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*This bulletin answers most questions raised by examination candidates. Please read it carefully.
You will find it a useful reference throughout your registration and examination process.*

International Code Council Vision

Creating safe, affordable, and sustainable buildings and communities.

International Code Council Mission

Provide the codes, tools, and resources that members rely on,
building safety professionals turn to, and manufacturers and the public trust.

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SUMMARY OF BULLETIN CHANGES

Date of Change	Section Affected	Revision
September 15, 2025	Reformatted Entire Bulletin	Reformatted Entire Bulletin

Besure to completely read this bulletin before scheduling your examination. You are responsible for following all policies and regulations found in this document. Not reading this bulletin does not release your responsibility for following these procedures.

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About Code Council Contractor/Trades Testing

The International Code Council's Contractor/Trades examination program is an independent testing program designed to provide licensing agencies with information regarding qualified contractors and trades professionals. Participating in the Code Council examination program does not guarantee that a licensing agency will award you a license. However, the Code Council examination program serves as an independent appraisal of your competency in the construction field, and your test results may be used by licensing agencies to satisfy the requirements for testing.

The International Code Council is not a licensing agency. If you want to become licensed in a city, county, or state that participates with the Code Council, that jurisdiction will require you to take and pass a Code Council examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, contact the jurisdiction for any other requirements in order to become licensed.

Testing Information and Frequently Asked Questions

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide you with information regarding how to schedule and take your contractor/trades examination. Prior to scheduling a test with this program, you must first make a license application with the City of Minneapolis. Applications are available at: <https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/business-services/licenses-permits-inspections/constructionpermits-certificates/construction-code-rules-enforcement/competency-cards/>. You may contact the City at the following address:

City of Minneapolis
Comp Card Applications
250 South 4th Street Room 300
Minneapolis, MN 55145
(612) 673-3000

If your application is satisfactory, the Code Council will be notified of your eligibility to test. Once you receive notification of approval from licensing agency, you may apply for and schedule your examination. Authorization is effective for one year after eligibility is determined.

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is recommended that you wait at least 24-48 hours after receiving your notice of approval before you try to schedule your examination. This will ensure the Code Council and its computer testing partner have had time to process your eligibility record.

All candidates are required to adhere to all ICC Council Policies and ICC Credentialing rules and policies provided in the [Administrative Rules and Procedures](#).

What examination do I need to take?

As requirements for employment differ from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, the Code Council cannot recommend specific examinations to you. We strongly encourage you to contact the jurisdiction in which you wish to work for more information on their specific exam requirements for licensure.

How often can I test?

You must wait **60 days** before retaking a failed exam. It is strongly recommended that you allow time to study the approved references before registering to test a second time.

What type of question format will be included in the examination?

Test questions are in four-option, multiple-choice format, with one answer on each question scored as correct. Due to the rigorous psychometric processes used by the Code Council in exam development, questions do not follow patterns (e.g., "the most common answer is 'B'").

Can't I just look up all of the answers in the books?

Because of the time constraints, you will not have time to look up all of the answers. For those answers you must look up, you must be VERY familiar with the references to avoid wasting time searching for information. First impressions are often the most accurate, but you may change your answers if time allows.

Should I guess if I don't know the answer to a question?

There is no guessing penalty, so it is to your advantage to answer every question. Remember to base your answers on the listed references for each exam, not solely on long-time field practices.

When will I receive my results?

Results for examinations taken electronically are available immediately after completion of the examination.

How do I find out examination specific information?

Visit the [Exam Catalog](#) for the following information for each exam:

- Content outline,
- Approved references*,
- Open/Closed book,
- Length of exam
 - Number of items
 - Time Limit
- Passing score, and
- Link to register for the PearsonVUE exam.

How do I schedule/register for an exam?

Code Council contractor examinations are administered through PearsonVUE. Access www.pearsonvue.com/ICC for more information on the ICC examination program at PearsonVUE to include, but not limited to the ability to:

- Create an account,
- View and/or schedule an exam,
- Locate a test center,
- Purchase test vouchers, and
- Request testing accommodations.

How do I make comments about an exam I took?

To have Code Council Credentialing staff review comments or challenges on specific exams, exam items, or any issues encountered during your examination, you must submit a [Technical Challenge](#) to the Code Council.

Our experience shows that the best comments are those that come as soon after the testing process as possible. Include sufficient amount of detail to aid staff in the review of your challenged question(s) or issues related to the exam experience. Following receipt of your challenge, Credentialing staff will investigate each comment for merit and final determination of approval or denial of your challenge.

You will be mailed a response from Code Council staff within 15 business days from receipt of the form by the Code Council; a request for staff review is based solely upon the most recent examination taken.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you retake a failed exam on which you have submitted a challenge, you will forfeit your challenge opportunity for that exam attempt.

How do I request a duplicate pass letter?

If you took an ICC Contractor/Trades examination at a Pearson VUE Test Center on or after January 1, 2014, please contact Pearson VUE via phone (1-877-234-6082) or chat to request a duplicate letter at no charge.

All other candidates, please visit the ICC Candidate Requests/Forms [page](#) and request a [Replacement Result Letter](#).

How do I change my name and address?

NOTE: Your ICC email address is the Pearson VUE email address used to register for an ICC Contractor/Trades examination. To update your candidate demographic information (Address, Phone Number, Email, and Legal Name), log in to your myICC account. Click [here](#) for additional information.

Minneapolis, Minnesota Contractor/Trades Examination Information

Please visit <https://www.iccsafe.org/credentialing/contractor-trades/> for the most up-to-date information.
Outlines are subject to change.

495 Minnesota (Minneapolis) Master Fuel Gasfitter		
Passing Score: 75%		Pricing
100 multiple-choice questions		Pearson VUE: \$115
Open book – 3-hour time limit		
Content Area	%	Reference
General Knowledge	25%	2020 Minnesota Mechanical and Fuel Gas Code with ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.2 – 2016 and ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 154-2016
General Regulation and Safety	20%	AGA Fundamentals of Gas Combustion
Components	10%	Errata
Sizing and Designing	20%	
Installations	15%	
Gas Venting	10%	

496 Minnesota (Minneapolis) Journeyman Fuel Gasfitter		
Passing score: 70%		Pricing
80 multiple-choice questions		Pearson VUE: \$115
Open book – 3-hour time limit		
Content Area	%	Reference
General Knowledge	25%	2020 Minnesota Mechanical and Fuel Gas Code with ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.2-2016 and ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 154-2016
General Regulations and Safety	17%	AGA Fundamentals of Gas Combustion, 3 rd Ed.
Components	12%	
Sizing and Designing	19%	
Installations	15%	
Gas Venting	12%	

Scope: Tests a candidate’s knowledge of installation, repair, maintenance, or extension of any plumbing system, including drain, waste, vents, water supply, and fixtures, and also install, maintain, or repair gas piping, appliances, vents, tanks, and other related appurtenances within the scope of the Minnesota Plumbing Code, and Minneapolis Ordinance Chapter 278.

497 Minnesota (Minneapolis) Plumber Gasfitter Master

Passing score: 75%

100 multiple-choice questions

Open book – 3-hour time limit

Pricing

Pearson VUE: \$115

Content Area	%	Reference
Plumbing – General Knowledge and Regulations	17%	2020 <i>Minnesota Mechanical and Fuel Gas Code</i> with ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 154-2016 and ANSI A117.1
Plumbing Fixtures	5%	2020 <i>Minnesota Plumbing Code</i>
Water Supply and Distribution	5%	2020 Minnesota Accessibility Code
Drain, Waste, and Vent	5%	
Storm Drainage	5%	
Backflow Prevention	8%	
Gas Piping	15%	
Fuel Gas Venting	15%	
Fuel Gas General Regulations	20%	
Plumbing Fixture Accessibility	5%	

498 Minnesota (Minneapolis) Plumber Gasfitter Journeyman

Passing score: 70%

100 multiple-choice questions

Open book – 3hour time limit

Pricing

Pearson VUE: \$115

Content Area	%	Reference
Plumbing General Knowledge and Regulations	18%	2020 <i>Minnesota Mechanical and Fuel Gas Code</i> with ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.2-2016 and ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 154-2016
Plumbing Fixtures	5%	2020 <i>Minnesota Plumbing Code</i>
Water Supply and Distribution	5%	
Drain, Waste, and Vent	7%	
Storm Drainage	5%	
Backflow Prevention	10%	
Gas Piping	15%	
Fuel Gas Venting	15%	
Fuel Gas General Regulations	20%	

768 Minnesota (Minneapolis) Journeyman Refrigeration

Passing score: 70%

70 multiple-choice questions

Open book – 3-hour time limit

Pricing

Pearson VUE: \$115

Content Area	%	Reference
ACR	40%	2020 Minnesota Mechanical and Fuel Gas Code with ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.2 – 2016 and ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 154-2016
Commercial Refrigeration Systems	26%	2016 ASHRAE 15, Safety Standards for Refrigeration Systems
Controls	10%	2016 ASHRAE 34, Designation and Classification of Refrigerants
Piping, Tubing, and Related Equipment	9%	Modern Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, 18th or 19th Edition
Refrigeration Gases	15%	Refrigeration and A/C Technology, 7th edition Errata

769 Minnesota (Minneapolis) Master Refrigeration

Passing score: 75%

80 multiple-choice questions

Open book – 3-hour time limit

Pricing

Pearson VUE: \$115

Content Area	%	Reference
ACR	40%	2020 Minnesota Mechanical and Fuel Gas Code with ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.2-2016 and ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 154-2016
Commercial Refrigeration Systems	26%	2016 ASHRAE 15, Safety Standards for Refrigeration Systems
Controls	10%	2016 ASHRAE 34, Designation and Classification of Refrigerants
Piping, Tubing, and Related Equipment	9%	Modern Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, 18th or 19th Edition
Refrigeration Gases	15%	Refrigeration and A/C Technology, 7th edition Errata

773 Minnesota (Minneapolis) Master Warm Air Ventilation
Passing score: 75%

Pricing

80 multiple-choice questions

Pearson VUE: \$115

Open book – 4-hour time limit

Content Area	%	Reference
General	5%	2020 Minnesota Mechanical and Fuel Gas Code with ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.2-2016 and ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 154-2016
Residential Make Up Air	10%	2021 NFPA 96 Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection
Ventilation	10%	2020 Minnesota Energy Code
Duct Construction and Calculations	30%	2024 SMACNA , HVAC Duct Construction Standards
Commercial Kitchens	30%	2024 Sheet Metal Workers Pocket Manual
Combustion Air/Venting	15%	2022 ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.2-2022 Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in Residential Buildings

774 Minnesota (Minneapolis) Journeyman Warm Air Ventilation
Passing score: 70%

Pricing

100 multiple-choice questions

Pearson VUE: \$115

Open book – 4-hour time limit

Content Area	%	Reference
General Administration	15%	2020 Minnesota Mechanical and Fuel Gas Code with ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.2-2016 and ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 154-2016
Warm Air Heating	30%	2021 NFPA 96 Standard for Ventilation and Control and Fire Protection
Ventilation	15%	2020 Minnesota Energy Code
Duct Construction and Calculations	15%	2024 SMACNA, HVAC Duct Construction Standards
Insulation	5%	
Combustion Air and Venting	20%	

775 Minnesota (Minneapolis) Master Steam and Hot Water

Passing score: 75%

100 multiple-choice questions

Open book – 3-hour time limit

Pricing

Pearson VUE: \$115

Content Area	%	Reference
General	25%	2020 Minnesota Mechanical and Fuel Gas Code with ANSI/ ASHRAE Standard 62.2-2016 and Standard 154-2016
Piping and Equipment Installation	20%	<i>Low Pressure Boilers</i> , 3 rd ed., Frederick M. Steingress
Pipes, Valves, Fittings, Accessories	10%	2020 ASHRAE Handbook-HVAC Systems & Equipment
Hydronics (Hot water & Chilled water)	15%	Errata
Steam	20%	
Controls	10%	

776 Minnesota (Minneapolis) Journeyman Steam and Hot Water

Passing score: 70%

100 multiple-choice questions

Open book – 3-hour time limit

Pricing

Pearson VUE: \$115

Content Area	%	Reference
General	25%	2020 Minnesota Mechanical and Fuel Gas Code with ANSI/ ASHRAE Standard 62.2-2016 and Standard 154-2016
Piping and Equipment Installation	20%	2020 ASHRAE Handbook-HVAC Systems & Equipment
Pipes, Valves, Fittings, Accessories	10%	<i>Low Pressure Boilers</i> , 3 rd ed., Frederick M. Steingress
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Steam	20%	
Controls	10%	