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ICAA National Insulator Certification Examination

This document is an overview of the ICAA National Insulator Certification Examination. It describes the process and procedures for the administration of the test and is intended to assist in the preparation of insulators for certification.

The goal of certification is to recognize professional residential insulators for their working knowledge of insulation and insulation systems thereby avoiding costly mistakes. Certification acknowledges the competence and skills that differentiate ICAA-member insulators in the marketplace.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

Insulators must be on the job at least six months before taking the test.

APPLICATION PROCESS

A request must be submitted to ICAA in order to schedule the test. ICAA may charge employers a fee to cover the administration of the examination.

EXAMINATION PROCESS

The certification examination is administered through a secure online portal. Prior to the examination, test-takers will receive an email with their log-in information and the time window during which they will be able to take the test.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

Before receiving their log-in information, each insulator must email ICAA with one form of identification that includes a current, clearly recognizable photograph and signature (e.g., drivers license, work identification card).

SCORING AND REPORTING

Test-takers will be able to view their score immediately after completing the examination. ICAA will notify employers of the pass/fail result and, if requested, of the content areas where deficiencies exist. Retests can be taken after a two-week waiting period. Insulators who pass the test will receive a certificate of achievement and an ICAA Certified Insulator pin.

SECURITY GUIDELINES

ICAA copyrights all test questions. Copying or taking any action to reveal the contents of an examination in whole or in part is unlawful. Printing and sharing the exam, answer sheet, or other confidential material supplied to the test taker is prohibited.

EXAMINATION DEVELOPMENT

A task force of ICAA-member contractors and suppliers who are experts in their field designed the content areas and test questions. The test was reviewed for validity, reliability, and relevance by an independent test publishing company.

EXAMINATION CONTENT

The examination contains twenty-five multiple-choice test questions. It is offered in both English and Spanish. The test duration is up to one hour. The test content may include: Materials and Products; Tools and Equipment; Installation Techniques, Energy Saving, Moisture, and Ventilation Principles; Basic Construction Concepts, Terminology, and Codes; Safety and Health; Jobsite Preparedness.

REFERENCES

It is recommended that all certification test-takers refer to the following ICAA publications, which will be sent to the employer once an exam date is scheduled.

IC3 Residential Insulation Batts and Blankets Installation Manual

IC7 Guide for the Installation of Residential Insulation

IC27 Installing Residential Insulation Products: The Participant Manual

IC28 Field Inspection Video

IC33 25 Checkpoints for Inspecting Insulation Jobs

TB6 Use of Vapor Retarders

TB21 Insulating Basements and Crawlspace

TB26 Insulating Kneewalls

TB27 Applying Batt Insulation Above Suspended Ceilings to Meet Code

TB28 Applying Batt Insulation in Open Walls Above Suspended Ceilings

TB32 Loose-Fill Insulation -- Installation

All correspondence and questions related to the examination, test development, administration, scoring, and reporting should be directed to:

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