



# Candidate Handbook for the Certified Commissioning Professional (CCP) New and Recertifying Applicants



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## Candidate Handbook

This Candidate Handbook provides comprehensive information concerning the Certified Commissioning Professional Credentialing Program, offered by the Building Commissioning Certification Board.

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## Introduction

The Certified Commissioning Professional (CCP) is an individual who leads, plans, coordinates and manages a commissioning team to implement commissioning processes in new and existing buildings. This Candidate Handbook details the policies and procedures supporting the CCP credentialing program. To seek the CCP credential applicants must meet the mandatory experience requirements, the minimum education and training requirements, and agree to a series of questions concerning any professional or regulatory reprimands and related background information. Applicants must also agree to abide by the Code of Ethics, and to practice according to the Building Commissioning Association (BCA) Essential Attributes of Building Commissioning. To earn the CCP credential, the candidate must take and pass the CCP written examination. To maintain the credential, CCPs must remain in good standing and meet recertification requirements.

### THE BUILDING COMMISSIONING CERTIFICATION BOARD

The Building Commissioning Certification Board (BCCB) was formed in 2004 as an autonomous Board of Directors by the Building Commissioning Association (BCA) for the purpose of recognizing building commissioning practitioners who demonstrate an established level of competence in the field, satisfy rigorous educational, training and experience requirements, and take and pass the CCP certification examination. Successful applicants are awarded a certification and have the right to use the Certified Commissioning Professional™ (CCP™) designation. The BCCB also recertifies certificants who demonstrate evidence of continued professional competence every three years. The BCCB is responsible for all aspects of the CCP Credential. This recognition is supported by the CCP Registry, providing a central source for the public, consumers, employers, and government to confirm CCP credentialing.

### CCP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Since its inception the CCP program has been built and maintained in compliance with psychometric best practice as promulgated by international assessment/certification Standards, including the ISO, ANSI Standard 17024-2014, the *Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing*, developed jointly by the American Educational Research Association (AERA), American Psychological Association (APA), and the National Council on Measurement in Education (NCME), and the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) *Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs*. Compliance with these Standards and guidance provides researched-based evidence that the CCP credential is valid, reliable, job-related, fair and legally defensible. With support from recognized professional testing services providers, including Knapp and Associates, and Schroeder Measurement Services, Inc., the BCCB conducted Job Tasks Analysis research to provide a legally defensible link between what building commissioning practitioners do on the job to practice competently, and successful award of the CCP credential. As required in ISO Standard 17024, CCPs in good standing served as content experts and were tasked with translating the results of the Job Task Analysis (JTA) into defensible eligibility requirements, examination content and questions, examination forms and standards (passing scores) and recertification requirements. Ongoing psychometric analyses of the assessment materials helped to ensure that the assessments were job-related, reliable, and valid.

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## INTRODUCTION

The 2015 iteration of the CCP credentialing program is reflective of the efforts of a national consortium of building commissioning experts, assembled to address the diversity of practice in this field, with the goal of conducting national research across certification bodies to define consistence and recognize competence in the role. Under the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the Better Buildings Workforce Guidelines (BBWG) effort was initiated and led by the National Institute of Building Sciences (the Institute), a congressionally authorized non-profit organization whose mission is to support advances in building science and technology to improve the built environment. The Institute established the Commercial Workforce Credentialing Council (CWCC) to support the effort. The CWCC began by conducting a full-scale Job Task Analysis (JTA) of the role of the commissioning professional. The CWCC used the results of this JTA to develop a certification scheme that included program scope, eligibility, examination content areas and weighting, test specifications (e.g., length and format), psychometric requirements for assessments and cut scores, and reassessment requirements, with all scheme requirements in accordance with ISO Standard 17024:2012. Representatives of the Building Commissioning Certification Board were pleased to participate in the CWCC research and development activities. The CCP policies and procedures as outlined in this Handbook are in complete conformance to the JTA and Scheme the BCCB licensed from the Commercial Workforce Credentialing Council, a Council of the National Institute of Building Sciences™.

## THE CCP CREDENTIAL PHILOSOPHY

The designation as a CCP is meant to assure stakeholders (the public, employers, consumers, and regulators) that the credentialed commissioning professional has demonstrated an established level of competence in the field. Applying research performed in the development of the CCP credentialing program, applicants are measured against standards that reflect competence in the role as it is practiced today.

### **The goal of the CCP program is to:**

- Provide a means for building commissioning professionals to demonstrate the critical knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to serve the public trust and interest.
- Establish legally defensible, valid and reliable criteria against which competence as a CCP may be measured.
- Encourage personal and professional growth.
- Recognize those who demonstrate and maintain competence as a CCP.
- Serve building owners and the public by encouraging high quality building commissioning services.
- Provide a registry of CCPs, serving the stakeholder need to identify Certified Commissioning Professionals.

### **Statement of Impartiality**

The Building Commissioning Certification Board (BCCB) provides an objective and balanced certification awarding service. We adhere to transparent procedures based on ISO 17024, which contains built-in checks to ensure the objectivity of certification activities.

### **The BCCB is accredited by ANSI to the ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024:2012 standard. Registration number: 1191**

In June 2016, the Certified Commissioning Professional (CCP) [www.bccbonline.org/ccp](http://www.bccbonline.org/ccp) was accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) [www.ansi.org](http://www.ansi.org) based on the International Standard ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024:2012.

This version of the standard along with adopting the Job Task Analysis and Eligibility Requirements from the Commercial Workforce Credentialing Council (a council of the National Institute of Building Sciences™ [www.nibs.org](http://www.nibs.org)) allowed the BCCB to submit and obtain this prestigious recognition. This further allowed BCCB to apply for and gain recognition under the Better Buildings Workforce Guidelines Program [www4.eere.energy.gov/workforce/projects/workforceguidelines](http://www4.eere.energy.gov/workforce/projects/workforceguidelines). The first commissioning certification in this program. Admittance to the Better Buildings Workforce Program means that all CCPs are recognized as qualified commissioning providers to deliver commissioning services to the federal funded projections. In addition, more local, state, and national codes are adopting language to include certified commissioning providers that are accredited by a third party. Washington State was the first to adopt such language in their state energy code.



# Becoming a Certified Commissioning Professional

To be considered for candidacy in the CCP program, applicants must:

- Assert—and be prepared to document—participation in a minimum of three commissioning projects of scope beyond one and two-family residential buildings. List a client reference for each of the three projects.
- Assert—and be prepared to document—a minimum education and experience requirement as detailed in the eligibility requirement matrix (commensurate experience may be recognized in lieu of education and vice-versa).
- Complete the online CCP application form, including providing acceptable responses to the Ethics Certification and Attestation, Privacy Policy opt in/out questions, and the Certification of Accuracy, and Agreement and Release Authorization, attesting to the assertions regarding professional experience, education, and training, and confirming a commitment to abide by the Code of Ethics and the BCxA Essential Attributes of Building Commissioning.
- Submit the application fee.

To qualify for the CCP credential, within twelve (12) months of application being accepted, applicants must take and pass the CCP examination with a scaled score of 76.66 or better.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility is determined based upon recognized education, training and experience related to the provision of building commissioning services. The BCCB recognizes that the pathway to the CCP credential is diverse, e.g., some professionals have a wealth of experience in engineering subjects; others come to serve as practitioners specializing in performance testing.

Eligibility is established by asserting/documenting the minimum education and experience requirements as described below.

### Mandatory Experience Requirements:

To be considered for CCP candidacy applicants must participate in a minimum of three commissioning projects. The projects may not include one- and two-family residential buildings. Over the scope of services provided on the three projects the applicant must have participated in a minimum of six of the following eight activities:

1. Develop an Owner's Project Requirements/Current Facility Requirements (OPR/CFR)
2. Develop commissioning plan.
3. Review of a design.
4. Perform field verification.
5. Oversee performance testing.
6. Correction of deficiencies.
7. Training
8. Prepare commissioning report.

**Note:** For all three commissioning projects, applicants are required to provide a client reference to verify the project and the quality of the work. See Verification of Applicant Eligibility.

**Education and Experience Requirement Matrix:**

Recognizing a combination of education and experience, where completion of higher education requirements is accepted in lieu of experience and higher levels of experience are accepted in lieu of greater education, applicants must meet a minimum of education and experience as outlined in the table below:

<b>Education</b>	<b>Experience</b>
Licensed Architect or Professional Engineer	3 years' commissioning experience
Bachelor's Degree in the building sciences* or equivalent military training/service	5 years' commissioning experience
Associate/Technical/Vocational 2-year degree, non-building related Bachelor of Science Degree, or equivalent military training/service	8 years' building industry experience** with at least 5 of those years spent working in building commissioning.
High School Diploma, or GED	10 years' building industry experience** with at least 5 of those years spent working in building commissioning.

\* Building science education is defined as mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, construction science, construction management, architecture and other majors/fields of study designed to train people for careers in the building industry.

\*\* Building industry experience is defined as design, construction, testing and commissioning, code enforcement and operations.

## APPLYING FOR THE CCP CREDENTIAL

BCCB uses the Certemy platform to manage the CCP application, testing and compliance program.

Applicants are able to self-enroll using the following link located on the BCCB website:

<https://app.certemy.com/entry/self-enrollments/CCP/c96bad73-8767-42a6-b924-0a62073b3144>

Applicants are required to create an account prior to moving through the application process. We encourage you to use a personal email so that you will continue to receive notifications regarding your credential even if you change employers.

The **initial application** phase walks applicants through nine steps required to complete the CCP application.

- Applicant Information
- Education
- Work Experience
- Project Experience
- Code of Ethics
- Essential Attributes
- Certification of Accuracy and Affirmations
- Payment Information
- CCP Administrative Review

Once you have completed all the steps including the payment of the application fee, BCCB administration will be notified, and the verification process will begin.

**Verification and Approval** Applications will be processed within fifteen (15) business days of receipt if all steps including payment are complete and submitted for approval. If an application is approved, candidates will receive an email informing them they have moved into the next phase of the process which is Exam Results and Certification.

Once the candidate has acknowledged the *Exam Notice* step in Certemy and submitted their signature, an *Authorization to Test* email will be sent outlining registration instructions and exam scheduling procedures.

### **Application Information Changes**

If the name, mailing address, email address, and/or telephone number entered on the CCP application changes during the application process, applicants need to login and make these changes to their Certemy account right away. Applicants are responsible for reporting changes, as important correspondence is sent throughout the process, and an application or examination registration may be forfeited in case of contact errors. Also, applicants must notify the BCCB in writing, in case of a legal name change: Please note that the name on the identification documents presented at the test site must match the name on file at the BCCB.

### **Certification of Accuracy, Agreement and Release Authorization**

Applicants are required to attest and certify the veracity and accuracy of the application, and to agree to abide by the Code of Ethics and BCxA Essential Attributes of Building Commissioning, both of which are included in this document as Appendix C and D, respectively. Any misrepresentation or misconduct related to the application or examination may result in disqualification or revocation of certification. By applying for the CCP credential, applicants agree to the terms set forth in the application and this Candidate Handbook regarding certification requirements and the examination.

## **DENIAL OF APPLICATION**

Applicants submitting incomplete applications will be notified in writing of the deficiencies and provided thirty (30) days to address issues as described. If the applicant does not complete the application in the 30-day window the applicant will be notified the application is denied and it will result in a forfeiture of 50% of the fee. Applicants choosing to withdraw from consideration for CCP candidacy will receive a refund of 50% of the fee. Withdrawal requests must be put forth in writing within ten (10) days of the date postmarked/date of submittal of the application. Applicants suspecting that they may not meet CCP eligibility requirements are strongly encouraged to contact the CCP Certification Manager prior to applying. Failure to respond to the BCCB during the thirty (30) day period will result in forfeiture of 50% of the fee. A new application and full fee must be submitted should the applicant wish to apply for CCP candidacy at another time.

If an application is denied at the end of the deficiency/correction review cycle, applicants may appeal the decision. The applicant must request a final application review in writing to the BCCB Appeal and Discipline Committee. This request must describe in detail, including supporting evidence, why the denial was made in error. The Committee will review the application and make a final decision—relayed to the applicant in writing—within sixty (60) days of receipt of the appeal.

## **VERIFICATION OF APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY BY THE BCCB**

The BCCB reserves the right to verify the experience and education attested to by the applicant. This may be accomplished by a phone interview with employers and/or client references, or through verification of education/training transcripts or certificates. Additional documentation may be requested to support the application attestations.

## SPECIAL TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS

The BCCB grants reasonable accommodations for applicants with documented disabilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If special assistance or arrangements are required, the following protocol must be followed:

A request for accommodation must be made by the candidate when the CCP application is submitted. This request must include a complete description of the requested accommodation.

Documentation of the disability, as diagnosed by a qualified health care professional, must accompany the accommodation request.

Applicants requesting accommodations may be contacted by the BCCB to discuss the disability and requested accommodation. In conference with a psychometrician, with consideration of examination security and examination administration guidelines, a reasonable accommodation will be made. Applicants will be notified in writing of the accommodations to be offered.

### **Appealing Decisions on Special Accommodations:**

While it is the BCCB policy to accommodate special needs requests whenever possible, in the unlikely case that the BCCB denies a request for special testing accommodations, the candidate has the right to appeal the decision according to the following policy and procedure:

1. The Candidate must submit a Special Testing Accommodations Form to appeal the decision. The request must include documentation from a qualified health care professional who has diagnosed the disability about why the denial for special accommodations will have a negative impact on the candidate's ability to perform successfully on the examination.

The BCCB Appeal and Discipline Committee will review the appeal within thirty (30) days of receipt, and in conference with its testing administrator and psychometric experts will consider the accommodation request considering operational considerations and the need to maintain the security of the examinations.

The Candidate will receive written notice of the Committee's decision.

## EXAMINATION REGISTRATION

Once a CCP application is approved, applicants will receive official notification from BCCB of their right to register to take the examination, and instructions on how to do so. An account is created in Prolydian, BCCB's exam delivery contractor. Candidates receive an email from support@prolydian.com with instructions for completing their account setup and a second email authorizing them to schedule the CCP exam, a computer-based examination through Prolydian, and proctored by ProctorU on the date and time that is convenient for their schedule. Candidates have a twelve (12) month window in which to take and pass the exam after approval.

## RESCHEDULING AN EXAMINATION REGISTRATION

### Candidate Cancellation with Approved Excuse

With an approved excuse rescheduling/cancellation may occur. An approved excuse includes a death of an immediate family member, active military orders, jury duty, or an official physician's excuse on medical letterhead. Candidates must provide written documentation to support the excuse.

### Reschedule / Cancellation

Examinees may cancel or reschedule their exam up to 24 hours before their scheduled exam time. Cancellations within the 24-hour period leading up to a scheduled exam time will be treated as "no shows". Contact BCCB to reschedule.

In remote proctoring scenarios, Prolydian is not responsible for an examinee's inability to connect to the proctor due to network connectivity or computer system issues.

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## RETESTING

Applicants who fail the CCP exam the first time may retake the exam an additional two (2) times within the twelve (12) months from their original approval date for candidacy. To retest candidates will be directed to submit the Exam Retest step and payment of \$150 that will be assigned to their Certemy account. Upon receipt of the \$150 fee candidates will receive an email from the testing center with a new password to schedule a date and time to take your exam. Should a candidate fail all three times they must wait a minimum of thirty (30) days before re-submitting a new application to be reconsidered for candidacy to the program.

## FEES

All fees can be found on the on the BCCB website.

Should an application be denied, the application fee will be reimbursed, less a processing fee of 50% of the application fee as stated above. Likewise, applicants requesting a withdrawal from consideration will be refunded the application fee less a 50% processing fee.

**USE OF THE CCP MARK** The CCP certification mark and logo are the property of BCCB. Permission to use the certification mark or logo is granted to certified persons (CCPs) at the discretion of the BCCB, for permissible uses only. A candidate who passes the examination will receive a certificate suitable for framing and will have the right to claim the mark of a Certified Commissioning Professional (CCP) according to the following policy:

### Persons Authorized to Use the Marks

Use of the CCP marks and logos is limited to those persons who have been granted the CCP designation by the BCCB and who satisfy all maintenance and recertification requirements established by the BCCB.

Use of the mark and logo by individuals who have not been granted and maintained the certification is expressly prohibited: The BCCB will take legal action to protect against the misuse of the CCP mark.

### Non-assignability and Non-transferability

Permission to use the certification mark is limited to the certified person, and shall not be transferred to, assigned to, or otherwise used by any other individual, organization, or entity.

### **Mark and Logo Use**

Persons who have been granted permission to use the certification mark and logo shall do so pursuant to the rules and guidelines established by BCCB. Persons granted permission to use the certification mark and logo must familiarize themselves with the established rules and guidelines for use and must execute approved agreements setting forth such rules and guidelines for use.

The CCP program mark and logo may not be revised or altered in any way. They must be displayed in the same form as produced by BCCB and cannot be reproduced unless such reproduction is identical to the mark provided by BCCB.

The mark or logo may be used only on business cards, stationary, letterhead, social media, and similar documents on which the name of the certified individual is prominently displayed.

The mark or logo may not be used in any manner that could bring the BCCB into disrepute or in any way be considered misleading or unauthorized. The mark or logo may not be used in any manner that would imply an invalid connection between the BCCB and the certified person's business. This includes any use of the mark or logo that the public might construe as an endorsement, approval, or sponsorship by the BCCB of a certified person's business or any product or service thereof.

### **Suspension or Revocation of Permission to Use Mark or Logo**

The BCCB retains the right, at its sole discretion, to suspend or revoke any permission to use its certification mark or logo. In most circumstances, when the BCCB is informed that a person is misusing the certification mark or logo, the BCCB will provide the person with notice of the misuse and a reasonable opportunity to comply with BCCB rules and guidelines. However, the BCCB retains the right to suspend or revoke privileges without notice and an opportunity to correct, particularly when the violation is of a gross nature and more immediate action is necessary to stop misuse.

Actions taken by the BCCB to suspend or revoke use of the certification mark shall be communicated in writing to the person whose privileges are being suspended or revoked and to all other persons affected by the decision. The BCCB may also publicize its actions and/or sanctions on its website and any other of its publications. Should any person continue to use the CCP mark or logo after notice of suspension or revocation, the BCCB shall seek full equitable and/or legal remedies through a court of competent jurisdiction.

## **NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

The BCCB does not discriminate in the participation in the CCP Certification Program and prohibits discrimination against its applicants, certified persons, employees, and volunteers on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, or sexual orientation.

## PRIVACY/CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY

The BCCB has created and abides by a strict privacy/confidentiality policy demonstrating its firm commitment to CCP candidate and certificant privacy. The policy applies to all aspects of the CCP credential including the secure handling and storage of application materials, examinations, scores, and candidate and certificant records. The BCCB and its agents shall keep confidential all applicants', and certified persons' information (including name, address, telephone numbers, examination scores, and other confidential records) unless authorized for release by the applicant, candidate, or certified person.

**It is the policy of the BCCB that Non-Disclosure protected information may NOT be released to or shared with:**

- Any member of the public unless there is applicable statutory exception or written release from the CCP candidate or certificant.
- Any member of the BCCB unless the recipient has a legitimate interest in the use of that protected information to perform a service (i.e. committee work).

**Furthermore, BCCB staff with access to protected information is expected to protect that information from unauthorized disclosure. This includes, as appropriate:**

- Computer Systems and Applications Security: Central processing units, peripherals, portable storage devices, operating system, applications software, and data.
- Physical Security: The premises occupied by the BCCB or contractors using computer equipment storing or having access to Protected Information.
- Operational Security: Environmental control, power equipment, operational activities related to operations.
- Procedural Security: Established and documented security processes for information technology staff, vendors, management, and individual users of Protected Information.
- Network Security: Communications equipment, transmission paths, switches, terminals, and adjacent areas.

**CCP Registry and Publication of Status:**

- The BCCB maintains a link to the Registry of CCPs in good standing on the website. CCP Applicants have the option of opting in/out of participation in the Registry. Stakeholders may contact the BCCB either in writing or by phone to ask if a professional is a CCP in good standing. No other information will be provided.



## Preparing for the Examination

### EXAMINATION DEVELOPMENT

The content validity (relevance), fairness and accuracy of the CCP examination are assured, and the BCCB strives to make the examination process as transparent as possible in keeping with the security requirements of the psychometric process. The BCCB, working with a professional testing company, mandates that all aspects of the examination development, administration, scoring, and reporting adhere to international professional standards and guidelines establishing assessment and certification best practice. This body of standards provides a means for ensuring that the assessment and credentialing process is a fair measure of competence and is legally defensible.

The examination content outline is based upon the Job Task Analysis (JTA) Study performed by the Commercial Workforce Credentialing Council (CWCC); the JTA will be revalidated on a periodic basis. The most recent study findings were implemented in the spring of 2015, and utilized a full-scale survey methodology inviting a representative sampling of building commissioning practitioners to provide their opinions on what competent building commissioning practitioners do on the job. This research was performed under the direction of a panel of building commissioning Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) representing the full complement of diversity in the field providing a documented link between the content of the examination and practice on the job. The examination content outline and weighting derived from this JTA is included in Appendix A.

The passing standard (cut score) for the CCP examination was determined using best practices methodologies involving a representative panel of CCPs in good standing and empirical judgments (Angoff method). New forms and versions of the examination are systematically implemented to protect the integrity and security of the examination program and to conform to testing industry standards. Each new examination form contains a significant percentage of new questions that are unique to the new form. Psychometric procedures are used to score the examinations in compliance with relevant technical guidelines. The CCP examination reports scores using a scaled score model for all examinations. Raw scores are placed on a 0-100 scale with 76.66 reported as the passing score on all examinations. Score scaling is a common psychometric practice, used on many examinations including the GRE, ACT and Engineering Certification examinations.

Ongoing item writing, item review, examination and question analyses are conducted to ensure that the validity, reliability, and other psychometric characteristics of the examinations conform to testing industry standards. New questions written by CCPs in good standing are reviewed multiple times, verified to an approved reference, and linked to the examination content outline. All questions undergo statistical review to ensure that they operate properly. All these activities are overseen by professional test developers and psychometricians provided by the BCCB's testing service. The BCCB is highly confident that the validity of content, the reliability of the test instruments, and the measurement processes employed to analyze, score, and establish reporting scores are of the highest caliber and are compliant with industry standards.

## EXAMINATION DESIGN, SCORING AND REPORTING

The CCP examination is comprised of 120 four-option multiple-choice questions, administered in a computer-based examination format. Candidates are allotted two (2) hours in which to complete the exam. Each multiple-choice question has four answer choices; only one answer choice is correct. The examination may include commissioning scenario-based questions: for each scenario a set of two or more questions may be asked. The examination is written from the perspective that the applicant is a third-party, independent commissioning authority. Sample questions can be found in Appendix B. It is a closed-book examination. Applicants always have access to an on-screen calculator and notepad during the examination. Candidates are encouraged to read the questions carefully, choosing the single best response. Candidates are advised to first answer the questions that they are sure of, returning to the more difficult questions as time allows. Credit is given only for questions that have responses. Questions left blank will be scored as incorrect. There is no penalty for guessing. Candidates may post comments concerning individual test questions during the examination. The time taken to post comments is subtracted from the two (2) hour time limit. No individual response will be given for a comment, but comments are considered during psychometric review and may be reviewed in the case of an examination appeal. The examination is offered in English only.

1. At the end of the testing session, a computer-generated preliminary score report will be issued. This score is provisional, pending statistical verification that will take place within seventy-two (72) hours. If applicants do not hear from the BCCB or its testing provider within that time, they may assume the score stands as reported. Applicants passing the examination will receive notification of passing but will not receive a numeric scaled score.
2. Failing applicants will receive a scaled score, along with a diagnostic report indicating content areas of weakness. The report is designed to provide a tool for study preparation for retaking the examination.
3. At certain times within the test development process, scores may be withheld pending test/question statistical review. In that case official scores are sent via USPS from the BCCB home office.
4. Examination scores will be provided only to the candidate, and will NOT be provided over the phone, fax, or internet.
5. The examination score is based upon the total number of correct responses that represent competence. Scores are unrelated to the performance of other applicants taking the examination. If all applicants taking the test are competent, all will pass. If none are competent, none will pass.

## SUGGESTED REFERENCES – CCP EXAMINATION PREPARATION

The BCCB provides a suggested reference list as a resource that may be useful to supplement the education and experience related to competent performance as a CCP. Applicants are encouraged to review resources and information in content areas where skills or knowledge may be weak, keeping in mind that some content areas on the examination are weighted more heavily than others. The BCCB does not recommend that applicants memorize all recommended references. The information tested on the examination pertains to the common body of knowledge which is delineated in the CCP examination Content Outline.

The BCCB does not endorse any text or author. This list is not intended to be inclusive, but reflects references used to support the test development process. Use of the references does not guarantee successful performance on the examination.

### **Suggested reading from the following organizations:**

- ASHRAE Guidelines and Standards such as:
  - Guideline 1-2013 The Commissioning Process
  - Guideline 1.1-2007 HVAC&R Technical Requirements for the Commissioning Process
  - Guideline 1.5 2012 The Commissioning Process for Smoke Control Systems
- The Building Commissioning Association, such as:
  - Building Commissioning Handbook, 2nd Edition, [www.bcxa.org](http://www.bcxa.org)
  - BCxA Best Practices and Essential Attributes, [www.bcxa.org](http://www.bcxa.org)

## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY AND EXAMINATION PREPARATION

The Building Commissioning Association offers education and training to support the commissioning professional and is independent of the BCCB. The BCCB provides no training nor educational materials, and it is important to note that applicants for the CCP are not required to purchase training or education materials from the BCxA to pass the examination.

Attendance at BCxA sponsored courses is not a prerequisite to sitting for the CCP examination. The courses are not designed to serve as examination preparation classes, nor do they serve any ancillary examination-related purposes. More information about educational opportunities may be found at [www.bcxa.org](http://www.bcxa.org). Education/training courses are neither designed nor marketed to provide the level of detailed review of technical knowledge required for examination preparation. In addition, many applicants find it helpful to:

1. Review the test content outline in Appendix A and self-assess those tasks and duties, the regular practice of that skill, and the percentage of questions that will be devoted to that area, scaling study efforts to focus on areas of weakness.
2. Review resources: the references listed above may be helpful for reviewing the content areas included in the examination. (The reference list is provided for possible use as a study aid only. The BCCB does not intend the list to imply endorsement of specific documents.)
3. Answer the sample questions in Appendix B to gain familiarity with the type and format of questions that will appear on the examination.

## ACRONYMS USED ON THE CCP EXAMINATION

The following table lists all acronyms that appear on the CCP examinations, with their extensions. Candidates are expected to be familiar with the acronyms on this list, as no extensions will be included on the examinations.

ACRONYM	EXPANSION
ACH	Air Exchanges Per Hour
AHU	Air Handling Unit
ASHRAE	American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers
BCA	Building Commissioning Association
BMS	Building Management System
CA	Commissioning Authority
CFR	Current Facilities Requirements
CO2	Carbon Dioxide
EUI	Energy Use Index
FCU	Fan Coil Unit
FIM	Facility Improvement Measure
FPT	Functional Performance Test
HVAC	Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning
P&ID	Piping and Instrumentation Diagram
M&V	Measurement and Verification
MOP	Method Of Procedure
RFI	Request for Information
TAB	Test, Adjust, and Balance
VAV	Variable air volume
VE	Value Engineering
VFD	Variable-Frequency Drive

## EXAMINATION ADMINISTRATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Examination Administrator or Proctor is the BCCB’s designated agent for administering a secure and valid examination. Any individual found by the BCCB or its agent to have engaged in conduct which compromises or attempts to compromise the integrity of the examination process will be subject to disciplinary action as sanctioned by the BCCB and delineated in the Code of Ethics and the BCCB policies and procedures. Examinations are administered according to a strict protocol to ensure the security of the examination and to protect the right of each candidate to a standardized testing experience. In addition to the attestation on the CCP application, as a prerequisite to distribution of examination materials, applicants are required to sign a Security Affidavit agreeing to abide by all rules and regulations, including the following:

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## PREPARING FOR THE EXAMINATION

Taking a remote proctored exam gives you the freedom and convenience to take your exam when you want to and where you want to.

### Before your exam

Prior to beginning your exam, you must complete the ProctorU computer requirements check and download the Guardian Browser:

1. Download the [Guardian Browser](#)
2. Check your equipment to make sure your system is compatible with ProctorU at <https://go.proctoru.com/testitout>
3. Prepare identity verification documents. This includes one of the following:
  - a. Government issued driver's license.
  - b. College/University issued staff photo ID.
  - c. Passport
  - d. Non-US Military issued identification card.
  - e. Any Physical Government issued Identification Card (must include photo)

### On the day of your exam

Log in a few minutes prior to the exam. You may want to refresh the screen at the time of the exam.

To access your exam:

1. Log into your Prolydian account at <https://app.prolydian.com>
2. Go to the ["My exams" dashboard](#) and click the **"Launch Exam"** button (This button will be enabled one minute before your exam time.)
3. Click "Start Session"
4. Download the [Guardian Browser](#) if you do not already have it.
5. Follow the on-screen instructions to share your screen and check your equipment.
6. Follow the identity verification instructions.
7. Install a LogMeIn Rescue applet file that will bring up a chat box allowing you to connect with your proctor. The proctor will perform a system check and camera pan of your workspace and will give you directions on how to begin your exam.

### Technical Requirements

- **Guardian Browser is required for testing.** [Download here.](#)
- **Operating System:** macOS X 10.13 or higher, Windows 10 or higher. ProctorU does not support Linux or Chrome OS.
- **Web Camera:** Minimum - 640x480 resolution, Recommended - 1280x720 resolution.
- **Internet Download Speed:** A required upload and download speed of 2Mbps, with 10Mbps preferred.
- **RAM:** Minimum - 2GB, Recommended - 4GB
- **A Functioning Microphone:** Webcams with built in microphones and stand-alone microphones are supported.

For each examination question, candidates can post comments. These comments are considered during psychometric reviews by subject matter experts. Time taken to post comments counts against the overall examination timing.

Applicants will be provided with access to an on-screen calculator and notepad during testing.

### Disqualifying behaviors include:

- Creating a disturbance
- Aiding or asking for aid from another candidate
- Any attempt to remove copy, buy, sell, or reproduce testing materials.
- Unauthorized possession of test materials
- Impersonation of another candidate
- Use of contraband materials or equipment in the testing site
- Any falsification or misrepresentation of information provided during the CCP application process.

## **BCCB POLICY ON FRAUD**

The BCCB maintains strict policies to safeguard the security of the examination through the administration. Any individual who removes, or attempts to remove, examination materials from the testing site, including memorizing examination questions, is subject to prosecution in addition to sanctions that may include removal of certification and restrictions on future access to the examination. Should the BCCB determine evidence of cheating, it reserves the right to invalidate test scores and mandate retesting.

# Appeals, Complaints and Disciplinary Actions

The BCCB Board is committed to providing a fair process for handling appeals, investigating allegations of wrongdoing, and ethics violations, investigating complaints, and taking disciplinary action as required for any applicant, candidate, certified person, or personnel. Details related to appeals, complaints and disciplinary actions are documented in the BCCB Policy and Procedures Manual.

## APPEALS

An **APPEAL** is defined as a formal request to the BCCB for special consideration or accommodation of an adverse decision regarding certification.

### Types of appeals:

- Appeal of Application Denial
- Appeal of Examination Results
- Appeal of Decision on Special Accommodations
- Appeal of a Recertification Application Denial

### Appeal Decisions:

- Grant appeal
- Grant appeal with alternative action
  - Offer alternative special accommodations.
- Deny appeal.
  - Revoke credential
- Deny appeal with alternative action.
  - Offer retesting at no charge.
  - Provide an extension of time for certified person to correct recertification deficiencies.

## COMPLAINTS

A **COMPLAINT** is defined as a communication submitted to the BCCB expressing dissatisfaction regarding an issue against a certified individual or issues with the BCCB certification program or personnel where a response is expected.

### Types of complaints:

- Complaints Against a Certified Person
- Complaints Against the BCCB Certification Program or Personnel

**Complaint Decisions:**

- Complaint is unsubstantiated, no further action will be taken.
- Complaint is substantiated, perform corrective actions and log resolutions.
- Take disciplinary action against a certified person.
- Take disciplinary action against personnel.

**Process to file an appeal / complaint:**

1. Fill out the appeals / complaint form completely.
2. Attach additional documentation in support of the appeal / complaint.
3. Email form and attachments to certification@bcxa.org

**Processing Timeline:**

Day 1	Submission of Appeal / Complaint Form
Day 10	Notice of Receipt of Appeal / Complaint
Day 11-21	Investigative Period
Day 21 - 30	Committee / Board Review
Day 30 - 45	Notice of Decision

**GROUNDS FOR CERTIFICATION REVOCATION**

The Committee may, at its discretion, suspend or revoke a certificate for cause. When the Committee has evidence that charges against a certification holder are valid, the Committee shall notify the certification holder by email at his or her last known email address. The certification holder will have the opportunity to present his or her defense to the Committee in writing according to the terms outlined in the policy. The suspension or revocation shall remain in effect until the board reviews the case. The Committee has the right to revoke certification if it has substantiated that a CCP has:

- Falsified information on the CCP application
- Misappropriated examination questions or materials
- Provided fraudulent information on the certification examination or assisted other applicants with their exam.
- Misused or misrepresented the CCP credential.
- Violated the Code of Ethics of the CCP
- Failed to recertify.
- Violated any of the BCCB’s policies, rules or requirements.
- Was found guilty of violating the law with respect to professional responsibilities by a court, licensing agency, or registration agency.

## PROCEDURES FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION OF CERTIFIED PERSON

- The BCCB assigns a representative and a committee member to review the validity of a potential revocation / suspension of a credential.
- Certified Person is emailed notification of potential revocation / suspension.
- Certified Person presents a written defense regarding the allocation of wrongdoing.
- Committee reviews and requests additional evidence if required to finalize a decision.
- Notify Certified Person of decision.

## DISCIPLINARY DECISIONS OPTIONS

- Suspend/revoke the certification.
- Set aside the certification suspension/revocation order.
- Reprimand the certified person.
- Reprimand the certified person and provide a corrective action plan.
- Suspend/revoke the certification and take additional disciplinary action concerning the complaint, including but not limited to notifying legal/regulatory authorities, notifying stakeholders who may be at risk based on the certified person's behavior and taking legal action against the certified person.



## CCP Recertification

Initial Certified Commissioning Professional (CCP) certification remains valid for a period of three (3) years from the date printed on the CCP certificate. Renewal of CCP certification involves completing a recertification application every three (3) years and being approved for recertification by the Building Commissioning Certification Board (BCCB) and the Recertification Committee. To be recertified, CCPs must show evidence of continued competence, demonstrated by continued work experience and other related professional development activities. The BCCB will provide one notice to the CCP six (6) months prior to the end of the certification period, with information about submission of the recertification documentation. Ninety days prior to expiration the CCP will begin to receive automatic emails generated through Certemy the platform BCCB uses to manage certification.

### EXPIRATION DATE AND RENEWAL

The recertification requirements to be met by the end of the three (3) year cycle are effective immediately upon certification. This credential has a rolling effective date unique to each certified person depending on when they pass the CCP Examination. Therefore, the expiration/renewal due date is unique to each certified person as well. It is the last day of the month in which the candidate passed the CCP examination.

Certified persons are responsible for submitting completed recertification applications to the BCCB thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date. The recertification fee is non-refundable, and acceptance of a fee payment does not guarantee or imply that an individual's certification will be renewed.

The continuing education of CCPs is essential to maintaining professional competence in the rapidly changing field of building science. Certified persons wishing to recertify must meet the recertification requirements listed below.

### MANDATORY RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Certified persons must participate in one (1) commissioning project in three (3) years and earn a total of 50 points over the course of three (3) years. Of the 50 points 25 of them must be earned from continuing education. The second 25 points can be earned from a variety of options.

1. The certified person must participate in implementing the commissioning process for a minimum of one (1) project. No points awarded.
2. The certified person must complete a minimum of 25 Continuing Education (CE). CE is a process used by certified persons to maintain and advance their competency. Only CEs that include proof of attendance from a third party qualify. CE includes education/training received and may be obtained from several sources, including:
  - Webinars - 1 point per hour of attendance
  - Conference Session - 1 point per hour of attendance
  - Workshops - 1 point per hour of attendance
  - College Credit (traditional or online) – 10 points per college credit
  - Training online or in person – 1 point per hour of attendance

## OTHER QUALIFYING RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the 25 mandatory points certificants must earn an additional 25 points from the following options, or combination of options.

1. Participate as a team member on a commissioning project of a non-residential new or existing building: 10 points. (This is in addition to the mandatory requirement.)
2. Continuing Education (CE): Only CEs that include proof of attendance from a third party qualify. Up to 25 CEs may be obtained from this option. CE includes education/training received and education/training given, and may be obtained from several sources, including:
  - Webinars – 1 point per hour of attendance; 2 points per hour as presenter for the first presentation, then 1 point per hour for subsequent equivalent presentation
  - Conference Presentation -1 point per hour of attendance; 2 points per hour as presenter for the first presentation, then 1 point per hour for subsequent equivalent presentations
  - Workshops – 1 point per hour of attendance; 2 points per hour as presenter for the first presentation, then 1 point per hour for subsequent equivalent presentations
  - College Credit (traditional or online) – 10 points per college credit
  - Training online or in person – 1 point per hour of attendance; 2 points per hour as a presenter for the first presentation, then 1 point per hour for subsequent equivalent presentations.
3. Certification Exam Development: Includes contributing to the development of the Certified Commissioning Professional certification examination by participating in the following test development activities: Job Task Analysis study; item writing workshops; item review and/or passing score studies; 2 points awarded for 1 hour of participation—up to 25 points.
4. Regulatory Work: Participation in development or maintenance of regulatory standards. Participation includes providing testimony, official review, and/or appointment as a committee member. Includes regulatory compliance analysis and support lent to legislation/regulation for support of building commissioning professionals (not lobbying); 1 point awarded for 1 hour of participation – up to 10 points.
5. Retest: Take and pass the current CCP Examination: 25 points.
6. Publications: Must be related to the industry, which is defined as design, construction, testing and commissioning, code enforcement and operations; published article in a peer-reviewed industry journal – 5 points per article, up to 10 points.

**The BCCB does not maintain a running record of Continuing Education (CE) Credits during the three (3) year certification period. CCPs are personally responsible for maintaining a record of CE credits accrued and can log credits into their Certemy account to track their points.**

## VERIFICATION OF CERTIFIED PERSON DOCUMENTATION BY THE BCCB

The BCCB reserves the right to verify the experience and/or CEs attested to by the certified person. This may be accomplished by a phone interview with employers and/or client references, or by requesting copies of training transcripts or certificates. Additional documentation may be requested to support the application attestations. Failure to produce supporting documentation when requested may result in revocation of certification.



## Noncompliance with Recertification Requirements

### SUBMISSION OF RECERTIFICATION DOCUMENTATION

To be considered for Recertification CCPs must submit application attesting to having earned the required 50 CE credits during the three (3) year recertification period.

BCCB uses the Certemy platform to manage the CCP recertification and compliance program.

Ninety days from the expiration date, certified persons will receive an email notifying them that their credential is in the renewal phase.

The **Renewal** phase walks applicants through ten steps required to complete the CCP recertification application.

- Applicant Information
- Mandatory Requirements
- Continuing Education
- Other Recertification Requirements
- Additional Continuing Education
- Code of Ethics
- Essential Attributes
- Certification of Accuracy and Affirmations
- Payment Information
- CCP Renewal Administrative Review

Once all the steps are completed including the payment of the application fee, BCCB administration will be notified, and the verification process will begin.

#### **Verification and Approval:**

Recertification Applications will be processed within thirty (30) business days of receipt.

Upon verification and approval, the certified person will be emailed that the process is complete, and the updated certificate is available in the professional's digital wallet in their Certemy account.

## **CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY, AGREEMENT AND RELEASE AUTHORIZATION**

Applicants are required to attest and certify the veracity and accuracy of the recertification application, and to agree to abide by the Code of Ethics, and BCxA Essential Attributes of Building Commissioning, both which are included in this document as Appendix C and D, respectively. These documents are also available for download from the website. Any misrepresentation or misconduct related to the recertification application may result in disqualification or revocation of certification. By applying for recertification of the CCP credential, applicants agree to the terms set forth in the application and this Handbook regarding recertification requirements.

## **DEFICIENCY NOTICE**

Within thirty (30) days after the certification has expired, a Notice of Deficiency is sent to individuals who have not submitted a Recertification Application. Such individuals are classified in the Board's records as "not certified" and are no longer a CCP in good standing in the registry and are not authorized to use the CCP marks. The notice advises the certified person how to recertify and that late fees will be assessed. Prompt action should be taken to correct any deficiency. Continued use of the marks in such circumstances is viewed by the Board as unauthorized use. The Board considers unauthorized use an extremely serious matter and is prepared to take necessary steps to protect its certification marks in such cases.

BCCB certification management system sends an email notice to the credential holder that their certification is past due. The certified person will have 90 days to correct the recertification deficiencies in the Certemy system. If the deficiencies are not corrected within the 90-day grace period, individuals will be considered "not certified" and the credential will be revoked per BCCB policy and procedures.

Failure to respond to the BCCB during this thirty (30) day period will result in forfeiture of all recertification application fees and revocation.

If an application is denied at the end of the deficiency/correction review cycle, applicants may appeal the decision. The applicant must request a final application review in writing to the BCCB Appeal and Discipline Committee. This request must describe in detail, including supporting evidence, why the denial was made in error. The Committee will review the application and make a final decision—relayed to the applicant in writing—within sixty (60) days of receipt of the appeal.

## **DENIAL OF RECERTIFICATION**

The BCCB maintains a Recertification Committee to evaluate recertification applicants and denials of recertification. The Recertification Committee is responsible for reviewing denials or unusual circumstances associated with interpreting the recertification requirements, and will notify a CCP in writing, should a recertification application be denied. In case of a denial, a CCP may appeal the decision to the recertification committee in writing, including a description and evidence supporting why the decision was made in error. The committee will consider the appeal within thirty (30) days of receipt, and will review the information provided, The CCP will be provided with written confirmation of the committee decision. All committee decisions are final.

## REINSTATEMENT AND LATE FEES

All documentation of applicable recertification requirements must be received by the Board prior to the expiration date. If not, reinstatement/late fees are assessed per the table below. In addition, additional prorated recertification requirements apply as listed below:

1-3 months	8.5 CE units	\$100
4-6 months	17 CE units	\$200

Late recertification applications received six (6) months after certificate expires (121 days or longer) must reapply for certification.

## FEE SCHEDULES

See the CCP Recertification Application for the fee schedule.

## EXTENSION OF RECERTIFICATION FOR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

In the case of special circumstances such as illness or military service, CCPs may request a recertification extension. A request for extension must be received in writing by the BCCB Recertification Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of recertification. The Committee will consider the circumstances and will issue an opinion on whether the extension will be granted. The opinion will be provided to the CCP in writing. All decisions of the Committee are final.

While a CCP is under the extension, the use of the CCP mark is prohibited and their name will not be included in the BCCB Registry of CCPs in good standing. CCPs wishing to reinstate their good standing must make up all required CE requirements from the initial three-year recertification period in addition to those credits missed during the period of the extension. Should the extension go beyond a three-month period, CCPs are responsible for earning additional CE units based on the following formula:

4-6 months	8.5 CE units
6-12 months	17 CE units
13-18 months	25.5 CE units
19-24 months	34 CE units

CCPs under recertification extension for longer than twenty-four (24) months must provide documentation and explain actions taken during the extension to show good standing in the industry and earn a total of 100 CE points, including a mandatory 25 points earned for retaking and passing the CCP examination. Once the recertification application is received and accepted the CCP under recertification extension will receive notice of reinstatement, and permission to being using the CCP mark.

# Appendix A

## CCP EXAMINATION CONTENT OUTLINE

The following pages include a detailed outline of the content areas and commissioning tasks and skills evaluated in the examination, with an indication of the approximate number and percentage of examination questions devoted to each of the seven major content areas.

Please note that questions from the various content areas will be mixed throughout the examination. The questions will NOT be presented in content area order on the examination.

<b>FINAL EXAM</b> Blueprint for Building Commissioning Professional Duties and Tasks		<b>FINAL WEIGHT</b>	<b>FINAL ITEMS</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Managing Commissioning Projects</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>22</b>
1	Identify the scope of the project	1%	1 to 2
2	Develop a commissioning team	1%	1 to 2
3	Manage a commissioning budget	1%	1 to 2
4	Identify commissioning deliverables	1%	1 to 2
5	Participate in VE activities	1%	1 to 2
6	Review project documents	1%	1 to 2
7	Monitor the construction/project schedule	1%	1 to 2
8	Participate in project meetings	1%	1 to 2
9	Conduct commissioning meetings	1%	1 to 2
10	Track deficiencies (issues log)	2%	2
11	Facilitate risk assessment as it relates to commissioning activities	2%	2
12	Assess pass/fail criteria for functional test results	3%	4
13	Identify tasks for completion of commissioning processes	2%	2
<b>B</b>	<b>Preparing Commissioning Documentation</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>23</b>
1	Assist in developing the OPR/CFR	1%	1 to 2
2	Create system/equipment list	1%	1 to 2
3	Create commissioning process tracking matrices	1%	1 to 2
4	Develop the commissioning plan	2%	2
5	Develop commissioning schedules	1%	1 to 2
6	Develop communications plans	1%	1 to 2
7	Create commissioning specifications	1%	1 to 2
8	Write system verification checklists	2%	2
9	Create FPTs	3%	4
10	Determine site visit protocols (logistics)	0%	0
11	Develop issues logs	1%	1 to 2
12	Document commissioning meetings	1%	1 to 2
13	Write commissioning reports	2%	2
14	Create systems manuals	1%	1 to 2
15	Develop end of warranty review processes	1%	1 to 2

## APPENDIX A

<b>FINAL EXAM</b> Blueprint for Building Commissioning Professional Duties and Tasks		<b>FINAL WEIGHT</b>	<b>FINAL ITEMS</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Conducting Commissioning Activities</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>29</b>
1	Plan commissioning construction activities	7%	7 to 8
2	Monitor commissioning construction activities	7%	7 to 8
3	Facilitate the completion of construction checklists	3%	4
4	Facilitate the acceptance phase	7%	7 to 8
<b>D</b>	<b>Managing Training Activities</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>5</b>
1	Develop training plan	2%	2
2	Facilitate training coordination meeting	1%	1 to 2
3	Facilitate training activities	1%	1 to 2
4	Conduct training follow-up activities	0%	0
<b>E</b>	<b>Completing Warranty Phase Activities</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>6</b>
1	Facilitate off-season testing	1%	1 to 2
2	Troubleshoot facility issues	1%	1 to 2
3	Measure energy performance	2%	3
4	Facilitate end of warranty meeting	1%	1 to 2
<b>F</b>	<b>Conducting Existing Building Commissioning</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>28</b>
1	Determine Scope of Project	2%	1 to 2
2	Conduct a building performance assessment	3%	4
3	Prepare a CFR	2%	1 to 2
4	Conduct a systems assessment	3%	4
5	Conduct a site investigation	3%	4
6	Recommend corrections and improvements	3%	4
7	Oversee implementation of corrective measures	3%	4
8	Conduct performance verifications	4%	5
<b>G</b>	<b>Conducting Ongoing Commissioning</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>8</b>
1	Measure IEQ performance	1%	1 to 2
2	Evaluate building systems performance	1%	1 to 2
3	Review building operating plan	1%	1 to 2
4	Review maintenance activities	1%	1 to 2
5	Accommodate space/function changes	1%	1 to 2
6	Implement corrective actions	1%	1 to 2
7	Publish measurement and performance results to stakeholders	1%	1 to 2

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## Appendix B

### SAMPLE QUESTIONS

These questions are examples of the content, form and format of the questions appearing on the examination.

- 1. What document is most helpful for identifying the acceptance criteria needed when writing functional test procedures? (Domain B9)**
  - A. Architect's program
  - B. Basis of design
  - C. Commissioning plan
  - D. Design intent
  
- 2. The commissioning authority has been given a complete set of project drawings and specifications. During the review of submittals, a technical error is found. One of the commissioning authority's first actions should be to (Domain A6):**
  - A. Ask the mechanical contractor to correct error.
  - B. Ask the supplier to make changes.
  - C. Document the error and inform the commissioning team.
  - D. Reject the submittal with comments on errors.
  
- 3. What documents should be used to develop functional performance tests? (Domain A6)**
  - A. Owner's design intent, project specifications, industry guidelines, and approved submittals
  - B. Manufacturer's listing of inspections and testing used on factory testing and acceptance.
  - C. Test procedures used on the previous project for similar equipment.
  - D. The commissioning plan on the last project completed for this client.
  
- 4. A test and balance report has been submitted without documentation of domestic hot water recirculation readings. What action should the commissioning authority take to address this omission? (Domain A13)**
  - A. Reject the report for being incomplete.
  - B. Review the specification to determine if domestic water systems are included in the test and balance scope.
  - C. Return report to contractor with a request to complete domestic hot water recirculation balance.
  - D. Request mechanical contractor to submit a test report for domestic hot water recirculation system.
  
- 5. Functional performance testing of the specified components has been successfully completed. What is the next step in the commissioning process? (Domain B4)**
  - A. Submit the final commissioning report.
  - B. Perform owner training.
  - C. Test inter-relationships between systems and subsystems.
  - D. Recommend beneficial occupancy.

**Answer Key: 1-D, 2-C, 3-A, 4-B, 5-C**

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## Appendix C

### CCP CODE OF ETHICS

As a condition of earning and maintaining certification, applicants for the CCP certification must agree to uphold and abide by the Code of Ethics, the tenets of which are set forth as follows:

1. Exercise a reasonable industry standard of care in the performance of professional duties.
2. Perform professional duties with trust, integrity, and honesty.
3. Hold paramount the health and safety of the public in the performance of professional duties.
4. Work in a manner consistent with all applicable laws and regulations; demonstrate integrity, honesty, and fairness in all activities; and strive for excellence in all matters of ethical conduct.
5. Act with integrity in any relationship that involves an employer or client and disclose fully to an affected employer or client any conflicts-of-interest resulting from business affiliations or personal interests.
6. Represent qualifications accurately and honestly.
7. Offer products and services only in areas where competence and expertise will satisfy the client and public need.
8. Agree to comply with and uphold all policies, procedures, guidelines, and requirements of the certification program; only use the designation as authorized in the approved manner; acknowledge the certificate and marks are the property of the BCCB; and return the certificate and discontinue use of the designation and marks when required to do so.
9. Accept responsibility for maintaining the credential through recertification and continuously uphold the Code of Ethics.
10. Voluntarily and immediately report any felony convictions or other legal dispositions that would constitute violations of this Code of Ethics that have not already been disclosed, regardless of when they occurred, and report any conditions that prohibit fulfillment of duties as set forth in the competence requirements.

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## Appendix D

Below are the Essential Attributes of the Building Commissioning Association (BCxA). These Attributes have been adopted by the BCCB, and as a condition of candidacy and certification as a CCP you must affirm your willingness to abide by the BCxA Essential Attribute tenets.

### BCxA ESSENTIAL ATTRIBUTES

(REV 12/2015)

BCxA considers the following attributes to be so fundamental to effective building commissioning that all members agree in writing to adhere to them whenever they serve as a project's Commissioning Provider:

1. **The Commissioning Provider (CxP) is in charge of the commissioning process and makes the final recommendations to the owner regarding functional performance of the commissioned building systems.**
2. **The CxP is an objective, independent advocate of the Owner. If the CxP's firm has other project responsibilities, or is not under direct contract to the Owner, a conflict of interest exists. Wherever this occurs, the CxP discloses, in writing, the nature of the conflict and the means by which the conflict shall be managed.**
3. **In addition to having good written and verbal communication skills, the CxP has current engineering knowledge, and extensive and recent hands-on field experience regarding:**
  - A. Building systems commissioning,
  - B. The physical principles of building systems performance and interaction,
  - C. Building systems start-up, balancing, testing and troubleshooting,
  - D. Operation and maintenance procedures, and
  - E. The building design and construction process.
4. **For each project, the commissioning purpose and scope are clearly defined in the CxP contract.**
5. **The CxP recommends the commissioning roles and scope for all members of the design and construction teams be clearly defined in:**
  - A. Each design consultant's contract,
  - B. The construction manager's contract,
  - C. General Conditions of the Specifications,
  - D. Each division of the specifications covering work to be commissioned, and
  - E. The specifications for each system and component for which the suppliers' support is required.

6. **Each project is commissioned in accordance with a written commissioning plan that is updated as the project progresses. The commissioning plan:**
  - A. Identifies the systems to be commissioned,
  - B. Defines the scope of the commissioning process,
  - C. Defines commissioning roles and lines of communications for each member of the project team, and
  - D. Estimates the commissioning schedule.
7. **On new building commissioning projects, the CxP reviews systems installation for commissioning related issues throughout the construction period.**
8. **All commissioning activities and findings are documented as they occur. These reports are distributed as they are generated and included in the final report.**
9. **The functional testing program objectively verifies that the building systems perform interactively in accordance with the Project Documents. Written, repeatable test procedures, prepared specifically for each project, are used to functionally test components and systems in all modes of operating conditions specified for testing. These tests are documented to clearly describe the individual systematic test procedures, the expected systems response or acceptance criteria for each procedure, the actual response or findings, and any pertinent discussion.**
10. **The commissioning provider provides constructive input for the resolution of system deficiencies.**
11. **Every commissioning project is documented with a commissioning report that includes:**
  - A. An evaluation of the operating condition of the systems at the time of functional test completion,
  - B. Deficiencies that were discovered and the measures taken to correct them,
  - C. Uncorrected operational deficiencies that were accepted by the owner,
  - D. Functional test procedures and results,
  - E. Reports that document all commissioning field activities as they progress, and
  - F. A description and estimated schedule of required deferred testing.



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