

BOABC EXAM CHANGE NOTIFICATION

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CODE CHANGES INTRODUCED IN DECEMBER 2015 WILL NOT BE REFLECTED IN THE BOABC EXAMINATIONS UNTIL APRIL 2015.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT EFFECTIVE APRIL 2015 THE LEVEL II EXAMINATION WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO EXAMS. THE LEVEL II EXAM WILL CONTINUE AS A SINGLE EXAM UNTIL APRIL 2015. OUTLINES OF THE EXISTING EXAM AND THE NEW TWO PART EXAMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BOABC WEBSITE.

Restructuring of the Level II Exam

In response to ongoing member feedback and continued analysis of pass/fail trends for this exam, the Examination Development Committee identified the need for a revision to the structure of the Level II examination process. It had been proposed at previous BOABC Examination Development Committee meetings that the two new Level II exams be divided so that they would generally cover:

- 1) code provisions which the building official only has to go to Part 9 for, and
- 2) code provisions in Part 9 which point to or refer the building official to Parts 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10.

The content areas and job tasks would be categorized appropriately. The overall number of examinations required throughout the BOABC certification process will remain unchanged, as the Level III process will now include four examinations rather than the previous five examinations.

Overlap of Job Tasks in Existing Outlines of Level I, II, and III Exams

At the March 2014 Examination Development Committee meeting, an in-depth analysis of the content of the existing Level I, Level II and all five of the Level III exams was done. It was determined that many of the job tasks in the existing Level II exam are already being tested on in the Level I exam. Also, many of the job tasks in the Level III, Exam 6 are already being tested on in the existing Level II exam. Testing on these job tasks does not need to be duplicated from Level to Level. Therefore, several of the job tasks could be taken out of the Level II outline and new ones added from the Level III, Exam 6 and the job tasks divided appropriately into two exams.

New Level II, Exam 5 and Level II, Exam 6

Therefore, two exams will be required for certification as a Level II Building Official called: Level II, Exam 5, and Level II, Exam 6.

The Level III, Exam 6 will become a Level II exam, restructured per the scope of the Level II Building Official and cover code provisions in Part 9 and those which may refer to Parts 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 of the code. Many of the questions in the Level III, Exam 6 were essentially Level II items anyway. Some Content Areas were adjusted between Level III, Exams 7, 9, and 10.

Summary (Effective starting April 2015)

Level I To achieve Level I certification, pass the Level I exam. No changes.

Level II To achieve Level II certification, pass two exams:
Level II, Exam 5, and Level II, Exam 6

Level III To achieve Level III certification, pass four exams:
Level III, Exam 7, Level III, Exam 8, Level III, Exam 9, and Level III, Exam 10

NOTE: Certification also has a work experience requirement in addition to passing exams.

For those members who have passed the Level I examination and have not yet completed writing the single Level II examination as of April 2015, those candidates will be required to write the two Level II exams as noted.

For those members who have passed the single Level II examination and have not yet commenced or completed writing the Level III examinations as of April 2015, those candidates will be required to write the four Level III exams as noted.