

Voluntary Certified Access Specialist Program

Program Update

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- Over 550 CASp certified today
- Representation throughout the state of California
- 16 certified from out of state in Illinois, Alabama, Maryland, Colorado, Arizona, Minneapolis, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas
- Participation from 16 Subject Matter Experts throughout the state with representation from all 4 qualification groups:
 - Architects
 - Civil engineer
 - Landscape architect
 - Attorney
 - Building officials
 - Access consultant
 - State government

Qualification

Licensed Disciplines

Combination of Education
and Experience

Fee: \$100/\$500

Certification

3-year renewal cycle

15 Continuing Ed units

Audits of certificate log and
continuing education

Fee: \$200/\$300

Open Book Part
Plan Review
Fee: \$400

Examination

Closed Book Part
Plan Review
Fee: \$400

3 years to pass both divisions



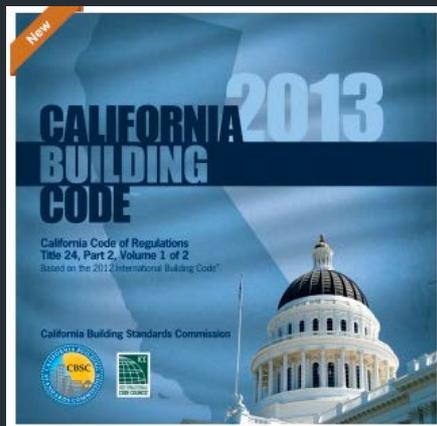
- First examination offered in September of 2008
- Next examination dates:
June 25, 2014 and October 8, 2014

Program Improvements 2013

- Subject Matter Experts assist in examination development, expanded to include representation from all qualification categories
- Two-part examination
 - Closed Book Part: Scoping and General Prescriptive Requirements
 - Open Book Part: Plan Review and Specific Prescriptive Requirements
 - 75 have passed closed book part / 51 have passed open book part

2013 CBC

- Incorporates Federal Standards not previously covered
- Adds California Provisions that are more stringent
- Follows 2010 ADAS format for scoping and technical sections
- 2013 CBC to be submitted to DOJ for certification by May 1, 2014



Intervening Code Cycle

- New provisions for Destination Oriented Elevator Systems for intervening code cycle
- Clarifying amendments on items addressed during transition process
- DSA Training on use of the new code

- Created CASp Program Regulations
 - 2014: Revised CASp Regulations are presently being approved
- Defined CASp Scope of Work
 - 2014: Expanded Scope of Work now addresses CRASCA requirements
- Defined CASp Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities
 - 2014: Publication on how to approach CASp Exam and what constitutes a specialist
- Established Fees for CASp certification process
 - 2013: Fees have been reduced for licensed design professionals
- Created CASp Examination
 - 2013: Examination in two parts - Open Book Plan Review and Closed Book
- Created CASp Website for List of Certified Access Specialists
 - 2014: Improvements for consumer search on DSA List of CASp
- Allows for Audits of CASp work
 - 2014: Policies established for Audit of Certificate Record Book, Continuing Education documentation, and CASp Reports
- Allows for DSA to suspend certification or deny renewal of certification
 - 2014: CASp Consumer Complaint Process, Delinquency Fee

- Created the Construction-Related Accessibility Standards Compliance Act
 - Now included as part of Scope of Work in revised CASp Regulations
 - Specifics addressed in CASp Best Practices and Practice Standards Handbook
- Placed a provision for DSA to submit the CBC for Certification by DOJ
 - 2013 CBC submission to DOJ is anticipated May 1, 2014
- Requires Building Departments to employ or retain a CASp
 - Practice Standards provide a guide for the jurisdictional CASp
- Continuing Education in Disability Access for Architects, Inspectors, Plans Examiners, and Building Officials
 - Partnership with CASI in Code Discussion Groups at DSA Office
 - Partnership with allied professionals and review of training materials
 - Training through DSA Academy
 - Partnership with Federal agencies in providing training
- Required a Written Advisory for Attorneys to accompany a construction-related accessibility claim
- Established the California Commission on Disability Access

- Limits on Application Fee for Exam for Licensed Disciplines
 - Additionally, revised examination structure provides for reduced fees
- \$1 Fee for Business License to Promote Education Programs
 - Revised DSA CASp website and expanded content for Consumers and CASp
 - Next phase: Coordination with CCDA and DOR on education programs
- Applicability of 2013 CBC as Alternative Method of Compliance
 - Education on transition to new CBC
 - Clarifying amendments through intervening code cycle
- Requirements for Demand Letters by Attorneys
- Discipline of Attorneys in Violation of Civil Code 55.3
- Limits Claims on Small Business, Approved New Construction, and Owners with CASp Reports
- Disclosure of CASp Inspection in Lease Agreements
- CCDA Education Programs and Reporting Requirements

Proposed Changes

- Expands definition for CASp Scope of Work
- Provides targeted examination references
- Establishes Delinquency Fee for failure of timely renewal
- Reflects revised examination structure and fees
- Provides clarification on disciplinary process for CASp
- Provides CASp Professional Standards:
 - Requirement for an Agreement for Services
 - Significance of signature on CASp Inspection Reports
 - Audits of Work

Approval Process

- Presently in Departmental Review
- Next: 45 Day Comment Period for Stakeholders
- Final approval through Office of Administrative Law

Revised!

- Expanded definition for CASp Scope of Work
- Revised targeted examination references
 - Lists CA laws on access
 - Eliminates non-applicable standards
- Additional educational resources
- Additional sample questions
- Improved Continuing Education program
 - Requires 5 of 15 units to be on updates to 2013 CBC
- Improved Certification Renewal process
 - Audits of CEUs documentation
 - Audits of Certificate record
- Clarification on disciplinary process for CASp
 - CASp complaint process
 - Definition of conduct that warrants disciplinary action
 - Formal Audit of CRASCA Reports

New!

- Explains CRASCA requirements for work performed as an independent CASp and a jurisdictional CASp
- Explains issuance of Disability Access Inspection Certificates
- Stipulates minimum requirements for CRASCA reports and additional “Best Practice” recommendations
- Offers CASp guidance
 - Use of CBC terminology
 - How a determination of “readily achievable barrier removal” is made
 - Issuance of the schedule with CRASCA Reports
- Provides CASp Resources
 - History of disability rights in CA
 - CA laws regarding disability access
 - CA legislation

Consumers

Why Should I Hire a CASp?
and other Consumer FAQ

Find a CASp

File a Complaint about a
CASp

Candidates

How Do I Get Certified?
And other Candidate FAQ

My CASp Account Login

CASp Examination Dates and
Deadlines

Download CASp Examination and
Certification Handbook

Certified Access Specialist

My CASp Account Login

Download CASp Practice Standards and
Best Practices Handbook

Purchase Disability Access Inspection
Certificates

Download Notice to Property Owner/Tenant
Continuing Education

How Do I Renew My CASp Certification?
And other CASp FAQ

Scheduled to “go live” by May 1, 2014