

NCCER Occupational Proficiency requirements for Specialty Area 1 Certificate and Additional Teaching Field Approach

To comply with Alabama State Department of Education teacher certification requirements, the following National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) is adopted for use as the recognized occupational proficiency exam for respective career pathway teachers. One attempt on these assessments along with required work experience documentation and education transcripts are required in order to apply for Specialty Area 1 Certification. That certificate is a 2 year, non-renewable certificate.

Applicants are to familiarize themselves with the content and standards for these assessments. This information can be found under "Specifications" at <https://www.nccer.org/workforce-development-programs/disciplines>, more detailed instructions are at the end of this document. All topic area content identified in the assessment specifications are cross-walked to NCCER training material. This material may be used for future skills and technical development.

All testing must be done at a NCCER Accredited Assessment Center under the direct supervision of an authorized NCCER credentialed proctor. Applicants, with LEA approval, are free to select the Assessment site of their choice. Any fees incurred are the responsibility of the LEA or applicant.

As an Alabama Workforce Development initiative, the Birmingham Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) is providing this valuable service at no charge to Alabama Educators, for the pre-assessment and two exam attempts. The third attempt and thereafter will cost the teacher \$ 150.00/exam. Procedures and contact information is included in this document.

Only the following assessment names and numbers are to be used.

Program Area	Occupational Proficiency Exam (Choose only ONE test unless otherwise indicated)
Building Construction Cabinetmaking Carpentry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCCER Commercial Carpenter V2 (COMCARP27_02)or • NCCER Industrial Carpenter V3 (CARP 27_02)
Electrical Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCCER Commercial Electrical (COMELEC26)or • NCCER Industrial Electrician V3 (ELEC26_03)
HVACR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HVAC Technician (HVAC03_02)
Industrial Maintenance – Electrical and Instrumentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCCER Industrial Maintenance, Electrical and Instrumentation Technician (IMEIT40)
Industrial Maintenance - Mechanical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial Maintenance Mechanic V3 (MEIDMT32_03)
Masonry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCCER Mason Level 1 (L1 Mason 28)
Plumbing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCCER Industrial Pipefitter V3 (PFT08_02)or • NCCER Plumber (PLUM68)

Procedures for Testing

- 1) Instructors are encouraged to study modules outlined in the "Specifications".
- 2) Pre-assessment can be scheduled with Bryan Upton at bupton@alsde.edu
 - Test Time – To be scheduled.
 - Location(s) – ABC – Alabama Chapter, 1830 28th Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35209
 - Materials: Instructor will need to bring photo ID, pencil, and paper.
 - a. ABC will grade the pre-assessment and they will write a tailored study prescription for each teacher.
 - b. ABC will provide a packet with specific modules for the teacher to study.
 - c. Pre-assessment exam results will not be released.
 - d. Instructor will study the prescription and they will take the Proficiency Exam at the next scheduled Exam date.
 - e. Instructor will return study materials to ABC at the test site.
 - f. Details will be in the study packet.
- 3) To register for an NCCER Proficiency Exam: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCCERProfExam>
- 4) Exam Dates – 4 times each year:
 - October 25, 2017
 - December 6, 2017
 - April 11, 2018
 - June 6, 2018

Test Time – By Appointment.

Location(s) – ABC – Alabama Chapter, 1830 28th Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35209

Materials: Instructor will need to bring a photo ID. The exams are on a computer.

5.6.2 Retesting Policy

1. If initial assessment score is within 10 points of the cut score, the participant can retest on the same assessment title in 2 days.
2. If initial assessment score is not within 10 points of the cut score, the participant can retest on the same assessment title in 30 days.
3. Subsequent attempts (after two) on the same assessment title must be at least 90 days apart.
4. No more than four attempts within a 12-month period on the same assessment title.

Administrator(s) – Todd Walker, Mark McCord, or Charles Hall at ABC

How to find “Specifications”

Go to <https://www.nccer.org/workforce-development-programs/disciplines>

Click on Trade Title

Example: “Industrial Maintenance Electrical & Instrumentation.

Scroll down to the “Assessments” section.

Click on Exam name. Example, “Industrial Maintenance Electrical and Instrumentation Technician”.

The PDF of the Exam Specifications will download immediately. Read specifications carefully and study the modules listed.