

# 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](http://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

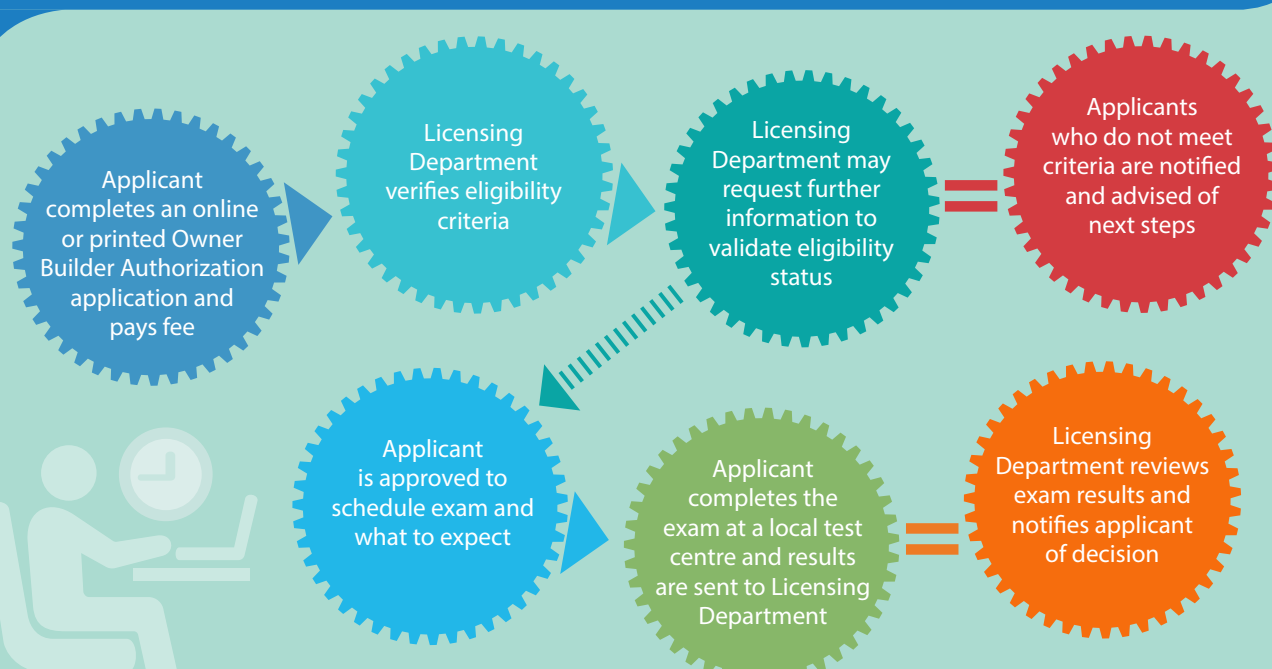
Your knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals of residential construction in British Columbia

#### 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](http://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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