Linden Prep Introduces Contractor and Trade Exam Prep Courses

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Linden Prep is introducing 355 online exam prep courses covering state license tests for contractors, tradespeople and inspectors. An exam preparation and continuing education (CE) company, Linden Prep also offers a NASCLA Commercial General Building Contractor course and an exam simulator, along with state-by-state licensing guides.

Each course is self-paced, with lessons that follow the exam's content outline, quizzes after each lesson and practice questions in the exam's format. Candidates can study on a phone and pick up where they left off on a laptop. The catalog covers every state and the District of Columbia across five trade groups: building contractors, electrical, plumbing and HVAC, inspection and codes, and specialty trades.

For open-book exams, 287 Total Prep packages pair a course with study materials for each reference allowed in the exam room: a highlighting guide that shows what to mark and a set of book tabs. The 321 Complete Bundles put every reference an exam lists and the company's prep in one order, and on a closed-book exam the bundle pairs the course with the references to study from. Not every exam has all three options.

"On an open-book exam, how well a candidate knows the references counts as much as how well they know the content. The approved references can be brought into the test and the course material cannot, so preparing for one means learning the material beforehand and knowing the books well enough to find answers in them," a spokesperson for Linden Prep said.

The NASCLA prep course is built around the NASCLA exam and the reference books it allows, and NASCLA lists licensing agencies in 17 states that accept that exam. Linden Prep's simulator runs 125 open-book questions in 330 minutes on a screen that looks like test day, and candidates can retake it with fresh questions. The Tennessee contractor CE course is online and ends with a printable certificate.

Candidates preparing for an exam can also use the company's 358 license guides, which cover 22 trades,

with at least one guide for every state and the District of Columbia. Each explains who needs a license, the license classes, how to qualify for the exam, the exam's format and length where published, and how to renew. Every course page links to the guide for its license. The Tennessee general contractor guide, for example, explains that a license is required before bidding on a project worth $25,000 or more, and that both exams, Business and Law (50 questions in 2.5 hours) and the trade exam (100 questions in 5 hours), are open book.

For renewal, 195 CE guides give the hours each license requires, the deadline, any required topics and how completed hours are reported. A license finder filters all 553 license and CE guides by state and trade and accepts searches for class names such as journeyman, master or C-10. Guide pages show when they were last updated, name the agencies whose requirements they follow and list their sources.

Linden Prep's terms state that its practice questions and simulators are written by the company to help candidates prepare, that they are not copies of actual exam questions, and that doing well on them does not mean a candidate will pass a licensing exam. The terms describe the exam prep courses and guides as general information drawn from licensing boards, exam vendors and other official sources rather than legal advice, and ask applicants to confirm requirements with their board and exam vendor before they apply, test or renew.

"Licensing rules change often. When readers flag a fee, deadline, exam detail or link that looks wrong in one of our guides, we check it against the board's own sources," a spokesperson for Linden Prep said.

About Linden Prep: Linden Prep, LLC is an independent exam prep and continuing education company for contractors, the trades and home inspectors. Based in the United States, it offers online courses, practice exams, study materials and exam reference books, along with licensing and renewal guides by state and a license finder. Linden Prep is not affiliated with any state licensing board, exam vendor or code publisher.
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