

237 CMR section 14.02 (3) (d)

14.02: Examination Administration, Passing Requirements and Reexamination Requirements for All Class/Type of Licenses

(1) General Examination Format. (a) Examinations for licensure shall be given in the English language. (b) Journeyman and Technician Examinations are given in two parts. One part of the examination questions are derived from apprentices supervised work experience. Part two of the examination questions are derived from the current Code, other Standards and Reference material, as provided in the Candidate Information Bulletin (CIB). (c) Master's and System Contractor's Examinations are given in two Parts. One part of the examination questions is derived from Business and related Laws. Part two of the examination questions are derived from the current Code, other Standards and Reference material, as provided in the Candidate Information Bulletin (CIB).

(2) Passage Requirements. (a) Candidates shall obtain a grade of at least 70% on each part of the examination to obtain licensure. (b) New exam items may be added to the examinations, to reflect the adoption of a current Code, or adoption of other related Regulations or laws seven months from the enforcing date of such Code, Regulation or Law. (c) Credit to Veterans. The Board shall grant credit of 5% on each part of the examination standing of each applicant who is a veteran as defined in M.G.L. c. 4, § 7, clause forty-third.

(3) Reexamination Requirements (a) Candidates who have failed both or only passed one part of an examination will have 12 months, from the board's application approval date, to pass the part he or she failed otherwise, they will have to resubmit a completed application and take both parts of the examination. (b) In no case shall an applicant be allowed to sit for an exam more than three times unless they have complied with the provisions in 237 CMR 14.00 regarding additional education. (c) Candidates who have failed to pass an examination shall wait a minimum of 24 clock hours to reschedule and sit for an exam.

(d) Candidates who have not successfully passed the examination after three attempts shall furnish documentary proof satisfactory to the Board of having reviewed and addressed their examination deficiencies with a Board approved provider. This requirement may also be met by successfully completing an examination preparation course or Board approved 15 hour continuing education course (if not previously taken).

(e) Candidates who have not successfully passed the examination after a total of six attempts shall be required to repeat the full number of education hours required for licensure as outlined by 237 CMR 13.00: Eligibility Criteria for Initial Licensure.

(f) Candidates who were unsuccessful in passing an examination, and the examination item bank changes to reflect a promulgated code, or change in regulation or law shall successfully complete a 15 hour Continuing Education Program as provided in 237 CMR 17.01(1): Continuing Education Requirement on the currently adopted Code incorporating the Massachusetts Amendments in order to sit for reexamination. These candidates must submit to the Board their certificate of completion prior to taking the examination in the future.