

HCAI Certification Types and Eligibility

Class A

The **Class A Hospital Inspector** may inspect all areas of construction including:

- Architectural
- Mechanical
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Fire and life safety
- Structural

Minimum Qualifications for the Class A Hospital Inspector Certification Exam

1. **High school graduation or the equivalent and six (6) years' experience involving building projects of Type I or Type 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 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 (2)years; or
2. Possess a valid California registration/license as a mechanical, electrical, or civil engineer and two (2) years' experience involving building projects of Type I or Type 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
3. **Two years of satisfactory performance as a Class "B" Hospital Inspector of Record** on hospital projects of significant scope and complexity as determined by OSHPD; or
4. Possess a valid California registration/license as a structural engineer or a valid California license as an architect.

Class B

The **Class B Hospital Inspector** may inspect only the following areas of construction:

- Architectural
- Mechanical
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Fire and Life Safety
- Anchorage of Non-Structural Elements

Minimum Qualifications for Class B Hospital Inspector Exam

1. **High school graduation or the equivalent and four (4) years' experience involving building projects of Type I or Type 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 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 (2) years; or
2. Possess a valid California registration/license as a civil engineer and two (2) years' experience involving building projects of Type 1 or Type II construction as an architect's, engineer's, owner's, local building officials, 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
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**.