

# **COMMERCIAL POOL/SPA CONTRACTOR**

**“Commercial Pool/Spa Contractor”** means a contractor whose scope of work involves, but is not limited to, the construction, repair and servicing of any swimming pool, or hot tub or spa, whether public, private, or otherwise, regardless of use, including the repair or replacement of existing equipment or the installation of new equipment, as necessary. The scope of work includes layout, excavation, operation of construction pumps for dewatering purposes, steelwork, installation of light niches, construction of floors, guniting, fibreglassing, installation of tile and coping, installation of all perimeter and filter piping, installation of all filter equipment and chemical feeders of any type, plastering of the interior, construction of decks, construction of equipment rooms or housing for pool equipment, and installation of package pool heaters and also includes the scope of work of a swimming pool/spa servicing contractor. However, the scope of work does not include direct connections to a sanitary sewer system or to potable water lines. The installation, construction, modification, or replacement of equipment permanently attached to and associated with the pool or spa for the purpose of water treatment or cleaning of the pool or spa requires licensure. However, the usage of equipment for the purposes of water treatment or cleaning shall not require licensure unless the usage involves construction, modification, or replacement of equipment. Water treatment that does not require equipment does not require a license. In addition, a license shall not be required for the cleaning of the pool or spa in any way that does not affect the structural integrity of the pool or spa or its associated equipment.

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**Okaloosa County requires applicants for State Registered and Local Specialty Licenses to appear before the appropriate competency board for approval prior to testing.**

Applicants are required to take the trade exam **PLUS** the Business and Law examination and pass with a score of 75% or above on both examinations.

Fees paid to Okaloosa County: \$25 Board Processing Fee  
\$50 Sponsor Fee (per registration)  
\$35 State Package Review Fee

Additional fees to the testing agency will also apply.

**In order to take the examination, you must be twenty-two (22) years of age or older.**

For information on State Certified contractors exam please contact DBPR @ [www.myflorida.com/dbpr/pro](http://www.myflorida.com/dbpr/pro) or call 850-487-1395.

**Enclosed you will find the following:**

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| 1. Application for Board Processing* | 5. Examination Schedule    |
| 2. List for board approval           | 6. Reference/Book Lists ** |
| 3. Approved Credit Agency List       | 7. Experience Affidavit    |
| 4. Competency Board Dates            | 8. Work History Affidavit  |

**If you have any questions, please contact:**

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812 E. James Lee Blvd. - Crestview, FL 32536  
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## License Information

**Scope** – Tests a candidate's knowledge of the construction, service, and repair of all types and kinds of residential and commercial swimming pools. Includes excavation and grading, construction, appurtenances, and installation of all equipment. Does not include direct connections to a sanitary sewer system nor to potable water lines, nor the grounding and bonding of metal surfaces, nor the making of any electrical connections.

## Examination Outline

### Open Book

### 50 Questions

**Time limit: 2 hours and 10 minutes**

**75% Correct required to pass**

Exam Topic	%
Plan Reading and Estimating	20
Excavating	10
Concrete	10
Reinforcing Steel	10
Shotcrete	10
Finishes	10
Care and Operation	20
Safety	10

## References

The following references **are allowed** in the testing center.

1. *2007 Florida Building Code: Building Volume*, Published 2008, International Code Council (ICC), 4051 West Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60478-5795, [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org).
2. *Code of Federal Regulations, Title 29, Part 1926 (OSHA)*, Revision July 1, 2008, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954, [www.access.gpo.gov](http://www.access.gpo.gov).
3. *Certified Pool–Spa Operator Handbook*, 2007 Edition, National Swimming Pool Foundation (NSPF), 224 East Cheyenne Mountain Boulevard, Colorado Springs, CO 80906, [www.nspf.com](http://www.nspf.com).
4. *Excavation and Grading Handbook*, 2006, Craftsman Book Company, 6058 Corte del Cedro, Carlsbad, CA 92009, [www.craftsman-book.com](http://www.craftsman-book.com).
5. *Guide to Shotcrete – ACI 506R-05*, 2005, American Concrete Institute (ACI), P.O. Box 9094, Farmington Hills, MI 48333, [www.concrete.org](http://www.concrete.org).

6. *Print Reading for Construction: Residential and Commercial*, 2005 Edition, Goodheart-Willcox Company, Inc., 18604 West Creek Drive, Tinley Park, IL 60477-6243, [www.g-w.com](http://www.g-w.com).
7. *The Contractor's Guide to Quality Concrete Construction*, Third Edition, 2005, American Concrete Institute (ACI), P.O. Box 9094, Farmington Hills, MI 48333, [www.concrete.org](http://www.concrete.org).

For information on how to obtain exam references, please call toll-free 877.624.2562.

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