



GYPSUM DRYWALL

SCOPE

Contractor certified as having knowledge in the area of, and be limited to the installation of gypsum drywall products to existing studs, joists or suspended ceiling channels; the fabrication and installation of all necessary and incidental metal accessories, including non-load bearing metal studs, runners, hangers, channels, drywall metal suspension accessories and prefabricated ceiling materials; and the preparation and finish of the drywall surface. This includes the application of base and finish coats specifically designed for the gypsum drywall products. This category shall not include plastering, block or wood partitions. Contractor also certified in the area of all business and finance knowledge/skills associated therewith.

EXAMINATION CONTENTS

Business and Finance Exam – 2 Hours

Subjects	Number of Questions
Financial Management	6
Estimating & Bidding	6
General Contract Management	7
General Project Management	6
Personnel Management	4
Tax Laws	5
Insurance & Bonding	3
Contracting Laws	5
OSHA Requirements	3
Business Organization & Management	5
Total Number of Questions	50

Trade Knowledge Exam – 4 Hours

Subjects	Number of Questions
Estimating and Plan Reading	5
Installation Methods and Techniques	20
Taping and Finishing	15
Framing Systems	5
Safety	5
Total Number of Questions	50

THIS EXAM MAY INCLUDE ADDITIONAL NONSCORED TRIAL QUESTIONS.

TO QUALIFY FOR A LICENSE, YOU MUST PASS BOTH THE BUSINESS AND FINANCE EXAM AND THE TRADE KNOWLEDGE EXAM.

EXAMINATION REFERENCES

The following references with an asterisk (*) indicate the books you may bring to the test site and use to assist you in answering the questions. These are the **ONLY** references you may bring with you.

- * Code of Federal Regulations, Title 29, Part 1926 (OSHA), 2005, US Government Bookstore 100 West Bay St. Ste. 100, Jacksonville, FL 32202 (904) 353.0569
- * Florida Building Code - Building, 2004, International Code Council, Inc. 5203 Leesburg Pike, Ste 600, Falls Church, VA 22041, www.iccsafe.org (800-786-4452)
- * C36/C36M-03 Standard Spec. for Gypsum Wallboard, American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), 100 Barr Harbor Dr., Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959 (610) 832.9585
- * C79C/C79M-04, Standard Spec. for Treated Core and Nontreated Core Gypsum Sheathing Board, American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), 100 Barr Harbor Dr., Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959 (610) 832.9585
- * C442/C442M-04, Standard Spec. for Gypsum Backing Board and Coreboard, American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), 100 Barr Harbor Dr., Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959 (610) 832.9585
- * C475-01, Standard Spec for Joint Compound and Joint Tape for Finishing Gypsum Board, American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), 100 Barr Harbor Dr., Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959 (610) 832.9585
- * C514-01, Standard Spec for Nails for the Application of Gypsum Board, American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), 100 Barr Harbor Dr., Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959 (610) 832.9585
- * C557-03, Standard Spec. for Adhesives for Fastening Gypsum Wallboard Framing, American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), 100 Barr Harbor Dr., Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959 (610) 832.9585
- * C630/C630M-03, Standard Spec. for Water-Resistant Gypsum Backing Board, American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), 100 Barr Harbor Dr., Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959 (610) 832.9585

- * C754-04, Standard Spec. for Installation of Steel Framing Products/Members to Receive Screw-Attached Gypsum, American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), 100 Barr Harbor Dr., Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959 (610) 832.9585
- * C840-04a, Standard Spec for Application and Finishing of Gypsum Board, American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), 100 Barr Harbor Dr., Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959 (610) 832.9585
- * C844-04, Standard Spec for Application of Gypsum Base to Receive Gypsum Veneer Plaster, American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), 100 Barr Harbor Dr., Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959 (610) 832.9585
- * C931/C931M-04e1, Standard Spec. for Exterior Gypsum Soffit Board, American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), 100 Barr Harbor Dr., Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959 (610) 832.9585
- * C1007-04, Standard Spec of Installation of Load Bearing (Transverse and Axial) Steel Studs and Related Accessories, American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), 100 Barr Harbor Dr., Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959 (610) 832.9585
- * C1047-05, Standard Spec for Accessories for Gypsum Wallboard and Gypsum Veneer Base, American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), 100 Barr Harbor Dr., Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959 (610) 832.9585

No marks, highlighting, or notes of any sort may be made in the reference materials during the examination. Highlighting and permanent tabbing prior to the examination is acceptable. “Post it” notes are not permanent and will not be allowed. No handwritten notes may be made in the reference materials prior to or during the examination.

The following references may be used to help prepare you for the examination. **You are NOT required to purchase these reference books and they may NOT be brought to the examination. They are only suggested if you feel the need for additional study.**

AIA - A201, General Conditions of Contract, 1997, American Institute of Architects, 104 East Jefferson St., Tallahassee, FL 32301 (800) 365.2724

AIA - A401, Contractor - Subcontractor Agreement, 1997, American Institute of Architects, 104 East Jefferson St., Tallahassee, FL 32301 (800) 365.2724

Builder’s Guide to Accounting, 2001, Craftsman Book Company, 6058 Corte Del Cedro, Carlsbad, CA 92009 (800) 829.8123

Contractors Manual, 2004, Association of Builders and Contractors Institute, Inc., 3730 Coconut Creek Pkwy., Ste., 200 Coconut Creek, FL 33066 (561) 432.9442

The Guide to Florida’s Construction Lien Law, 1997, ProfitGuard, P.O. Box 10354, Tallahassee, FL 32302

Gypsum Construction Handbook, Centennial Edition, 2000,

Recommended Specifications for the Application and Finishing of Gypsum Board, GA-216-20010, Gypsum Association, 810 1st St. NE #510, Washington DC 20002 (202) 296.7005

Ceiling Systems Handbook, 15th Ed. 1999, American Ceiling and Interior Systems Construction Association (ACISCA), 579 West North Avenue, #301, Elmhurst, IL 60126 (630) 584.1919

Walker’s Building Estimator Reference Book, 27th Ed., Frank R. Walker Company, P.O. Box 318, Lisle, IL 60532 (630) 971.8989

Local Licensing Ordinances

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please refer to the Candidate Information Bulletin for this examination for any additional information or requirements.

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