
The OBBS Supports Veterans



The Ohio Board of Buildings Standards remains committed to providing a path to certification for veterans with experience in the building and design trades. We have modified our own requirements to better support qualified veterans, and are working with the providers of our third-party testing and education services to extend this support through all aspects of the certification process.

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Information for Veterans

Applying for Certifications

Applications for all 40 certifications offered by the Ohio Board of Building Standards (OBBS) can be found under the “Certifications” tab on the OBBS website, or can be mailed upon request.

When completing your OBBS application, make sure to note any qualifying military training or experience under sections 4 and 8: ‘Experience’.

Qualifying military experience includes, but is not limited to (listed by Department of Defense Occupation Code):

- 171. Construction - Specialists in construction trades and construction equipment operation.
- 172. Utilities - Plumbers, heating and cooling specialists, and electricians.
- 2401. Construction and Utilities - Civil engineers, architects, and other construction and utilities officers.
- 2402. Electrical/Electronic - Electrical and electronic engineers and equipment maintenance officers not associated with radar design, installation, and maintenance.



Testing

Qualifying veterans can use the GI Bill to cover some, if not all, costs associated with International Code Council (ICC) testing. For more information on testing and training, contact:

The Department of Veterans Affairs
1-888-442-4551

The International Code Council
888-ICC-SAFE (888-422-7233), ext. 5524
certexam@iccsafe.org

Training and Education

The OBBS Code Academy is provided free of charge to all interim certificate holders. Free lodging is also available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Once your interim certification is approved, you will automatically be placed on a contact list for Code Academy Information.

The OBBS has recently adopted rules allowing for the extension of certification periods for individuals called to active military duty equal to the length of time spent on active duty.

Contact OBBS

Our highly-qualified staff is ready to assist you with any questions or concerns you have regarding the certification process.

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

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