



Office of Statewide Hospital Planning and Development
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Hospital Inspector Certification (HIC) Examination Application Checklist

The following is a list of documents that must be included in the application submittal package and postmarked by the final filing date. DO NOT STAPLE.

- HOSPITAL INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION APPLICATION.** The application must specify the exam class (A, B or C) and preferred examination location. Include name, mailing address, telephone number and email address.
- HOSPITAL INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION APPLICATION QUALIFICATIONS MATRIX.**
Identify the inspector Class for which you are interested in applying. Verify that you meet the minimum qualifications as defined in CAC Section 7-204. Submit the required supporting documentation.
- HOSPITAL INSPECTOR EXPERIENCE FORM.** Outlines all qualifying experience for certification as defined in CAC Section 7-204. No section shall be left blank. (This form is not required if you qualify based on registration/license as an architect/engineer or provide valid certifications for Class B method 4 and Class C method 3.)
- HOSPITAL INSPECTOR VERIFIER CERTIFICATION FORM.** Must be included with every "Hospital Inspector Experience Form" submitted as qualifying experience. One form can be used for an individual who is verifying work experience on multiple projects. A reference letter may be used to substitute this form. The reference letter must be signed by a current and/or previous employer(s) and include project names, dates of employment and description of duties regarding each job which meets the minimum qualifications for the examination. References must include a valid phone number and email address.
- HOSPITAL INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION APPLICATION EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS FORM.** Completed when supplementing or substituting education for the required experience outlined in CAC Section 7-204(a)(1) or 7-204(b)(1) or including required supporting documentation for qualifying Class B method 4 and Class C method 3.
- HOSPITAL INSPECTOR EXAM FEE PAYMENT FORM.** Submit application with the appropriate fee. Do not combine the Application Review and Exam fees in one payment.



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HOSPITAL INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION APPLICATION QUALIFICATIONS MATRIX

Please identify the inspector class you are interested in applying for below and identify which of the qualifying methods you will use to certify you meet the minimum requirements.

Class "A" Hospital Inspector

May inspect all areas of construction.

This includes Architectural, Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical, Fire and Life Safety and Structural elements.

Qualification Method 1		Required Supporting Documents
	High school graduation or the equivalent and six years' experience involving building projects of Type I or II construction as an architect's, engineer's, owner's, local building official's or general contractor's representative in technical inspection of major structural and nonstructural systems and components of buildings. [Note: Experience in subsection (a) 1 of the California Admin. Code Title 24, Part 1, Article 19, Section 7-204 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 max. of two years.]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highschool transcripts or copy of High School Equivalency Certificate. Work verification form(s) showing <u>six years</u> of experience involving Type I or II construction as an architect's, engineer's, owner's, local building official's or general contractor's representative in technical inspection of major structural and nonstructural systems and components of buildings; or
Qualification Method 2		Required Supporting Documents
	Possess a valid California registration/license as a mechanical, electrical, or civil engineer and two years' experience involving building projects of Type I or II construction as an architect's, engineer's, owner's, local building official's or general contractor's representative in technical inspection of major structural and nonstructural systems and components of buildings;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of valid California registration/license as a mechanical, electrical, or civil engineer Work verification form(s) showing <u>two years</u> of experience involving Type I or II construction as an architect's, engineer's, owner's, local building official's or general contractor's representative in technical inspection of major structural and nonstructural systems and components of buildings; or
Qualification Method 3		Required Supporting Documents
	<u>Two years</u> of satisfactory performance as a Class "B" Hospital Inspector of Record on hospital projects of significant scope and complexity as determined by OSHPD;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of valid Class "B" certification Work verification form(s) showing <u>two years</u> of experience working as a Class "B" OSHPD inspector; or
Qualification Method 4		Required Supporting Documents
	Possess a valid California registration/license as a structural engineer or a valid California license as an architect.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of valid California registration/license as a structural engineer or architect.

Class "B" Hospital Inspector

May inspect only architectural, mechanical, plumbing, electrical, fire and life safety, and anchorage of nonstructural elements.

Qualification Method 1		Required Supporting Documents
	<p>High school graduation or the equivalent and four years' experience involving building projects of Type I or II construction as an architect's, engineer's, owner's, local building official's or general contractor's representative in technical inspection of major structural and nonstructural systems and components of buildings. [Note: Experience in subsection (b) 1 of the California Administrative Code Title 24, Part 1, Article 19, Section 7-204 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.];</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highschool transcripts or copy of High School Equivalency Certificate. • Work verification form(s) showing four years' experience involving building projects of Type I or II construction as an architect's, engineer's, owner's, local building official's or general contractor's representative in technical inspection of major structural and nonstructural systems and components of buildings; or
Qualification Method 2		Required Supporting Documents
	<p>Possess a valid California registration/license as a civil engineer and two years' experience involving building projects of Type I or II construction as an architect's, engineer's, owner's, local building official's or general contractor's representative in technical inspection of more than one major structural or nonstructural system of buildings (structural, mechanical, electrical, or plumbing);</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of valid California registration/license as a civil engineer. • Work verification form(s) showing two years' experience involving building projects of Type I or II construction as an architect's, engineer's, owner's, local building official's or general contractor's representative in technical inspection of more than one major structural or nonstructural system of buildings (structural, mechanical, electrical or plumbing); or
Qualification Method 3		Required Supporting Documents
	<p>Possess a valid California registration/license as a structural, mechanical, or electrical engineer, or a valid California license as an architect;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of a valid California registration/license as a structural, mechanical, or electrical engineer, or a valid California license as an architect; or
Qualification Method 4		Required Supporting Documents
	<p>High school graduation or the equivalent, and two years' experience involving building projects of Type I or II construction as an architect's, engineer's, owner's, local building official's or general contractor's representative in technical inspection of major structural and nonstructural systems and components of buildings, and possession of valid certification in all of the following four categories: ICC California Commercial Building Inspector, ICC California Commercial Electrical Inspector, IAPMO certifications as a California Plumbing Inspector and California Mechanical Inspector.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highschool transcripts or copy of High School Equivalency Certificate. • Work verification form(s) showing two years of experience involving Type I or II construction as an architect's, engineer's, owner's, local building official's or general contractor's representative in technical inspection of major structural and nonstructural systems and components of buildings; and • Copies of valid ICC certifications in the following categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification as a California Commercial Building Inspector (I1) • California Commercial Electrical Inspector (I2) • Copies of valid IAPMO certifications in the following categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California Plumbing Inspector • California Mechanical Inspector

Class “C” Hospital Inspector

May inspect on or more areas of construction specialty, including but not limited to the areas listed in Section 7-204(c). A Class C Hospital Inspector may not inspect complete scope of construction authorized for Class “A” or “B” inspectors.

Qualification Method 1		Required Supporting Documents
	<p>High school graduation or the equivalent and four years’ experience involving commercial or institutional building projects as the representative in testing, inspection, or observation of construction for an architect, engineer, owner, local building official, local fire authority, testing lab, specialty contractor or general contractor and must possess valid certification issued by an organization specified in Section 7-204(c)(4). [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.];</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highschool transcripts or copy of High School Equivalency Certificate. • Work verification form(s) showing four years’ experience involving building projects as the representative in testing, inspection, or observation of construction for an architect, engineer, owner, local building official, local fire authority, testing lab, specialty contractor or general contractor. • Copies of a valid certificate(s) issued by an organization listed in Section 7-204(c)4; or
Qualification Method 2		Required Supporting Documents
	<p>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, local fire authority’s, specialty contractor’s or general contractor’s representative in testing inspection or observation of construction and must possess at least one valid certificate issued by an organization that is listed or described in Section 7-204(c)(4);</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of valid California registration/license as an engineer. • Work verification form(s) showing two years’ experience involving building projects of Type I or II construction as an architect’s, engineer’s, owner’s, local building official’s, local fire authority’s, specialty contractor’s or general contractor’s representative in testing inspection or observation of construction. • Copies of a valid certificate(s) issued by at least one of the organizations listed in Section 7-204(c)4; or
Qualification Method 3		Required Supporting Documents
	<p>Possess a valid California registration/license as a civil, mechanical, or electrical engineer, or a valid California license as an architect and must possess at least one valid certificate issued by an organization specified in Section 7-204(c)4.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of valid California registration/license as a civil, mechanical, or electrical engineer, or architect. • Copies of a valid certificate(s) issued by at least one of the organizations listed in Section 7-204(c)4.



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HOSPITAL INSPECTOR EXPERIENCE FORM

(Must be typed)

EXPERIENCE: *List all qualifying experience outlined in Title 24, Part 1, Article 19, Section 7-204 (a), (b) & (c). Be sure to complete one sheet per project (or portion of a project if experience gained on a large project needs to be subdivided to accurately portray all qualifying experience)*

Name of Project:	OSHPD Number <i>(if any)</i> :
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Employer Name, address, and location *(Your employer is generally the entity who paid you, if not please explain)*:

Name of Supervisor <i>(Your supervisor is the individual who supervised your work and is familiar with the duties you performed)</i> :	Supervisor Phone Number:
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Facility Name & Address:

Timeframe: From: _____ / _____ / _____ Month Day Year To: _____ / _____ / _____ Month Day Year	Hours Worked on This Project: Per Week: _____ Weeks Per Year: _____	Type of Construction: TYPE I TYPE III TYPE V TYPE II TYPE IV
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Representative of: Architect Local Building Official Owner Engineer General Contractor	Type of Responsibility: Technical Inspector Inspection Supervisor
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Project Description *(this section should provide a focused description of the project and shall include number of stories, project square footage, type of facility (e.g., hospital, school, commercial, or residential), construction type (e.g., steel moment frame, cast concrete shear walls, masonry shear walls or plywood shear walls), and identify the work involved (e.g., architectural, structural, mechanical, plumbing, electric, etc.).)*

Description of Duties *(this section should provide a focused description of your work as either: project inspector (hospital, school, etc.), project manager (responsible for coordination, scheduling, tracking, construction progress, construction issue resolution), project superintendent (supervision of subcontractors, construction staff, project scheduling, quality control, etc.), construction (foreman, supervisor, laborer), testing tech. (sampling, handling, testing, etc.), special inspector (welding, concrete placement, masonry, etc.), governmental building inspector (elec. mech. plumb. struct. plan review, etc.), design (engineering, drafting, plan review, etc.).)*

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Name of Project:	OSHPD Number (if any):	
Employer Name, address, and location (Your employer is generally the entity who paid you, if not please explain):		
Name of Supervisor (Your supervisor is the individual who supervised your work and is familiar with the duties you performed):	Supervisor Phone Number:	
Facility Name & Address:		
Timeframe:	Hours Worked on This Project:	Type of Construction:
From: _____ Month Day Year	Per Week: _____	TYPE I TYPE III TYPE V
To: _____ Month Day Year	Weeks Per Year: _____	TYPE II TYPE IV
Representative of:		Type of Responsibility:
Architect	Local Building Official	Owner
Engineer	General Contractor	Technical Inspector
		Inspection Supervisor
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Facility Name & Address:		
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Facility Name & Address:		
Timeframe: From: _____ / _____ / _____ Month Day Year To: _____ / _____ / _____ Month Day Year	Hours Worked on This Project: Per Week: _____ Weeks Per Year: _____	Type of Construction: TYPE I TYPE III TYPE V TYPE II TYPE IV
Representative of: Architect Local Building Official Owner Engineer General Contractor		Type of Responsibility: Technical Inspector Inspection Supervisor
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HOSPITAL INSPECTOR VERIFIER CERTIFICATION FORM

(Must be completed by Verifier)

Candidate's Name: _____ Certification Number (if any): _____

Dates of Employment: From _____ To _____

Verifier Information

Name:		Title:	
Employer Name:			
Phone:		Email Address:	

Verifier Professional Licenses/Certifications

License Number:	Title:

Project Name:

Project Address:

Number *Street*

City *State* *Zip*

Project Description:

Observation of Candidates Work	
Observation Occurred During:	
Current Employment	Previous Employment
Dates	
From: _____ To: _____	
Observation of the candidate occurred during my role as (Check all that apply):	
	Candidate's direct supervisor
	Candidate's indirect supervisor/manager responsible for the candidate's work results/outcomes
	Architect or Engineer on one of the candidate's projects
	Governmental Authority:
	Inspector supervisor for client
	General Contractor
	Other:
I have (Check all that apply):	
	Directly observed the candidate's work
	Directly observed the results of the candidate's work
	Have been candidate's direct supervisor
	Received reliable reports from those who have directly observed the candidate's work
<p>Verifier's Statement:</p> <p><i>I certify that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>I understand and have carefully considered each work history engagement that I have verified.</i> • <i>I have not verified any work engagement that I have not personally observed.</i> • <i>All the foregoing is true and correct.</i> <p>Verifier Signature: _____ Date: _____</p>	



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**HOSPITAL INSPECTOR
 FEE PAYMENT FORM**

The prescribed fees relative to the Hospital Inspector Certification Program shall be specifically charged to the applicant as outlined in the Hospital Inspector Application package.

These fees shall be transmitted by **check, money order, or cashier’s check** payable to the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) and mailed to:

HCAI - OSHPD
 Hospital Inspector Certification Program
 2020 W. El Camino Ave, Suite 800
 Sacramento, CA 95833

Applicant Name:	
FEES	
NEW APPLICATIONS	RETEST/RENEWAL
Application review \$100.00 (nonrefundable)	<input type="checkbox"/> Class A/B Inspector Certification Exam \$300.00
Class A Inspector Certification Exam \$300.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Recertification Exam \$100.00
Class B Inspector Certification Exam \$300.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Delinquency Fee \$100.00
Class C Inspector Certification \$100.00 (for each specialty certificate)	DUPLICATE
	<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate ID \$25.00
NOTE: DO NOT combine Application Review and Exam fees into one payment. Thank you.	



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Hospital Inspector Certification Application Instructions

Pursuant to the California Administrative Code (CAC), Chapter 7, Section 7-203 (attached), an applicant may apply for the Hospital Inspector Certification Exam by submitting, to the Department of Health Care Access and Information (Office), the following items prior to the final filing date announced for a scheduled exam:

- A completed application provided by the Office titled **“HOSPITAL INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION APPLICATION”**. The application shall include the exam class (A, B or C), preferred examination location, applicant's name, mailing address, telephone number and email address. An application for an examination is valid for one year commencing with the first available examination date. If applicant has not taken an exam within that one-year period, a new application and applicable fees must be submitted to participate in a future exam.
- A completed **“HOSPITAL INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION APPLICATION QUALIFICATIONS MATRIX”**. This form should be completed by the applicant to identify the inspector class they are interested in applying for. This form will aid in identifying the minimum criteria to be eligible to participate in the certification examination for a Classes “A,” “B,” or “C” Hospital Inspector as defined in CAC Section 7-204 and outlines the required documentation.
- A completed **“HOSPITAL INSPECTOR EXPERIENCE FORM”** shall accompany the application and outline all qualifying experience for certification required by the CAC Section 7-204. This form is not required when the applicant qualifies based on registration/license as an architect/engineer or provides valid certifications for Class B method 4 and Class C method 3
- A completed **“HOSPITAL INSPECTOR VERIFIER CERTIFICATION FORM”**, provided by the Office or a reference letter from current and/or previous employer(s) regarding each job which meets the minimum qualifications for the certification examination. The signed letter shall include but is not limited to the applicant's name, project names, dates of employment, job description and employer's phone number and email address.
- When substituting the required experience with college education (with major work in architecture, engineering, building inspection and or construction) as outlined in CAC Section 7-204(a)(1) or 7-204(b)(1), the applicant shall submit a completed **“HOSPITAL INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION APPLICATION EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS FORM”** and copies of recognized certificates, licenses, registrations, and/or official sealed transcripts indicating educational courses completed by the applicant used to meet the minimum eligibility requirements.
- A completed **“HOSPITAL INSPECTOR EXAM FEE PAYMENT FORM”** and a non-refundable “Application Review Fee” in the amount of \$100.00 as specified in CAC Chapter 7, Section 7-206.

Inspector Certification Exam Applications and all supporting documentation shall be submitted to:

HCAI – OSHPD
Attn: Hospital Inspector Certification Program
2020 W. El Camino Ave., Suite 800
Sacramento, CA 95833

Please visit www.hcai.ca.gov for more information on Hospital Inspector Certification Examinations and related information.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

Applications, supporting documentation, and application review fee must be received by the final filing date. Incomplete submittals may be rejected by the Office. The application, documents and fees will be returned to the applicant with a statement of reason for non-acceptance. Upon review, verification, and evaluation of the applicant's qualifications, the Office will notify the applicant, in writing, of eligibility or ineligibility for entrance to the requested certification examination.

The exam fee shall be submitted by an applicant for a specified examination prior to participation in the examination. An applicant shall forfeit the exam fee if the applicant fails to appear for any portion of the exam for which the applicant is scheduled. If the Office has a need to reschedule an exam, a qualified applicant who has submitted the exam fee prior to the reschedule will be either reimbursed or credited for the exam fee amount.

All applicants must submit the "Application Review Fee" (non-refundable and non-transferable*) with the examination application. Candidates must have received written approval and paid all fees to participate in the examination. All candidates shall bring a valid form of photo identification issued by the State of California.

Upon completion of technical review, verification and evaluation of the applicant's qualifications, the Office will notify the applicant, in writing, of eligibility or ineligibility for entrance to the requested certification examination. Payment for the Examination is due after such notification. After payment for the examination is received, a confirmation notice of the test date, location and instructions will be emailed to the candidate. ***The examination fee must be received no later than 10 business days before the examination date.***

CLASS A EXAM

The **Class A** Hospital Inspector examination is an eight-hour test consisting of multiple-choice and/or true-false questions. The test is broken up into the following two parts:

- Part One is a four-hour test consisting of code questions (open book) which measure the candidate's:
 - Ability to identify and understand the application of Chapter 7 of the 2019 California Administrative Code, the 2019 California Building Standards Code, and Referenced Standards.
 - Knowledge of appropriate inspector duties.
 - Ability to communicate in writing.Refer to the *Acceptable Reference Materials for Exams* web page or Attachment H for a complete list of codes and standards. Most questions are multiple-choice; however, there may also be true-false questions.
- Part Two is a four-hour test consisting of questions on plan reading which measure the candidate's:
 - Ability to read, properly interpret and understand construction documents consisting of plans and specifications of a hospital construction project.
 - Knowledge of required inspector duties.
 - Ability to communicate in writing.

Each part of the test is divided into sections covering the following areas of construction inspection:

- Administrative, including inspector duties and responsibilities.
- Structural including anchorage and bracing of non-structural components.
- Architectural, including civil and accessibility.
- Fire and Life Safety (FLS).
- Mechanical and Plumbing.
- Electrical.

CLASS “B” EXAM

The **Class B** Hospital Inspector examination is a six-hour test consisting of multiple-choice and true-false questions. The test is broken up into the following two parts:

- Part One is a four-hour test consisting of code questions (open book) which measure the candidate’s:
 - Ability to identify and understand the application of Chapter 7 of the 2019 California Administrative Code, the 2019 California Building Standards Code, and Referenced Standards.
 - Knowledge of appropriate inspector duties.
 - Ability to communicate in writing.

Most questions are multiple-choice; however, there may also be true-false questions.

- Part Two is a two-hour test consisting of questions on plan reading which measures the candidate’s:
 - Ability to read, properly interpret and understand construction documents consisting of plans and specifications of a hospital construction project.
 - Knowledge of required inspector duties.
 - Ability to communicate in writing.

Each part of the test is divided into sections covering the following areas of construction inspection:

- Administrative, including inspector duties and responsibilities.
- Anchorage and bracing of Non-structural Components.
- Architectural, including civil and accessibility.
- Fire and Life Safety (FLS).
- Mechanical and Plumbing.
- Electrical.

SUCCESS WITH PASSING CLASS A AND B EXAMINATIONS

To be successful in the Class A or B examination, a candidate must obtain a minimum score of 75% in each section shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1

Minimum Passing Scores – Class A and B Sections						
	Administrative	Structural (A) Anchorage (A and B)	Architectural	Fire and Life Safety	Mechanical and Plumbing	Electrical
Code Application	75%	75% Combined	75%	75%	75%	75%
Plan Reading			Combined	Combined	Combined	Combined

A candidate who passes all sections of the Class “A” or “B” exam except one may retest that section. Failure to achieve a minimum score of 75% on the retested section will be considered failure of the entire exam.

CLASS C EXAMS

Class C one-hour exam

For all Class C specialties except “Anchorage and Bracing of Nonstructural Components” specialty, the **Class C** Hospital Inspector examination is a *one-hour* examination consisting of multiple-choice questions (open book) to measure the candidate’s understanding of Chapter 7 of the 2019 California Administrative Code. To be successful in the Class C *one-hour* certification examination, a candidate must obtain an overall minimum score of 75%.

Class C two-hour exam

For the “Anchorage and Bracing of Nonstructural Components” Class C specialty, the candidate must take a *two-hour* examination of multiple-choice questions (open book) to measure the candidate’s understanding of Chapter 7 of the current California Administrative Code, as well as applicable portions of the current California Building Standards Code. To be successful in the Class C *two-hour* certification examination, the candidate must obtain an overall minimum score of 75%.

If a certified Class C Hospital Inspector applies for additional Class C certification(s) within three years of passing the administrative section of the exam, additional certifications will be issued upon receipt of evidence of valid certification; it would not be necessary to retake the administrative exam. To add the “Architectural” or “Anchorage and Bracing of Nonstructural Components” Class C certifications, the applicant would have to present evidence of successful completion of the examination(s) in these specialties.

RESULTS

Examination results will be mailed to the candidates approximately four weeks after the examination date.

REAPPLICATION

A candidate who has failed an examination may apply to participate in a re-examination no sooner than six months from the exam previously taken by the candidate by submitting the first page of the Application with “RETEST” clearly marked and a \$100 application review fee.

DISQUALIFICATION

An applicant/candidate who is disqualified from an examination may not participate in an examination for a period of one year from the date of disqualification. Please refer to the “Conduct Relative to the Exam” section within this document for a list of inappropriate activities.

FEES

All applicants must submit the “Application Review Fee” (non-refundable and non-transferable*) with the exam application. The “Examination Fee” may accompany the application as a separate payment or be submitted at the time of application approval. All fees listed below must be received no later than 10 business days before the examination date to participate in the exam.

Application Review Fee (non-refundable/non-transferable)	\$100.00
Examination Fee (Class A or B)	\$300.00
Examination Fee for each specialty (Class C)	\$100.00

**The “Application Review Fee” is only applicable to one application and cannot be transferred to another Exam Classification (e.g., an Application Review Fee for the Class A exam cannot be transferred to the Class B or Class C Application Review Fee.)*

Payments may be made using the “**HOSPITAL INSPECTOR EXAM FEE PAYMENT FORM**” and shall include a non-refundable “Application Review Fee” in the amount of \$100.00 as specified in CAC Chapter 7, Section 7-206 (attached). **Do not combine payments** for Class A or B. Checks and money orders shall be made payable to “HCAI”. On-line payments are not available. Acceptable methods of payment:

- Check/Cashier's Check
- Money Order
- Personal Check

Application and payment(s) must be mailed to:

HCAI – OSHPD
Attn: Hospital Inspector Certification Program
2020 W. El Camino Ave., Suite 800
Sacramento, CA 95833

RESCHEDULING AN APPOINTMENT

Candidates who are accepted for an exam but are not able to attend for any reason may notify the Office of their inability to attend the exam, at least one week prior to the exam and may receive a **one-time** transfer for a future examination. The examination fee collected from the first appointment may be applied to the new test date. A candidate may request to reschedule or cancel an examination appointment by submitting a written request or by contacting the Office before the examination date. **No refunds will be made for late cancellations or no-shows.**

If the Office reschedules an exam, the Office will notify the candidates of the new date in writing. If a candidate is unable to participate on the new date, the candidate may reschedule within a 12-month period and fees will be transferred to the new date.

ACCESSIBILITY AND REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION

Applicants must submit a Reasonable Accommodation Request form (pages 3-6 of Policy Intent Notice (PIN) 61 available on the Office website at least 30 days prior to the exam date.

DAY OF THE EXAMINATION

The candidate should arrive a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the examination to allow for parking, check-in, and setup for the examination. The following is required of the candidates prior to participating in the examination:

- Written approval from the Office to participate in the exam.
- A valid form of photo identification issued by the State of California with a signature (example: a driver's license).
- All fees shall have been paid to the Office prior to participating the examination.

Candidates may not bring any codes and standards to the exam room. All codes and standards are provided in PDF format.

EXAMINATION TIMES* FOR CLASS A, B, & C:

Class A

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Class B

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Class C

8:00 a.m.

Lunch is from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. **All examinations will start promptly at 8:00 a.m.**

CONDUCT RELATIVE TO THE EXAM

An applicant/candidate who participates in any of the following acts before, during, or after the administration of the examination shall be disqualified from the examination by the Office. ***The applicant or candidate shall not engage in activities that would compromise the integrity of the exam including but not limited to the following:***

- Violate any rules of the exam.
- Bring unauthorized reference material or electronic device(s) into the exam room. Cell phones must remain turned off during the exam.
- Copy, screenshot, or record any portion of the exam.
- Participate in collusion regarding the exam.
- Disclose the contents of the exam questions to anyone other than a person authorized by the Office.
- Solicit, accept, or compile information regarding the contents of the exam.
- Falsify documents required for exam entrance.
- Engage in harassment of proctors or other candidates.
- Write on the exam.
- Share materials with another candidate.

Questions that seem ambiguous or incorrect may be challenged on the scratch paper provided. The challenge must be filed immediately upon conclusion of the test in writing. The challenge must include the question(s) and grounds for the challenge (e.g., incorrect code section, typographical error, etc.), exam date, and the candidate's signature. *Differing opinions on code interpretation are not grounds for challenge.* The results of the challenge will be returned by mail. Make sure to mark the best answer; do not leave the challenged question blank. Scratch paper is provided in your exam booklet and will be collected at the end of the exam.

CERTIFICATION

A candidate who is successful in passing the examination will receive a Hospital Inspector Certificate and photo ID card issued by the Office. The candidate's name, email address and telephone number will be posted on the Office list of certified Hospital Inspectors available to the public through the Office website.

Certification by the Office:

- Is valid for three (3) years from the date of issuance.
- Must be renewed prior to expiration in accordance with the process explained on the Hospital Inspector Recertification web page.
- **Does not guarantee job placement.**

LOST, DESTROYED OR MUTILATED CARDS

Duplicate Hospital Inspector certification cards may be issued to replace a lost, destroyed, or mutilated card by submitting a written request to the Office and a \$25.00 duplicate certificate fee.

California Administrative Code, Chapter 7, Section 7-203

7-203. Applying for the certification examination.

- (a) An applicant may apply for the Hospital Inspector Certification Exam by submitting, to the Office, the following items prior to the final filing date announced for a scheduled exam:
1. A completed application, provided by the Office, shall be submitted to the Office in Sacramento and shall include the exam title, preferred examination location, applicant's name, mailing address and telephone number. An application for an examination is valid for one year commencing with the first available examination date. If applicant has not taken an exam within that one-year period, a new application and exam fee must be submitted to participate in a future exam.
 2. Certificates or transcripts indicating educational courses completed by the applicant which relate to the minimum qualifying requirements stated in Section 7-204.
 3. Work verification form or letter from current and/or previous employer(s) regarding any job which meets the minimum qualifications for the certification examination, and which includes the applicant's name, dates of employment, job description and employer's signature.
 4. An "Application Review Fee" in the amount specified on a certification examination announcement for a scheduled exam and pursuant to Section 7-206. (b) Incomplete submittals may be rejected by the Office.
- (b) Incomplete submittals may be rejected by the Office. The application, documents and fees will be returned to the applicant with a statement of reason for nonacceptance.
- (c) Upon review, verification and evaluation of the applicant's qualifications, the Office will notify the applicant, in writing, of eligibility or ineligibility for entrance to the requested certification examination.

Authority: Health and Safety Code Sections 18929 and 129675-130070.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Section 129850

California Administrative Code, Chapter 7, Section 7-204

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:

(a) Minimum qualifications for Class "A" Hospital Inspector Exam:

1. High school graduation or the equivalent and six years' experience involving building projects of Type I or II construction as an architect's, engineer's, owner's, local building official's or general contractor's representative in technical inspection of major structural and nonstructural systems and components of buildings.

Note: Experience in subsection (a) 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 a mechanical, electrical, or civil engineer and two years' experience involving building projects of Type I or II construction 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. High school graduation or the equivalent and two years of working experience as a Class "B" Hospital Inspector; or

4. Possess a valid California registration/license as a structural engineer or a valid California license as an architect.

(b) Minimum qualifications for Class “B” Hospital Inspector Exam:

1. High school graduation or the equivalent and four years’ experience involving building projects of Type I or II construction as an architect’s, engineer’s, owner’s, local building official’s or general contractor’s representative in technical inspection of major structural and nonstructural systems and components of buildings.

Note: Experience in subsection (b) 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 a civil engineer and two years’ experience involving building projects of Type I or II construction 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; or
4. High school graduation or the equivalent, two years’ experience involving building projects of Type I or II construction as an architect’s, engineer’s, owner’s, local building official’s or general contractor’s representative in technical inspection of major structural and nonstructural systems and components of buildings, and possession of valid certification in all of the following four categories:
 - International Code Council (ICC) certification as a California Commercial Building Inspector (I1),
 - International Code Council (ICC) certification as a California Commercial Electrical Inspector (I2),
 - International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) certification as a California Plumbing Inspector,
 - International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) certification as a California Mechanical Inspector.

(c) Minimum qualifications for Class “C” Hospital Inspector Exam:

1. High school graduation or the equivalent and four years’ experience involving building projects as the representative in testing, inspection, or observation of construction for an architect, engineer, owner, local building official, local fire authority, testing lab, specialty contractor or general contractor and possess a valid certificate issued by any of the following:

Accessibility – Division of the State Architect Certified Access Specialist (CASp) certification
Anchorage/Bracing of Nonstructural Components — Certification to be administered by the Office
Electrical – ICC California Commercial Electrical Inspector certification
Fire Alarm – NICET Fire Alarm Systems, Level III or ICC Commercial Fire Alarm Inspector certifications
Fire Resistive Construction—ICC California Building Inspector certification
Framing and Drywall—ICC California Commercial Building Inspector certification
Inspection and Testing of Water Based Systems – NICET Inspection and Testing of Water Based Systems, Level III certification
Mechanical — IAPMO California Mechanical Inspector certification
Medical Gas Systems— NITC Medical Gas Inspector 6020 certification
Plumbing— IAPMO California Plumbing Inspector certification
Roofing— ICC California Commercial Building Inspector

In addition to these certification organizations listed, the Office may accept the equivalent certification by a state or nationally recognized organization.

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 officials, local fire authority's, specialty contractor's or general contractor's representative in testing inspection or observation of construction and must possess at least one valid certificate issued by an organization that is listed or described in (c) (1) above; or
3. Possess a valid California registration/license as a structural, mechanical or electrical engineer, or a valid California license as an architect and must possess at least one valid certificate issued by an organization that is listed or described in (c) (1) above.

Authority: Health and Safety Code Sections 18929 and 129675-130070.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Section 129825.

California Administrative Code, Chapter 7, Section 7-206

7-206. Fees.

- (a) Fees required pursuant to subsection (b), shall be transmitted by credit card, money order, cashier check, certified check or personal check, and payable to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development.
- (b) The prescribed fees relative to the Hospital Inspector Certification Program shall be specifically charged to the applicant to recover reasonable costs of administering the certification program. Fees shall be charged as follows:

Application review \$100.00 (nonrefundable)
Exam for Class "A" Inspector Certification \$300.00
Exam for Class "B" Inspector Certification \$300.00
Exam for Class "C" Inspector Certification \$100.00 (for each specialty certificate)
Recertification exam \$100.00
Delinquency fee \$100.00
Duplicate certificate \$25.00

- (c) An application review fee must accompany an application for a certification examination. This fee is nonrefundable.
- (d) An exam fee shall be submitted by an applicant for a specified examination prior to participation in the examination.
- (e) An applicant shall forfeit the exam fee if the applicant fails to appear for any portion of the exam for which the applicant is scheduled.
- (f) If the Office has a need to reschedule an exam, a qualified applicant who has submitted the exam fee prior to the reschedule will be either reimbursed or credited for the exam fee amount.

Authority: Health and Safety Code Sections 1 8929 and 129675-130070.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Section 129825.