

Hospital Inspector 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

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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 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 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. **Possession of valid certification in all of the following four categories:**
 - International Code Council (ICC) certification as a California Commercial Building Inspector
 - International Code Council (ICC) certification as a California Commercial Electrical Inspector
 - 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

CLASS C

The Class C Hospital Inspector may inspect one or more areas of construction specialty, including but not limited to the areas listed in Section 7-204(c) 1 of the 2019 California Administrative Code, but may not inspect the complete scope of construction authorized for Class A and B inspectors. The Class C inspector must be OSHPD certified in the specialty area and possess a valid certification for the work to be inspected.

Minimum Qualifications for the Class C Hospital Inspector Exam

1. High school graduation or the equivalent and four (4) 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 a valid certification issued by an organization specified below:
 - Accessibility – Division of the State Architect Certification as a Certified Access Specialist (CASp)
 - Anchorage/Bracing of Nonstructural Components – Certification to be administered by OSHPD (Refer to the [Acceptable Reference Materials for Exams](#) page) Certification to be administered by the Office
 - Electrical – International Code Council (ICC) certification as a California Commercial Electrical Inspector
 - Fire Alarm – National Institute for the Certification of Engineering Technologies (NICET) certification in "Fire Alarm Systems, Level III" or International Code Council (ICC) certification as a Commercial Fire Alarm Inspector

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- Fire Resistive Construction – International Code Council (ICC) certification as a California Commercial Building Inspector
- Framing and Drywall – International Code Council (ICC) certification as a California Commercial Building Inspector
- Inspection and Testing of Water Based Systems – National Institute for the Certification of Engineering Technologies (NICET) certification in “Inspection and Testing of Water Based Systems, Level III”
- Mechanical – International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) certification as a California Mechanical Inspector
- Medical Gas Systems – National Inspection Testing Certification (NITC) Certification as Medical Gas Inspector 6020
- Plumbing – International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) certification as a California Plumbing Inspector
- Roofing – International Code Council (ICC) certification as a California Commercial Building Inspector

In addition to the experience requirements described in 2 and 3 below, the applicant must have certification corresponding to the Class C certification sought as identified above. The Office, at its sole discretion may accept the equivalent certification by other state or nationally-recognized organizations. 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 license/registration as an engineer and two (2) 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 (1) valid certificate issued by an organization that is listed or described in item 1 above; or
3. Possess a valid California license/registration as a civil, mechanical, or electrical engineer, or a valid California license as an architect and must possess at least one (1) valid certificate issued by an organization that is listed or described in item 1 above.