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PBA's services include support to workforce training and education by linking industry employers with educators to grow the workforce of tomorrow. PBA serves Pennsylvania communities and consumers through its steadfast efforts to protect homeownership rights and advocate for affordable housing options. PBA is affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

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In the lower division baccalaureate/associate degree category, 3 semester hours in Carpentry or Residential Carpentry.
NOCTI written assessments consist of questions to measure an individual's factual theoretical knowledge.

**Administration Time:** 3 hours  
**Number of Questions:** 170  
**Number of Sessions:** This assessment may be administered in one, two, or three sessions.

### Areas Covered

- **Safety** 15%  
- **Tools and Accessories** 9%  
- **Blueprint Reading and Estimation Skills** 18%  
- **Foundations, Forms, and Concrete** 7%  
- **Rough Framing** 16%  
- **Exterior Finish** 13%  
- **Interior Finish** 13%  
- **Carpentry Related Mathematics** 9%
Specific Standards and Competencies Included in this Assessment

Safety
- Demonstrate safe material handling practices
- Display comprehension of workplace/job-site safety procedures (OSHA)
- Exhibit knowledge of SDS and personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Display understanding of hand tool safety issues
- Display understanding of power tool safety issues

Tools and Accessories
- Use and maintain hand tools
- Use and maintain power tools
- Use and maintain measuring, layout, and marking tools

Blueprint Reading and Estimation Skills
- Demonstrate awareness of general building codes
- Display comprehension of dimensions and scales
- Read and understand various views and elevations
- Display understanding of symbols, lines, and details
- Extrapolate information from a set of plans
- Estimate materials quantities
- Demonstrate awareness of green building practices

Foundations, Forms, and Concrete
- Lay out foundation
- Construct and align footing and foundation forms
- Install, brace, align, and remove formwork
- Understand concrete characteristics

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Specific Standards and Competencies (continued)

Rough Framing
- Demonstrate understanding of floor systems
- Demonstrate understanding of wall systems
- Demonstrate understanding of roof systems
- Calculate, lay out, and install stairs

Exterior Finish
- Identify and install cornice and trim
- Calculate and install roofing
- Identify, prepare, and install windows and doors
- Calculate, lay out, and install siding

Interior Finish
- Install insulation
- Install and finish interior walls and ceilings
- Install interior doors
- Install standing and running trim
- Install cabinets and associated hardware

Carpentry-Related Mathematics
- Perform basic mathematical operations: whole numbers, fractions, and decimals
- Perform linear, square, and cubic computations
- Perform algebraic and geometric functions
Sample Questions

Trimmer studs strengthen the sides of an opening and bear the direct weight of the
A. wall
B. header
C. window
D. sill

Hinges and a track are used in what type of door system?
A. pocket
B. swinging
C. bifold
D. bypass

Which saw is used to cut an inside corner using base molding?
A. compass saw
B. coping saw
C. hack saw
D. zip saw

If pine boards are sold for $800.00 per 1,000 board feet, what is the cost to purchase 550 board feet?
A. $440.00
B. $460.00
C. $480.00
D. $500.00

Three types of valley shingle installation are
A. open, woven, and closed-cut
B. Dutch cut, French cut, and English cut
C. half-lap, side-lap, and top-lap
D. cal-fil, wainscoat, and overlap

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Sample Questions (continued)

With vinyl siding, which of the following is normally installed last?
   A. J-channel
   B. corner pieces
   C. siding panels
   D. starter strip

Use _____ nails when installing exterior trim to prevent corrosion.
   A. sinker
   B. galvanized
   C. steel
   D. resin-coated box

Riser dimension plus tread dimension should fall between
   A. 16 to 17 inches
   B. 17 to 18 inches
   C. 18 to 19 inches
   D. 16 to 19 inches

The top and bottom metal framing members are referred to as
   A. conduit
   B. ducts
   C. jambs
   D. track

The chemical reaction that occurs between water and cement is called
   A. evaporation
   B. aging
   C. hydration
   D. drying

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NOCTI performance assessments allow individuals to demonstrate their acquired skills by completing actual jobs using the tools, materials, machines, and equipment related to the technical area.

**Administration Time:** 2 hours and 45 minutes  
**Number of Jobs:** 7

**Areas Covered:**

**9% Tool and Material Identification**  
Participant will accurately identify a variety of tools and materials, including saws, bits, saw blades, wrenches, nails, fasteners, lumber, finishing, layout, and marking tools.

**13% Square Layout**  
Participant will use the appropriate equipment and techniques to lay out and chalk a square.

**12% Establish a Starting Course for Vinyl Siding Using a Builder’s Level**  
Participant will properly set up and use a builder’s level to establish a level chalk line for the starting course of vinyl siding on a wall.

**17% Blueprint Reading and Exterior Sole Plate Layout**  
Participant will lay out a sole plate according to instructions and include all necessary markings.

**19% Rafter Layout**  
Participant will lay out one common rafter using provided plans and materials showing all necessary corrections and adjustments.

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Areas Covered (continued)

11%  **Stairway Stringer**
Participant will layout a 3-tread stringer according to instructions and record correct number of risers, treads, and measurements.

19%  **Interior Frame**
Participant will install an interior frame in a given opening using appropriate procedures, tools, and equipment.
Sample Job

Square Layout

**Maximum Time:** 20 minutes

**Participant Activity:** The participant will chalk out a 12-foot by 12-foot square using blue chalk and placing blocks at the corners, as shown in the drawing provided.