EXAM PREPARATION FAQ

What books do I need to study?

Where can I find the books I need?
2. Laws Applicable to Electrical Contractors in North Carolina (General Statutes, Chapter 87, Article 4) and the Board’s Rules (Title 21, NCAC, Chapter 18B)
   – Both are included in the Examination Information Handbook: download at www.ncbeec.org/examinations/.
   – OR you can find both on our Laws & Rules page here: www.ncbeec.org/.
3. Lighting and Power Plans
   – Plans are included at the back of the Examination Information Handbook.
   – Download the handbook at www.ncbeec.org/examinations/.
   – Purchase from the NASCLA online bookstore at www.nascla.org/store/.
   – Required for the Limited, Intermediate, Unlimited, SP-SFD and SP-FA/LV classifications only.

How should I begin studying?
1. Start with the Examination Information Handbook. Read the handbook in its entirety, cover to cover. This will be your most valuable resource!
2. Use the examination content outline found in the Handbook under Examination Subject Matter Scope as the basis of your study.

What else can I do to prepare for my exam?
1. Study frequently!
   – Your studies will be most effective if you study daily for around an hour per day.
2. Study an illustrated guide for exam preparation book (you can search for one online).
   – Many books are available that show illustrations associated with difficult to understand concepts, calculations, grounding and bonding etc.
3. Practice your calculations!
   – The more experience you gain, the easier the calculations will be when taking the exam.
4. Consider attending a course such as a Board approved continuing-education course or an exam prep course.
   – There are many approved continuing-education courses available that review the NEC and major concepts.
     (THE BOARD DOES NOT OFFER A PREP CLASS and we cannot recommend any specific class to you, but you can search for one in your area online.)
   – To find an approved course, use the CE Class Search function on our homepage at www.ncbeec.org.