

New Owner Builder Exam



Applying for an Owner Builder Authorization in British Columbia has changed

As of July 4, 2016, anyone in BC applying for an Owner Builder Authorization will need to pass a home building basics exam. This new requirement will help owner builders expand their knowledge, improve the quality of owner-built homes and protect consumers.

Who needs to apply?

- Anyone wanting to build a new home as an owner builder must apply for an Owner Builder Authorization and meet all eligibility criteria
- You can apply online to the Licensing and Consumer Services Branch of BC Housing at www.bchousing.org

What happens with the exam?

- The Licensing Department will advise you when you are approved to write the exam
- You will receive a schedule of exams in your area
- You must attend in person and show ID
- **ALL applicants must pass the exam before being approved for an Owner Builder Authorization**, which is a requirement to apply for a building permit or to start construction in areas without building permits

Where do I take the exam?



- **A network of exam centres across the province**
- The Licensing Department will send you information about scheduling your exam
- Regional and rural exam centres are available

What will the exam look like?

- It's a computer-based exam on home building basics
- **100** multiple choice questions
- A passing grade is **70%**
- Applicants will need to know:

1. Construction Basics

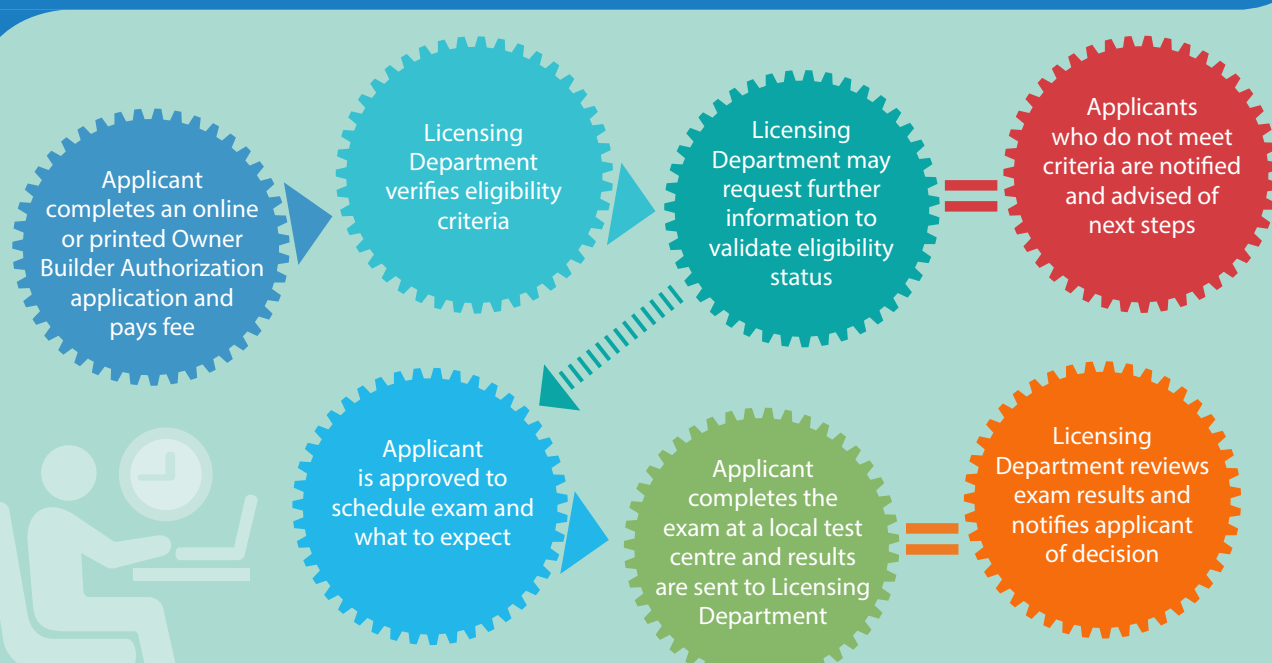
Your knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals of residential construction in British Columbia

2. Statutory Obligations and Requirements

Your awareness of the eligibility requirements and statutory obligations involved in being granted an Owner Builder Authorization

Tip: Check out our [Study Guide](#) and [video](#)

Application Process



Learn More

- Visit www.bchousing.org
- Read our [Study Guide](#) to help prepare for the Owner Builder Authorization Exam
- Watch our video: Regulatory Obligations for Owner Builders at <https://youtu.be/IC-xeRuDr0I>

Questions?

- If you have any questions, contact the Licensing and Consumer Services Branch of BC Housing
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