



EXAMINATION APPLICATION

NASCLA has contracted with PSI Services LLC (PSI) to deliver its certification examination. Effective 11/1/2016 you will need to be pre-approved by NASCLA before you may take the examination. An application must be filed with NASCLA and they must approve the application. Once an individual is approved, the individual's name is forwarded from NASCLA to PSI. PSI will then send the applicant an email confirmation with information to register to take the examination.

Candidates will have one (1) year from the application approval date to take the exam. There is a maximum limit of three (3) times an eligible candidate can sit for the exam within the one (1) year period. If the candidate has not passed the exam within these three (3) attempts, he/she can reapply to take the exam once their one (1) year of eligibility from the application approval date has expired.

To apply online, please visit: <https://ned.nascla.org>.

EXAMINATION REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULING PROCEDURES

Once approved by NASCLA, it is your responsibility to contact PSI to pay and schedule for the examination. You may either schedule via the Internet at www.psiexams.com, or schedule over the telephone at (800) 733-9267. The examination fee is valid for one year from the date of payment.

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INTERNET SCHEDULING

For the fastest and most convenient examination scheduling process, PSI recommends that you register for your examinations using the Internet. You register online by accessing PSI's registration website at www.psiexams.com. Internet registration is available 24 hours a day.

- Log onto PSI's website and create an account. You will be asked to put in your email address and the spelling of your name exactly as it is shown on your identification that will be presented at the examination site.
- You will be asked to select the examination. You will then enter your personal and contact information. You will then be ready to pay and schedule for the examination. Enter your zip code and a list of the examination sites closest to you will appear. Once you select the desired examination site, available dates will appear.

TELEPHONE SCHEDULING

Call PSI at (800) 733-9267 to schedule an appointment for the test. The times of operation for live operators are as follows:

	Monday - Friday	Saturday - Sunday
Eastern Time	7:30am - 10:00pm	9:00am - 5:30pm
Central Time	6:30am - 9:00pm	8:00am - 4:30pm
Mountain Time	5:30am - 8:00pm	7:00am - 3:30pm
Pacific Time	4:30am - 7:00pm	6:00am - 2:30pm

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 (800) 733-9267, 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 to speak directly to a Customer Service Representative.

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.

EXAMINATION ACCOMMODATION

All examination centers are equipped to provide access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and every examination accommodation will be made in meeting a candidate's needs. Applicants with disabilities or those who would otherwise have difficulty taking the examination must fill out the form at the end of this Candidate Information Bulletin and fax it to PSI (702) 932-2666.

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 (800) 733-9267. Every effort will be made to reschedule your examination at a convenient time as soon as possible. You may also check our website at www.psiexams.com.

EXAMINATION SITE LOCATIONS

There are nationwide examination centers. You will be provided with the locations upon scheduling for your examination. Go to www.psiexams.com for a listing of sites.



REPORTING TO THE EXAMINATION SITE

On the day of the examination, you should arrive 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

You must provide 1 form of identification. This must be a VALID form of government-issued identification (Driver's License, State ID, Passport) which bears your signature and has your photograph.

If you cannot provide the required identification, you must call (800) 733-9267 at least 3 weeks prior to your scheduled appointment to arrange a way to meet this security requirement. ***Failure to provide ALL of the required identification at the time of the examination without notifying PSI is considered a missed appointment and you will not be able to take the examination at that time.***

SECURITY PROCEDURES

The following security procedures will apply during the examination:

- Only non-programmable calculators that are silent, battery-operated, do not have paper tape printing capabilities, and do not have a keyboard containing the alphabet will be allowed in the examination site.
- Candidates may take only approved items into the examination room.
- All personal belongings of candidates, with the exception of close-fitting jackets or sweatshirts, 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, pagers, 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, including coats, shawls, hooded clothing, heavy jackets, or overcoats.
 - **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.
- 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, tie tacks, 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.

IDENTIFICATION SCREEN

You will be directed to a semiprivate testing station to take the examination. When you are seated at the testing station, you will be prompted to confirm your name, identification number, and the examination for which you are registered.

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

The “Function Bar” at the top of the test question screen provides mouse-click access to the features available while taking the examination.

Question: 3 of 40 Answered: 2 Unanswered: 1 Marked: 0 View: All Time Left(Min): 359

3. What do the stars on the United States of America's flag represent?

(Choose from the following options)

- 1. Presidents
- 2. Colonies
- 3. States
- 4. Wars

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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

While taking the examination, examinees will have the opportunity to provide comments on any questions, by clicking the Comments link on 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.**

EXAMINATION

NASCLA-ACCREDITED EXAMINATION - COMMERCIAL GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTOR

If you pass the *NASCLA Accredited Examination for Commercial General Building Contractors*, your name will be entered into the NASCLA National Examination Database and you may use this information in other states that accept that NASCLA Accredited Examination.

The NASCLA-Accredited Examination Program was designed to assist contractors who need to be licensed in multiple jurisdictions. Contractors who take the accredited examination can access NASCLA's Examination Database (NED) and request that their results be sent to other jurisdictions that accept the examination, thereby reducing redundant licensing requirements. To access the NASCLA Examination Database (NED), please click visit <https://ned.nascla.org>.

For a listing of the states that provide this examination, please visit NASCLA's website at <http://www.nascla.org/state-agencies-administering-accepting-examination>.

# of Questions	Minimum Passing Score	Time Allowed
115	81	330 Minutes

CONTENT OUTLINE

Subject Area	# of Items
Planning and Estimating	21
Financial and Project Management	21
Safety	19
Site Construction	15
Concrete	8
Masonry	3
Metals	5
Wood Foundations and Framing	5
Thermal Moisture Protection	4
Doors, Windows, and Glazing	5
Finishes	7
Specialty Equipment and Conveyance Systems	2

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 will not count against examination time.** 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.

Construction Jobsite Management, 4th Edition, 2017, William R. Mincks, Hal Johnston, Delmar/Thomson Learning, PO Box 6904, Florence, KY 41022-6904, Phone (800) 347-7707, Fax (800) 487-8488, www.delmarlearning.com

Construction Project Management, 2014, 4th Edition, Frederick Gould, Nancy Joyce, Pearson Education, Inc. publishing as Prentice Hall, One Lake Street, Upper Saddle River NJ, 07458, 800-848-9500.

ACI 318-11 or ACI 318-14 (2011 or 2014): Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete and Commentary, American Concrete Institute, (248) 848-3700, www.concrete.org



BCSI: Guide to Good Practice for Handling, Installing, Restraining, and Bracing of Metal Plate Connected Wood Trusses, 2013 (updated March 2015), Structural Building Components Association and Truss Plate Institute, (608) 274-4849, www.sbcindustry.com

NASCLA Contractors' Guide to Business, Law and Project Management, Basic 10th or 11th Edition, National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA), 23309 N. 17th Drive, Phoenix, Arizona 85027, Telephone: (623) 587-9519, Fax: (623) 587-9625, www.nascla.org

Erectors' Manual - Standards and Guidelines for the Erection of Pre-Cast Concrete Products, 1999, 2nd Edition, Publisher-Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI), 209 W. Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL 60606-6938, Phone (312) 786-0300, Fax (312) 786-0353, www.pci.org

Training and Certification of Field Personnel for Unbonded Post-Tensioning - Level 1 Field Fundamentals, 2003, 3rd Edition, Post-Tensioning Institute, 1717 W. Northern Avenue, Suite 114, Phoenix, AZ 85021, Phone (602) 870-7540, Fax (602) 870-7541, www.post-tensioning.org.

SDI (Steel Deck Institute) Manual of Construction with Steel Deck, 2006, 2nd Edition, Publisher-Steel Deck Institute, PO Box 25, Fox River Grove, IL 60021, Phone (847) 458-4647, Fax (847) 458-4648, www.sdi.org

Pipe and Excavation Contracting, 2011, Dave Roberts, Craftsman Book Company, P.O. Box 6500, Carlsbad, CA 92018, Phone (800) 829-8123, Fax (631) 924-6580, www.craftsman-book.com.

Gypsum Construction Handbook, 7th edition, 2014, United States Gypsum Company (USG), RS Means Publishing, 700 Longwater Drive, Norwell, MA 02061, 800-334-3509, Fax: 800-632-6732, rsmeans.reedconstructiondata.com

Placing Reinforcing Bars, Recommended Practices, 2011, 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/>

Technical Digest No. 9 - Handling and Erection of Steel Joists and Joist Girders, 3rd Edition, 2008, Steel Joint Institute, 234 W. Cheves Street, Florence, SC 29501, Phone: (843) 407-4091, Fax (843) 407-4044, www.steeljoist.org.

Modern Masonry - Brick, Block, Stone, Clois E. Kicklighter, 8th edition (2015). The Goodheart-Willcox Company, (800) 323-0440, www.g-w.com

Principles and Practices of Commercial Construction, 2014, 9th Edition, Cameron K. Andres and Ronald C. Smith, Pearson Education, Inc., One Lake Street, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458, Phone (201) 236-7000, pearsoned.com.

Code of Federal Regulations - 29 CFR Part 1926 (OSHA), with latest available amendments, U.S. Government Printing Office, (866) 512-1800 or https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owastand.display_standa_rd_group?p_toc_level=1&p_part_number=1926

OR

Code of Federal Regulations - 29 CFR Part 1926 Selections by PSI, with latest available amendments, (866) 589-3088, www.psionlinestore.com

Carpentry and Building Construction, 2010 or 2016 (Student Edition), John L. Feirer and Mark D. Feirer, McGraw-Hill, www.mheducation.com

ANSI Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities, 2009, American National Standards Institute, 1819 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 293-8020, www.ansi.org

Roofing Construction and Estimating, Daniel Atcheson, 1995, Craftsman Book Company, (800) 829-8123, www.craftsman-book.com/products

The Contractor's Guide to Quality Concrete Construction, 2005, 3rd Edition, American Concrete Institute, (248) 848-3700, www.aci-int.org.

Green Building Fundamentals, Michael Montoya, 2011, 2nd edition, Pearson Education Publishing, ISBN-10: 0-13-511108-0, Pearson Publishing, www.informit.com/sales/df

International Building Code, 2009. 2012 or 2015 Edition, International Code Council, (800) 786-4452, www.iccsafe.org. **Effective July 10, 2017, the exams will be based on ICB 2012 and 2015 only.**

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.

AFTER PASSING THE EXAMINATION

Your results have been entered in the National Examination Database (NED) that will allow you to transfer your results to other states. Even if you are not interested in transferring your results at this time, you might want to go to <https://ned.nascla.org> and view the tutorial. You will not need a login or password to access the video. Just click on the message "To view an instructional video on registering and transcript purchasing" and you will be taken to the video. Once you have viewed the video, you may want to register so that an account can be established; there is no charge to register on NED.

You may also contact any jurisdiction/state agency to inquire if they will accept this passing score. For a complete listing of agencies that will accept your results, please visit the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA) website at <http://www.nascla.org/state-agencies-administering-accepting-examination>.





EXAMINATION ACCOMMODATIONS REQUEST FORM

All examination centers are equipped to provide access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. Applicants with disabilities or those who would otherwise have difficulty taking the examination may request exam accommodations.

Candidates who wish to request an accommodation because of a disability should fax this form and supporting documentation to PSI at (702) 932-2666.

Requirements for accommodation requests:

You are required to submit documentation from the medical authority or learning institution that rendered a diagnosis. Verification must be submitted to PSI on the letterhead stationery of the authority or specialist and include the following:

- Description of the disability and limitations related to testing
- Recommended accommodation/modification
- Name, title and telephone number of the medical authority or specialist
- Original signature of the medical authority or specialist

Date: _____ Social Security or ID#: _____

Legal Name: _____
Last Name First Name

Address: _____
Street City, State, Zip Code

Telephone: (_____) _____ - _____ (_____) _____ - _____
Home Work

Email Address: _____

Check any exam accommodations you require (requests must concur with documentation submitted):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reader (as accommodation for visual impairment or learning disability) | <input type="checkbox"/> Extended time (Additional time requested: _____) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large-print written examination | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

- Complete and fax this form, along with supporting documentation, to (702) 932-2666 or email it to examaccommodations@psionline.com.
- After four days, PSI Exam Accommodations will email you confirmation upon approval with instructions for the next step.

DO NOT SCHEDULE YOUR EXAMINATION UNTIL THIS DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND PROCESSED BY PSI EXAM ACCOMMODATIONS.

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