



Exam Instructions

WABO Lateral Wood & Cold-Formed Steel Framing Special Inspector Examination

Each examination (Lateral Wood, Cold-Formed Steel Framing) contains two parts:

Closed Book

- Applicants are allowed up to one (1) hour to complete each closed book examination for Wood or Steel.
- No material is available to the applicant during the closed book examination.

Open Book

- Applicants are allowed up to three (3) hours to complete each open book examination for Wood or Steel.
- The applicant may use the following references on the open book examinations:

Lateral Wood:

- 2015 International Building Code
- 2012 National Design Specification for Wood Construction
- APA Introduction to Lateral Design
- APA Engineered Wood Construction Guide
- American Wood Council “Special Design Provisions for Wind & Seismic” (SDPWS)

Cold-Formed Steel Framing:

- 2015 International Building Code (chapter 2, 17, & 23)
- ASTM C 1007 Standard Specification for Installation of Load Bearing (Transverse and Axial) Steel Studs and Related Accessories.
- AISI/COFS GP 2012 Standard for Cold-Formed Steel Framing – General Provisions
- AISI/COFS 2012 Prescriptive Methods for 1 and 2 Family Dwellings
- SSMA Product Technical Information from the Steel Stud manufacturers Association
- AWS D1.3:2008
- ASTM – C955.C956

Applicants are to answer the questions in the examination booklet by writing the letter of the best answer to the question on the separate answer sheet. **APPLICANTS ARE NOT TO WRITE IN THE EXAMINATION BOOKLET**

No credit will be given for:

- Responses with more than one answer
- Responses where it is not clear which letter is marked on the answer sheet
- Responses where there is no letter marked

When the applicant is finished with the examination, the completed answer sheet, instructions sheet and exam booklet are to be returned to the proctor.

Examination proctors are not to answer any questions pertaining to the examination content. Should an applicant believe any question is unfair or misleading, please advise the proctor after the test is concluded.

The examination is the property of the Washington Association of Building Officials and is not to be taken from the examination room.

Examination Hints

- Read the general instructions and questions carefully.
- Don't answer a question until it has been thoroughly read
- Examination questions are not meant to be “trick” or “catch” questions.