The Project Management portion of the examination will be administered daily in Computer Based Testing (CBT) format. The examination will consist of 60 equally weighted questions covering managing, controlling, and conducting a specific project.

The examination will have questions relating to the following content areas and necessary knowledge for each area includes:

- reading and interpreting plans and specifications
- reading and interpreting codes
- basic mathematics (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, calculations of area and volume, fractions, decimals, percentages, calculating the sides of triangles, square roots, powers of numbers, and solving simple algebraic equations for unknown variables)

You should be prepared to respond to examination questions on any of the content areas listed. Questions asked and content areas tested on previous examinations should not be assumed to be the only possible questions to be asked or content areas to be tested on this examination.

The percentage of questions shown for each content area may vary by as much as plus or minus three (3) percent. Please refer to the Candidate Information Brochure and the Reference List for additional information.

**Content Area E 68%**

**Construction Methods, Materials, Tools, and Equipment**

1. **Site layout**
   - construction layout
   - benchmarks
   - elevations

2. **Soil conditions**
   - types and characteristics of soils
   - compaction
   - density
   - proctor
   - moisture content
   - knowledge of soil reports, soil test results
   - knowledge of appropriate foundation types given soil conditions

3. **Characteristics and uses of survey instruments**
   - builder's level
   - transit and theodolite
   - water bubble
   - string line
   - laser level

4. **Concrete**
   - knowledge of shoring
   - knowledge of formwork including terminology and techniques
   - knowledge of loads (e.g., volume, pressure)
   - knowledge of systems and methods for concrete
   - footings
   - piles and pile caps
   - placing slabs and decks
   - columns
   - walls
   - knowledge of proper forming practices, bracing and erection
   - knowledge of concrete reinforcement
   - knowledge of quality control related to concrete

5. **Masonry**
   - knowledge of erection and bracing
   - knowledge of masonry materials and handling
   - knowledge of quality control related to masonry
6. **Earth-work**  
knowledge of excavations  
- cut and fill calculations  
- calculating excavations and grades  
- trenching  
preparation of site for foundation  
- angle of repose  
- soil compaction  
knowledge of sheeting, shoring for excavations and dewatering  
knowledge of erosion control  
knowledge of quality control related to earth-work

7. **Wood framing**  
knowledge of truss erection and bracing  
knowledge of rafters, floor joists and studs  
knowledge of and ability to use span tables  
knowledge of wind loads and fasteners  
knowledge of roofing and materials

8. **Steel framing**  
knowledge of erection and bracing techniques  
knowledge of metal studs, beams columns and bar joists  
knowledge of painting and fire protection of steel framing  
knowledge of welding and connections of steel framing

9. **Energy efficient construction**  
knowledge of R-values  
knowledge pertaining to energy efficiency

10. **Miscellaneous materials**  
knowledge of gypsum materials and methods  
knowledge of plaster materials and methods

11. **Other tools**

12. **Other equipment**

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**Content Area F**  
**Safety**  
1. **Compliance with OSHA standards**  
knowledge of site layout  
knowledge of soil conditions  
knowledge of shoring for concrete  
knowledge of bracing and erection  
knowledge of earth-work  
knowledge of formwork for concrete  
knowledge of framing  
knowledge of scaffolding  
knowledge of trench safety  
knowledge of ground fault interruption  
knowledge of record keeping  
knowledge of fall protection  
knowledge of other OSHA regulations

2. **Other safety standards and practices**  
knowledge of asbestos  
knowledge of lead paint  
knowledge of hazardous waste disposal

**Content Area G**  
**Reading Plans and Specifications**

1. **Reading blueprints**  
ability to read and understand plans and drawings  
basic math skills and calculations associated with reading blueprints  
knowledge of architectural and engineering symbols

2. **Interpreting construction codes and standards**  
ability to read, understand, and apply codes and standards including building codes  
knowledge of ADA requirements

3. **Shop drawings and submittals**  
ability to understand technical concepts  
product knowledge  
blueprint reading and interpretation  
e.g., clearances, support clearances, openings