

ARKANSAS CONTRACTORS LICENSING BOARD

NASCLA-ACCREDITED EXAMINATION - COMMERCIAL GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTOR

SCOPE OF WORK

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.

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

CONTENT OUTLINE

Subject Area	# of Items
General Requirements	25
Site Construction	15
Concrete	6
Masonry	4
Metals	6
Wood	5
Thermal and Moisture Protection	5
Doors, Windows, and Glazing	4
Finishes	5
Mechanical and Plumbing Systems	6
Electrical Systems	3
Procurement and Contracting Requirements	31

EXPERIMENTAL QUESTIONS

In addition to the number of questions per examination, a small number of up to ten "experimental" questions may 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.

- Mechanical and Electrical Systems for Construction Managers, 4th Edition, 2024, American Technical Publishers, 10100 Orland Parkway, Suite 200 Orland Park, IL 60467-5756; 800-323-3471 <https://www.atplearning.com/product/2317/mechanical-and-electrical-systems-for-construction-managers>
- ICC A117.1-2017 Standard for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities; International Code Council; 500 New Jersey Avenue, NW 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20001; [P] 888-ICC-SAFE (888-422-7233); [F] (202) 783-2348; International: (202) 370-1800; www.ansi.org; <https://shop.iccsafe.org/icc-a117-1-2017-standard-and-commentary-accessible-and-usable-buildings-and-facilities-1.html> **You can use the 2009 or 2017 editions. After Oct. 1, 2025, only the 2017 edition will be allowed**
- BCSI: Guide to Good Practice for Handling, Installing, Restraining, and Bracing of Metal Plate Connected Wood Trusses, 2018 (Updated March 2020), Structural Building Components Association and Truss Plate Institute, (608) 274-4849, <https://www.sbcindustry.com/building-component-safety-information-bcsi>
- Carpentry and Building Construction, 2016 edition, John L. Feirer and Mark D. Feirer, Publisher: McGraw-Hill, <http://www.contractorsseminars.com>, 828-277-3999
- Code of Federal Regulations - 29 CFR Part 1926 (OSHA), with latest available amendments, U.S. Government Printing Office, (866) 512-1800. Online version: <https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1926>; This may also be purchased from various vendors including Amazon.

OR

Code of Federal Regulations - 29 CFR Part 1926
 Selections by PSI, with latest available amendments,
 3210 E Tropicana, Las Vegas, NV 89121, (855) 557-
 0619, <https://test-takers.psiexams.com/mscontlb>

- 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, <https://www.amazon.com/Construction-Jobsite-Management-William-Mincks/dp/130508179X>
- 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, <https://www.amazon.com/Construction-Project-Management-Frederick-Gould/dp/0132877244>
- NASCLA Contractors Guide to Business, Law and Project Management, Basic 14th Edition, National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA), Telephone: (623) 587-9354, 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, <https://www.amazon.com/Erectors-manual-Standards-guidelines-erection/dp/0937040568>
- Green Building Fundamentals, Michael Montoya, 2011, 2nd edition, Pearson Education Publishing, ISBN-10: 0-13-511108-0, Pearson Publishing, <https://www.amazon.com/Green-Building-Fundamentals-Mike-Montoya/dp/0135111080>
- 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, https://www.rsmeans.com/products/books/reference-e-books/commercial-construction/the-gypsum-construction-handbook-7th-edition.aspx?gclid=EAlaIqobChMh5Pn_byG6AIVlONkCh1TzgUQEAYBCABEgLABvD_BwE
- Technical Digest No. 9 - Handling and Erection of Steel Joists and Joist Girders, 3rd Edition, 2008, Steel Joist Institute, 234 W. Cheves Street, Florence, SC 29501, Phone: (843) 407-4091, Fax (843) 407-4044, www.steeljoist.org
- International Building Code, 2018 or 2021, International Code Council, 5203 Leesburg Pike, Suite 600 Falls Church, VA 22041, 7039314533, www.intlcode.org/ **Starting 8/7/2025 you may use either the 2021 or 2024 code. As of 11/1/2025 the 2018 code will no longer be used.**
- ACI 318-14 (2014): Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete and Commentary, American Concrete Institute, (248) 848-3700, <https://www.concrete.org/store/productdetail.aspx?ItemID=318U14&Language=English> **Starting 8/7/2025 you may use either the 2014 or 2019 edition. As of 11/1/2025 the 2014 edition no will no longer be used**
- 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

- Modern Masonry - Brick, Block, Stone, Clois E. Kicklighter, 9th edition (2020). The Goodheart-Willcox Company, (800) 323-0440, www.g-w.com
- 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.
- Principles and Practices of Commercial Construction, the 2019 10th Edition. Cameron K. Andres and Ronald C. Smith, Pearson Education, Inc., One Lake Street, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458, Phone (201) 236-7000 https://www.amazon.com/Principles-Practices-Commercial-Construction-Technology/dp/0134704665/ref=sr_1_1?crid=PXVLRERQ57AE&dchild=1&keywords=principles+and+practices+of+commercial+construction%2C+10th+edition&qid=1600246909&prefix=principles+and+practices+of+commer%2Caps%2C216&sr=8-1
- Roofing Construction and Estimating, Daniel Atcheson, 1995, (Reprinted 2022), Craftsman Book Company, (800) 829-8123, www.craftsman-book.com/products
- Placing Reinforcing Bars, Recommended Practices, 2019 or later printing, 10th 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/>
- SDI (Steel Deck Institute) Manual of Construction with Steel Deck, 2006 or 2016, 3rd Edition, Publisher-Steel Deck Institute, PO Box 25, Fox River Grove, IL 60021, Phone (847) 458-4647, Fax (847) 458-4648, <https://www.sdi.org/publications-2/publications/> **After Oct. 1, 2025, only the 2016 edition will be allowed.**
- The Contractor's Guide to Quality Concrete Construction, 2005 or 2018, 4th Edition, American Concrete Institute, (248) 848-3700, <https://www.amazon.com/Contractors-Guide-Quality-Concrete-Construction/dp/1641950471> **After Oct. 1, 2025, only the 2018, 4th edition will be allowed.**
- Developing Your Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan - A Guide for Construction Sites, United States Environmental Protection Agency, 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.

ANSI/EIMA 99-A-2017: Standard for Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems (EIFS) and EIFS with Drainage, 2017, ANSI/EIMA, <https://www.mycontractorslicense.com/ANSI-EIMA-99-A-2017-p/ansi-eima-1book.htm>

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.