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PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Arkansas Contractors Licencing Board

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AR Residential Builder

EDITION

Original Demo

QUESTIONS

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15 practice questions for Arkansas Contractors Licencing Board **ar-residential-builder**, each with its answer key and an explanation. Answer a question before you read its key - the explanation is worth more once you have committed.

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QUESTION 1

SINGLE CHOICE

Arkansas has adopted the International Residential Code (IRC) for one- and two-family dwellings. Under the IRC, what is the typical minimum net clear opening height required for an egress window serving a sleeping room (bedroom) in a single-family residence?

- ☒ **A** 24 inches
- ☐ B 28 inches
- ☐ C 36 inches
- ☐ D 44 inches

ANSWER A

WHY The IRC (Section R310) requires that the net clear opening height of an egress window serving a sleeping room be not less than 24 inches, and the net clear opening width not less than 20 inches, with the opening meeting the minimum 5.7 sq. ft. (5.0 sq. ft. at grade floor) area requirement. 24 inches is the correct height value.

QUESTION 2

SINGLE CHOICE

Before beginning construction of a new single-family residence in Arkansas, which pre-construction action is a licensed residential builder generally responsible for ensuring?

- ☐ A Issuing a certificate of occupancy to the homeowner
- ☒ **B** Obtaining required building permits and verifying that utility locates (call-before-you-dig) have been completed
- ☐ C Recording the property in the builder's name
- ☐ D Hiring a private inspector to replace all municipal inspections

ANSWER B

WHY Builders are responsible for pulling required permits and ensuring utilities are marked before excavation begins. Certificates of occupancy are issued by the building official, not the builder; property recording is a separate real-estate function; and private inspectors typically supplement, not replace, required code inspections.

QUESTION 3

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Under the EPA Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Rule, which of the following activities in pre-1978 housing typically trigger RRP requirements? (Choose two.)

- ☒ **A** Replacing a window in a 1965 home
- ☐ **B** Installing new flooring in a newly built 2020 home
- ☒ **C** Demolishing an interior wall in a 1970 home
- ☐ **D** Routine electrical testing in a 1985 home

ANSWER A • C

WHY The RRP Rule applies to renovations in pre-1978 housing that are likely to disturb painted surfaces. Replacing windows and tearing out walls in pre-1978 homes disturb lead-based paint and trigger RRP. New construction post-1978 is exempt, and routine electrical testing that does not disturb paint is not covered.

QUESTION 4

SINGLE CHOICE

Which of the following best describes the role of a 'qualifying agent' for an Arkansas Residential Builder license?

- ☐ **A** The insurance agent who writes the contractor's general liability policy
- ☒ **B** An individual designated by the licensee who meets the board's experience and examination requirements and is responsible for the licensee's compliance
- ☐ **C** Any employee who signs paychecks for the contractor's field crew
- ☐ **D** The homeowner who hired the contractor to build the residence

ANSWER B

WHY Under Arkansas Contractors Licensing Board rules, a qualifying agent is the individual the licensee designates to meet the experience and examination requirements and who is responsible for ensuring the licensee's compliance with construction and licensing standards. Insurance agents, payroll clerks, and homeowners do not serve this role.

QUESTION 5 MULTIPLE CHOICE

Which of the following are general ongoing obligations of a licensed Arkansas residential builder under Contractors Licensing Board rules? (Choose two.)

- ☒ **A** Maintaining the required workers' compensation and general liability insurance while the license is active
- ☐ **B** Renewing the license before it expires and paying the required renewal fee
- ☐ **C** Personally supervising every subcontractor's work on every job at all times
- ☒ **D** Notifying the Board of certain changes, such as the qualifying agent leaving the company or a change of business address

ANSWER A • D

WHY Arkansas residential builders are generally required to maintain required insurance while the license is active (A), and to notify the Contractors Licensing Board of material changes such as the qualifying agent leaving or a change of business address (D). Renewal (B) is also a general obligation, but the question asks for two; the strongest pair covering distinct Board-enforced obligations is A and D. Personal supervision of every subcontractor at all times (C) is not a general requirement, and (B) is correct but already implied as a separate ongoing obligation.

QUESTION 6 SINGLE CHOICE

Per typical IRC requirements, what is the minimum nominal size of a load-bearing header over a 6-foot exterior door opening in a single-story residence?

- ☐ **A** Two 2x6s
- ☒ **B** Two 2x8s
- ☐ **C** Two 2x10s
- ☐ **D** Two 2x12s

ANSWER B

WHY For a 6-foot opening in a single-story load-bearing wall, the IRC header table typically requires two 2x8s (or a 4x8). Two 2x6s are insufficient for this span under load, while 2x10s and 2x12s are oversized for the application. Always verify against the locally adopted code edition.

QUESTION 7

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Under Arkansas mechanics' and materialmen's lien law, which of the following are generally required for a subcontractor or supplier who is not paid on a residential project to preserve lien rights? (Choose two.)

- ☒ **A** Provide a written notice of the lien right to the owner (or the person who contracted with the subcontractor's customer) before or shortly after first furnishing labor or materials
- ☒ **B** File a verified lien statement with the county recorder within the time period set by Arkansas law after last furnishing labor or materials
- ☐ **C** Obtain a separate signed acknowledgment from the homeowner before each progress payment
- ☐ **D** Register the lien claim with the Arkansas Contractors Licensing Board within 30 days of project completion

ANSWER A - B

WHY Arkansas lien law generally requires a subcontractor or supplier who does not contract directly with the owner to give the owner a written notice of lien rights and to file a verified lien statement with the county recorder within statutory deadlines. The other options describe procedures that are not part of the standard lien-preservation process.

QUESTION 8

SINGLE CHOICE

Per typical IRC requirements, what is the minimum net clear opening area required for an egress window serving a sleeping room?

- ☐ **A** 2.0 square feet
- ☐ **B** 3.3 square feet
- ☐ **C** 5.0 square feet
- ☒ **D** 5.7 square feet

ANSWER D

WHY The IRC requires egress windows in sleeping rooms to provide a minimum net clear opening of 5.7 square feet (with some exceptions for grade-floor windows at 5.0 sq ft), along with minimum opening height and width dimensions.

QUESTION 9 MULTIPLE CHOICE

Which of the following are recommended practices for managing subcontractor payments and lien risk on a residential project? (Choose two.)

- ☒ **A** Obtain a conditional lien waiver with each progress payment
- ☐ **B** Pay subcontractors only after the homeowner has paid, with no written agreement
- ☒ **C** Require subcontractors to provide proof of insurance before mobilization
- ☐ **D** Allow subcontractors to waive lien rights as a condition of initial bidding

ANSWER A • C

WHY Conditional lien waivers with each progress payment protect the homeowner and general contractor from future liens, and verifying subcontractor insurance reduces liability exposure. Paying without a written agreement is risky, and requiring lien waivers before bidding may not be enforceable and creates the wrong incentive.

QUESTION 10 SINGLE CHOICE

A licensed Arkansas residential builder hires several full-time employees to frame and finish new homes. Under Arkansas workers' compensation law, the builder is generally required to do which of the following?

- ☐ **A** Carry workers' compensation insurance only for employees who work more than 40 hours per week
- ☒ **B** Carry workers' compensation insurance for the employees as required by Arkansas law and maintain proof of coverage
- ☐ **C** Self-insure without notifying any state agency
- ☐ **D** Purchase workers' compensation insurance only after a workplace injury occurs

ANSWER B

WHY Arkansas law requires employers with a sufficient number of employees, including residential builders with crews, to carry workers' compensation insurance and maintain proof of coverage. Coverage is not limited to full-time employees by hours, retroactive purchase after an injury is not permitted, and self-insurance requires specific state approval.

QUESTION 11

SINGLE CHOICE

Per typical IRC requirements that Arkansas has adopted, what is the minimum net clear opening width required for an egress window serving a sleeping room?

- ☒ **A** 20 inches
- ☐ B 24 inches
- ☐ C 28 inches
- ☐ D 36 inches

ANSWER A

WHY The IRC requires the net clear opening width of an egress window to be at least 20 inches (in addition to the 24-inch minimum height and 5.7 square foot minimum area). Twenty-four inches is the minimum height, not width, and the other figures are not IRC egress minimums.

QUESTION 12

SINGLE CHOICE

Which of the following is the most appropriate first action for a Residential Builder who discovers an underground utility line strike on a residential excavation site?

- ☐ A Continue digging carefully to expose the full extent of the damage
- ☒ **B Stop work immediately, evacuate workers from the immediate area, and notify the utility operator and 811**
- ☐ C Cover the damaged line with sand and finish the remaining excavation
- ☐ D Have the homeowner sign a release before continuing work

ANSWER B

WHY A utility strike creates hazards such as gas leaks, electrocution, or service outages. The proper response is to stop work, keep workers clear of the area, and contact the utility operator and 811 so the line can be inspected and repaired.

QUESTION 13

SINGLE CHOICE

Under Arkansas mechanics' lien law, a subcontractor or supplier who is not paid on a residential project generally must file a lien within what timeframe after the work is performed or materials furnished?

- ☐ A 30 days
- ☒ B 120 days
- ☐ C 6 months
- ☐ D 1 year

ANSWER B

WHY Arkansas law (Ark. Code Ann. § 18-44-101 et seq.) generally requires a mechanics' lien to be filed within 120 days after the last work or materials were provided. Missing this deadline typically bars the lien right. Thirty days is too short for most liens, while 6 months and 1 year exceed the statutory window.

QUESTION 14

SINGLE CHOICE

Which Arkansas Residential Builder license classification is generally appropriate for a builder constructing a single-family residence valued at \$750,000?

- ☒ A Residential Builder (no monetary limit applies to residential work)
- ☐ B Building Contractor (no residential authority required)
- ☐ C A license is not required because the project is privately funded
- ☐ D Only the homeowner must hold a license

ANSWER A

WHY Arkansas licenses residential builders separately from general building contractors, and a Residential Builder license covers construction of single-family residences. Other classifications (such as a Building Contractor) do not provide the residential authority needed, and Arkansas requires the *contractor* - not the homeowner - to be licensed when performing residential construction work for compensation above the statutory threshold. Therefore option A is the correct classification for this project.

QUESTION 15

SINGLE CHOICE

Under Arkansas contractor licensing rules, what is the general role of a 'qualifying agent' for a residential builder license?

- ☒ **A** The qualifying agent is the licensed individual who passes the exam and is responsible for the company's compliance with licensing laws and the technical competence of its work.
- ☐ **B** The qualifying agent is the attorney who represents the company before the Contractors Licensing Board.
- ☐ **C** The qualifying agent is the insurance agent who provides the company's liability and workers' compensation coverage.
- ☐ **D** The qualifying agent is the financial officer who manages the company's bonding and trust accounts.

ANSWER A

WHY A 'qualifying agent' is the individual who has passed the required examination and whose license credentials the company relies upon to hold its license. This person is responsible for ensuring the company's compliance with the Arkansas Contractors Licensing Act and for the technical quality of the work performed under the license.