

CODE APPLICATION NOTICE

CODE SECTION: Title 24, Part 1, California Administrative Code

7-204. Minimum Qualification for Examination.

An applicant must meet the following criteria to be eligible to participate in the certification examination for a Class "A", "B", or "C" Hospital Inspector:

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(c) Minimum Qualifications for Class "C" Hospital Inspector Exam:

1. High school graduation or the equivalent and four years experience involving building projects as an architect's, engineer's, owner's, local building official's or general contractor's representative in technical inspection or inspection supervision [NOTE: Experience in subsection (c)(1) may be substituted with college education with major work in architecture, engineering, building inspection and/or construction on a year-for-year basis for a maximum of two years.]; or
2. Possess a valid California registration/license as an engineer and two years experience involving building projects as an architect's, engineer's, owner's, local building official's or general contractor's representative in technical inspection or inspection supervision; or
3. Possess a valid California registration/license as a structural, mechanical, or electrical engineer, or a valid California license as an architect.

7-207. Examination for Certification.

(a) The Office shall administer an exam not less than once in every calendar year in the Sacramento and Los Angeles areas. The certification exam will consist of a written exam.

(b) The scope of the written certification examination will be to measure the applicant's ability to read and understand construction plans and specifications; ability to identify and understand the application of various California Building Standards Code requirements; ability to display good judgment in work situations; knowledge of appropriate inspector duties and ability to communicate in writing. The test will be divided into sections covering the following code enforcement areas of construction inspection: structural, architectural, mechanical, electrical, fire and life safety, and administrative.

(c) In order to be successful in the certification exam, a candidate must obtain a passing score of at least 75 percent in each section of the written exam.

INTERPRETATION:

Section 7-207 requires the Office to administer an examination for the certification of hospital inspectors. The examination is designed to measure the applicant's technical qualifications as well as knowledge of administrative and procedural requirements. For Class "C" hospital inspectors, the Office will accept the following technical certifications as a demonstration of technical proficiency in the area of certification. The Office will administer an examination that evaluates the candidate's knowledge of administrative and procedural requirements for Class C inspectors.

Certifications accepted for Class C Inspector of Record:

- Fire Alarm – NICET, Level III
- Fire Extinguishing Systems – NICET, Level III
- Fire Resistive Construction – ICC Building Inspector Certification
- Medical Gas Systems – PIPE Certification
- Plumbing – IAPMO Certification
- Mechanical – IAPMO Certification
- Electrical – ICC Certification
- Concrete (Prestressed and Reinforced) – ICC Certification
- Masonry – ICC Certification
- Steel – ICC Structural Steel Certification
- Welding – AWS Certification
- Framing and Drywall – ICC Building Inspector Certification
- Roofing – National Roofing Contractors Association

REASON:

The Office administers an examination for the certification of hospital inspectors. The examination is designed to measure a candidate’s technical competence as well as knowledge of OSHPD administrative procedures. The examination for Class A and B Inspectors covers a broad range of technical areas, as well as administrative and procedural requirements. Certification as a Class C Inspector, however, allows a candidate to inspect a single area of technical expertise.

Numerous code-publishing, professional and technical organizations issue certifications in various technical specialties. For Class C specialty inspectors, these certifications may serve to demonstrate their technical competence in their area of specialty. The Office must still administer an examination for knowledge of administrative and procedural requirements.

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