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To: NCOWCICB Applicants for Exam
From: Connie S. Stephens, Executive Director
Subject: Answers to Frequently Asked Questions for the Exam(s)

How long does the exam last? A timeframe of three (3) hours is allowed to take the exam. The average time for participants is between forty-five (45) minutes to one (1) hour.

Is the exam open book? No

Will I need a calculator? No

Will I need to bring pen or pencil? No, everything is provided

Can I have my cell phone with me? No. Absolutely no electronics are allowed in the exam room

How do I know the exact address of the exam location? As stated on the exam application, you will receive an email confirmation before the exam date with a check-in time and exact address for the exam.

Will I receive a reminder a few days before the exam? No. The email confirmation will be the only notification you will receive.

What if I arrive late for the exam time? You will have to reschedule for a later exam date.

What if my required documents don't arrive in time for the exam registration cutoff? You will not be confirmed for the exam.

How do I know my required documents have arrived? Send your documents with tracking for delivery verification.

Can I call the day my documents get delivered to verify they have been received? Processing each package takes time, and the office will not have a way to verify your specific documents have been received on date of delivery. Allow about a week processing time before calling to verify receipt. Be sure to add the email address of csstephens@ncowcicb.info is in your email contacts to assure your confirmation is received once the documents get processed and you are confirmed for the exam.

What do I need to study for the exam? The exam(s) are based on foundation knowledge that you will need to know as you progress through the industry.

The 2024 Exam Versions are based heavily on the 18E Rules that apply to systems permitted after 1/1/2024.

Applicants should be aware that systems permitted prior to 1/1/24 are based on 15A NCAC .1900 Rules.

Installer Exam:

Below are sections of the rules that are of particular importance:

- 15A NCAC 18E .0104 Abbreviations
- 15A NCAC 18E .0105 Definitions
- 15A NCAC 18E .0204 Construction Authorization
- 15A NCAC 18E .0205 Operation Permit
- 15A NCAC 18E .0601 Location of Wastewater Systems
- 15A NCAC 18E .0703 Pipe Materials
- 15A NCAC 18E .0801 Septic Tank Capacity Requirements
- 15A NCAC 18E .0802 Pump Tank Capacity Requirements
- 15A NCAC 18E .0805 (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) Tank Installation Requirements
- 15A NCAC 18E .1103 Control Panels
- 15A NCAC 18E .1201 Advanced Pretreatment System Standards
- 15A NCAC 18E .1301 Operation and Maintenance of Wastewater Systems
- 15A NCAC 18E .1307 Wastewater System Abandonment
- 15A NCAC 18E .1402 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) Tank Design
- 21 NCAC 39 .0801 Code of Ethics

Inspector Exam:

Below are sections of rules that are of particular importance:

- 15A NCAC 18E .0104 Abbreviations
- 15A NCAC 18E .0105 Definitions
- 15A NCAC 18E .0601 Location of Wastewater Systems
- 15A NCAC 18E .1301 Operation and Maintenance of Wastewater Systems
- 15A NCAC 18E .1402 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) Tank Design
- 21 NCAC 39 .0801 Code of Ethics
- 21 NCAC 39 .1001 Definitions
- 21 NCAC 39 .1002 General Requirements
- 21 NCAC 39 .1004 General Exclusions
- 21 NCAC 39 .1005 On-site Wastewater Components
- 21 NCAC 39 .1006 Minimum On-site Wastewater System Inspection

Disclosure: The above referenced materials are a basic study guide. Applicants will need a fluid understanding of all rules and general statutes that govern the onsite wastewater industry to be successful in the industry and should not limit their knowledge to the above referenced materials. The exam(s) may or may not also have questions based on generic information that pertains to the industry that is not rule or general statute specific.