. Please visit the department’s website at [www.dlca.vi.gov](http://www.dlca.vi.gov) and apply online. If you are a first-time user with DLCA’s online system you are considered a “New User” and will have to REGISTER to create an account and enter all required information.

**Become eligible to take the examination:**
- File a license application with the Board.
- Upon approval from the Board you will receive a notification letter via mail. You will then be responsible for contacting PSI to pay and schedule for the examination.

**Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States**
**Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs**
- Golden Rock Shopping Center
  3000 Estate Golden Rock, Suite 9
  St. Croix, VI 00820-4311
  Telephone: 340.773.2226
  FAX: 340.773.6982

- Administrative Complex
  “The Battery”
  St. John, VI 00830
  Telephone: 340.693.8036
  FAX: 340.776.6989

- Property & Procurement Building
  8201 Subbase, Suite 1
  St. Thomas, VI 00802-5826
  Telephone: 340.774.3130
  FAX: 340.776.8303

EXAMINATION REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULING PROCEDURES

Upon approval from the Board you will receive a notification letter via mail. You will then be responsible for contacting PSI to pay and schedule for the examination.

**INTERNET REGISTRATION**

For the fastest and most convenient test scheduling process, PSI recommends that candidates register for their exams using the Internet. Candidates register online by accessing PSI’s registration website at [https://test-takers.psiexams.com/virisdlca](https://test-takers.psiexams.com/virisdlca). Internet registration is available 24 hours a day.

Log onto PSI’s website and select Sign in / Create Account. Select Create Account. You are now ready to pay and schedule for the exam. Enter your zip code and a list of the testing sites closest to you will appear. Once you select the desired test site, available dates will appear.
**TELEPHONE**

For telephone registration, you will need a valid VISA or MasterCard. PSI registrars are available at (855) 746-8173, Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., or Saturday-Sunday between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Eastern Time.

**SCHEDULING AN APPOINTMENT TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION**

Once you have made payment for your examination services, you are ready to schedule your examination. It is important to remember that you are responsible for contacting PSI to schedule your examination. PSI will make every effort to schedule the examination site and time that is most convenient for you. To schedule your examination, please call PSI at (855) 746-8173, Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., or Saturday and Sunday, between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Eastern Time.

If space is available in the examination site of your choice, you may schedule an examination 1 day prior to the examination date of your choice, up to 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Please be prepared to offer alternate examination appointment choices.

**CANCELING AN EXAMINATION APPOINTMENT**

You may cancel and reschedule an examination appointment without forfeiting your fee if your cancellation notice is received 2 days before the scheduled examination date. For example, for a Monday appointment, the cancellation notice would need to be received on the previous Saturday. You may call PSI at (855) 746-8173 or use the PSI website.

*Note: A voice mail message is NOT an acceptable form of cancellation. Please use the PSI Website or call PSI and speak to a Customer Service Representative.*

**SCHEDULING A RE-EXAMINATION**

It is not possible to make a new examination appointment on the same day you have taken an examination; this is due to processing and reporting scores. A candidate who tests unsuccessfully on a Wednesday can call the next day, Thursday, and retest as soon as Friday, depending upon space availability. In order to retest, you must re-register follow the steps for registration and scheduling as outlined earlier. You may re-register over the Internet, telephone or by mail. Once registered, you can reschedule for your re-examination.

**MISSED APPOINTMENT OR LATE CANCELLATION**

Your registration will be invalid, you will not be able to take the examination as scheduled, and you will forfeit your examination fee, if you:

- Do not cancel your appointment 2 days before the schedule examination date;
- Do not appear for your examination appointment;
- Arrive after examination start time;
- Do not present proper identification when you arrive for the examination.

**EXAM ACCOMMODATIONS**

All PSI examination centers are equipped to provide access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and exam accommodations will be made in meeting a candidate’s needs. A candidate with a disability or a candidate who would otherwise have difficulty taking the examination should request for alternative arrangements by Clicking Here.

Candidates granted accommodation in accordance with the ADA, MUST schedule their examination by telephone and speak directly with a PSI registrar.

**EXAMINATION SITE CLOSING FOR AN EMERGENCY**

In the event that severe weather or another emergency forces the closure of an examination site on a scheduled examination date, your examination will be rescheduled. PSI personnel will attempt to contact you in this situation. However, you may check the status of your examination schedule by calling (855) 746-8173. Every effort will be made to reschedule your examination at a convenient time as soon as possible. You may also check our website at https://test-takers.pslexams.com/virisdla.

**SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER CONFIDENTIALITY**

PSI will use your social security number only as an identification number in maintaining your records and reporting your examination scores to the state. A Federal law requires state agencies to collect and record the social security numbers of all licensees of the professions licensed by the state.

**EXAMINATION SITE LOCATIONS**

**St. Thomas - University of the Virgin Islands**  
2 John Brewers Bay, Cell Bldg.  
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00802

**Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs**  
3000 Golden Rock Shopping Center Suite 9  
Christiansted, VI 00820

**REPORTING TO THE EXAMINATION SITE**

On the day of the examination, you should arrive at least 30 minutes before your appointment. This extra time is for sign-in, identification, and familiarizing you with the examination process. If you arrive late, you may not be admitted to the examination site and you will forfeit your examination registration fee.

**REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION AT EXAMINATION SITE**

Candidates need to provide one (1) form of identification.

Candidates must register for the exam with their LEGAL first and last name as it appears on their government issued identification. The required identification below must match the first and last name under which the candidate is
Candidates are required to bring one (1) form of a valid (non-expired) signature bearing identification to the test site.

**REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION (with photo) - Choose One**
- State issued driver’s license
- State issued identification card
- US Government Issued Passport
- US Government Issued Military Identification Card
- US Government Issued Alien Registration Card
- Canadian Government Issued ID
- NOTE: ID must contain candidate’s photo, be valid and unexpired.

**SECURITY PROCEDURES**

The following security procedures will apply during the examination:

- You will have access to an online calculator.
- Candidates may take only approved items into the examination room.
- All personal belongings of candidates should be placed in the secure storage provided at each site prior to entering the examination room. Personal belongings include, but are not limited to, the following items:
  - Electronic devices of any type, including cellular / mobile phones, recording devices, electronic watches, cameras, pager, laptop computers, tablet computers (e.g., iPads), music players (e.g., iPods), smart watches, radios, or electronic games.
  - Bulky or loose clothing or coats that could be used to conceal recording devices or notes. For security purposes outerwear such as, but not limited to: open sweaters, cardigans, shawls, scarves, vests, jackets and coats are not permitted in the testing room. In the event you are asked to remove the outerwear, appropriate attire, such as a shirt or blouse should be worn underneath.
  - Hats or headgear not worn for religious reasons or as religious apparel, including hats, baseball caps, or visors.
  - Other personal items, including purses, notebooks, reference or reading material, briefcases, backpacks, wallets, pens, pencils, other writing devices, food, drinks, and good luck items.
- Although secure storage for personal items is provided at the examination site for your convenience, PSI is not responsible for any damage, loss, or theft of any personal belongings or prohibited items brought to, stored at, or left behind at the examination site. PSI assumes no duty of care with respect to such items and makes no representation that the secure storage provided will be effective in protecting such items. If you leave any items at the examination site after your examination and do not claim them within 30 days, they will be disposed of or donated, at PSI’s sole discretion.
- Person(s) accompanying an examination candidate may not wait in the examination center, inside the building or on the building’s property. This applies to guests of any nature, including drivers, children, friends, family, colleagues or instructors.
- No smoking, eating, or drinking is allowed in the examination center.
- During the check in process, all candidates will be asked if they possess any prohibited items. Candidates may also be asked to empty their pockets and turn them out for the proctor to ensure they are empty. The proctor may also ask candidates to lift up the ends of their sleeves and the bottoms of their pant legs to ensure that notes or recording devices are not being hidden there.
- Proctors will also carefully inspect eyeglass frames, ties, or any other apparel that could be used to harbor a recording device. Proctors will ask to inspect any such items in candidates’ pockets.
- If prohibited items are found during check-in, candidates shall put them in the provided secure storage or return these items to their vehicle. PSI will not be responsible for the security of any personal belongings or prohibited items.
- Any candidate possessing prohibited items in the examination room shall immediately have his or her test results invalidated, and PSI shall notify the examination sponsor of the occurrence.
- Any candidate seen giving or receiving assistance on an examination, found with unauthorized materials, or who violates any security regulations will be asked to surrender all examination materials and to leave the examination center. All such instances will be reported to the examination sponsor.
- Copying or communicating examination content is violation of a candidate’s contract with PSI, and federal and state law. Either may result in the disqualification of examination results and may lead to legal action.
- Once candidates have been seated and the examination begins, they may leave the examination room only to use the restroom, and only after obtaining permission from the proctor. Candidate will not receive extra time to complete the examination.

**TAKING THE EXAMINATION BY COMPUTER**

The examination will be administered via computer. You will be using a mouse and computer keyboard.

**TUTORIAL**

Before you start your examination, an introductory tutorial is provided on the computer screen. The time you spend on this tutorial, up to 15 minutes, DOES NOT count as part of your examination time. Sample questions are included following the tutorial so that you may practice answering questions and reviewing your answers. The “Function Bar” at the top of the sample question provides mouse-click access to the features available while taking the examination.

**TEST QUESTION SCREEN**

One question appears on the screen at a time. During the examination, minutes remaining will be displayed at the top of the screen and updated as you record your answers.

IMPORTANT: After you have entered your responses, you will later be able to return to any question(s) and change your response, provided the examination time has not run out.
EXAMINATION REVIEW

PSI, in cooperation with the Board, will be consistently evaluating the examinations being administered to ensure that the examinations accurately measure competency in the required knowledge areas. Comments may be entered by clicking the Comments link on the function bar of the test question screen.

These comments will be analyzed by PSI examination development staff. Although PSI does not respond to individuals regarding these comments, all substantive comments are reviewed. This is the only review of examination materials available to candidates.

SCORE REPORTING

Your result will be given to you immediately following completion of the examination. The following summary describes the score reporting process:

- **On screen** - your result will appear immediately on the computer screen.
  - If you **pass**, you will immediately receive a successful notification.
  - If you **do not pass**, you will immediately receive an unsuccessful notification on the screen along with a diagnostic report indicating your strengths and weaknesses by examination type.

DUPLICATE SCORE REPORTS

You may request a duplicate score report after your examination by emailing scorereport@psionline.com.

TIPS FOR PREPARING FOR YOUR LICENSE EXAMINATION

The following suggestions will help you prepare for your examination.

- Planned preparation increases your likelihood of passing.
- Start with a current copy of this Candidate Information Bulletin and use the examination content outline as the basis of your study.
- The answers to nearly all examination questions are consistent with the 2009 editions of the IPC and IRC.
- Take notes on what you study. Putting information in writing helps you commit it to memory, and it is also an excellent business practice. Underline or highlight key ideas that will help with a later review.
- Discuss new terms or concepts as frequently as you can with colleagues. This will test your understanding and reinforce ideas.
- Your studies will be most effective if you study frequently, for periods of about 45 to 60 minutes. Concentration tends to wander when you study for longer periods of time.

EXAMINATION CONTENT OUTLINE AND REFERENCE MATERIAL

Barber and Cosmetology Examinations

The National Cosmetology examination is the national licensure examination for Cosmetology, which is developed and administered by the National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC). For more information on the examination content outlines and references go to www.nictesting.org.

Construction Examination

The NASCLA Accredited Examination Program was designed to assist contractors who wish to be licensed in multiple jurisdictions by offering a streamlined test taking option for the trade portion of the contractor examination. The *NASCLA Accredited Examination for Commercial General Building Contractors* was designed to assist candidates applying within individual state agencies for the general commercial building contractor classification or similar to.

Candidates who take and pass the NASCLA Accredited Examination can access NASCLA’s National Examination Database (NED) located on https://ned.nascla.org to electronically send their transcripts to jurisdictions that accept the examination in lieu of their state specific trade portion, thereby reducing redundant licensing requirements. Candidates are expected to follow individual state agency applications to become licensed, in addition to taking a business and law examination, etc. If you are unsure if this examination will meet your specific license requirements in a participating state agency, please contact the state agency directly to confirm. A complete list of participating state agencies can be found on NASCLA’s website by visiting: www.nascla.org/page/ParticipatingStateAg.

For questions regarding the examination, please contact NASCLA via email to info@nascla.org or by phone at (623) 587-9354.

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PRETEST ITEMS

In addition to the number of examination items specified, 10 non-scored “pretest” questions will be administered to candidates during the examinations. These questions will not be scored and the time taken to answer them has been added to the time allowed. The administration of such non-scored experimental questions is an essential step in developing future licensing examinations.

REFERENCE LIST

The reference material listed below was used to prepare the questions for this examination. The examination may also contain questions based on trade knowledge or general industry practices. Except for Code books, you can base your answers on later editions of references as they become available. For Code questions, the examinations will be based only on the edition of the Code book that is listed.

Candidates may use a silent, nonprinting, non-programmable calculator in the examination center.

This examination is OPEN BOOK.

The following reference materials are allowed in the examination center.


Placing Reinforcing Bars, Recommended Practices, 2011 or later printing, 9th edition, Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute, Publisher- Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute, 933 North Plum Grove Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60173, Phone (800) 328-6306, http://www.crsi.org/


Developing Your Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan - A Guide for Construction Sites, 2007; EPA Document number 833R06004; EPA National Service Center for Environmental Publications, PO Box 42419 Cincinnati, OH 45242-3408; 800-490-9198

This document can be downloaded as a pdf for free or it can be ordered as a hard copy through the EPA for free.

To order online for free, do a Google search for the EPA document number 833R06004. Enter into the search bar ONLY the document number 833R06004 and no other characters.

Then select the website option: nepis.epa.gov, then scroll down and choose the document title Developing Your Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan - A Guide for Construction Sites, then choose the USPS icon and fill out the form with name and address.


Reference material may be highlighted, underlined, and/or indexed. They must be otherwise unmarked (not written in) and may not contain additional papers (loose or attached). THESE REFERENCES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IN THE EXAMINATION CENTER. References may be tabbed/indexed with permanent tabs only. Temporary tabs, such as Post-It notes, are not allowed and must be removed from the reference before the exam will begin.

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NOTE: EXAMINATION FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE OR TRANSFERABLE. THE EXAMINATION FEE IS VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF PAYMENT.