



Before scheduling  
your examination,  
be sure you understand  
the contents of this bulletin.  
Please retain and use it as a  
reference when contacting PSI.

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## **Funeral Director Written Examination**

# **CANDIDATE HANDBOOK**



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Questions about examination content or licensing should be directed to:

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## SCHEDULING INFORMATION

Date Scheduled: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Scheduler: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Exam: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Exam: \_\_\_\_\_

Test Site Location: \_\_\_\_\_



## PURPOSE

This handbook serves as your notice of eligibility and is designed to provide you with general information regarding the Funeral Director examination processes and content.

## EXAMINATIONS BY PSI

The State has contracted with PSI to conduct its examination program. PSI provides examinations through a network of computer examination centers in California.

All questions regarding the scheduling and administration of examinations should be directed to PSI.

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All other questions about examinations should be directed to the Cemetery & Funeral Bureau (CFB).

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## APPLICATION PROCESS

### APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY

Within 7 days of receipt, the CFB will notify the applicant in writing regarding the status of his or her application. If the application is incomplete, the letter will specify what additional information the applicant must provide. Once the application is deemed complete, the CFB will notify PSI that the applicant meets the requirements for candidacy and is eligible to sit for the examination.

### ABANDONMENT OF APPLICATION

In accordance with Title 16, California Code of Regulations Section 1254, the CFB considers an application abandoned if a candidate fails to take the examination within 1 year after being notified of eligibility. Failure to appear at a scheduled examination without prior notice is also considered abandonment. In the event of abandonment, a candidate must submit a new application to the CFB with the required fee and meet all requirements at the time of filing. Application fees are not reimbursed when an application is abandoned.

## EXAMINATION SCHEDULING PROCEDURES

Once you have been approved by CFB, you are responsible for contacting PSI to schedule an appointment to take the examination. You may do so via the Internet at

[www.psiexams.com](http://www.psiexams.com), or schedule over the telephone at (877) 392-6422.

- **FIRST TIME EXAMINEES:** Examination eligibility expires, and an application is deemed abandoned, if the applicant fails to sit for examination within one year after being notified of eligibility.

In most California testing centers, testing does not take place on the following major holidays:

Thanksgiving	Closed November 24-27, 2016
Christmas	Closed December 25, 2016
New Years	Closed January 1, 2017
Martin Luther King Jr.	Closed January 16, 2017
Memorial Day	Closed May 27-29, 2017
Independence Day	Closed July 4, 2017
Labor Day	Closed September 2-4, 2017

### INTERNET SCHEDULING

You may schedule for your examination by completing the online Test Registration Form. The Test Registration Form is available at PSI's website, [www.psiexams.com](http://www.psiexams.com). You may schedule for an examination via the Internet 24 hours a day.

1. Complete the registration form online and submit your information to PSI via the Internet.
2. Upon completion of the online registration form, you will be given the available dates for scheduling your examination.
3. You will need to choose a date to complete your registration.
4. Upon successful registration, you will receive a traceable confirmation number.

### TELEPHONE SCHEDULING

PSI has two scheduling methods available if you wish to schedule by telephone. First, call PSI at (877) 392-6422, 24 hours a day and schedule using the Automated Registration System. Second, if you wish to contact a live operator, use this same telephone number to contact PSI registrars Monday through Friday between 4:30 am and 7:00 pm and Saturday-Sunday between 6:00 am and 2:30 pm, Pacific Time, to schedule your appointment for the examination.

### CANCELING AN EXAMINATION APPOINTMENT

You may cancel and reschedule an examination appointment without forfeiting your fee **if your cancellation notice is received two (2) days prior to the scheduled examination date**. For example, for a 9:00 a.m. Monday appointment, the cancellation notice would need to be received **before 9:00 am** on the previous Saturday. You may call PSI at (877) 392-6422. Please note that you may also use the automated system, using a touch-tone phone, 24 hours a day in order to cancel and reschedule your appointment.

**Note:** A voice mail message is not an acceptable form of cancellation. Please use the PSI Website, automated telephone system, or call PSI and speak to a Customer Service Representative.



## MISSED APPOINTMENT OR LATE CANCELLATION

If you miss your appointment, you will not be able to take the examination as scheduled, further you will forfeit your examination fee, if:

- You do not cancel your appointment 2 days before the scheduled examination date;
- You do not appear for your examination appointment;
- You arrive after examination start time;
- You do not present proper identification when you arrive for the examination.

## RE-EXAMINATION

Candidates who fail are eligible to re-take this examination. A new application will be provided with the score report at the test center, or may be obtained by contacting the CFB.

To apply for re-examination, candidates must complete a new application and submit it to the CFB with the correct fee. A notice confirming your eligibility for re-examination will be sent approximately 90 days from the date of the last examination. Candidates are permitted to take the examination four times in a 12-month period.

Sample Scenario:

- Danny received notice of eligibility to take the written examination on 1/18/07. He must take the written examination no later than 1/18/08.

## EXAMINATION SITE CLOSING FOR AN EMERGENCY

In the event that severe weather or another emergency forces the closure of an examination site on a scheduled examination date, your examination will be re-scheduled. PSI personnel will attempt to contact you in this situation. However, you may check the status of your examination schedule by calling (877) 392-6422. Every effort will be made to re-schedule your examination at a convenient time as soon as possible. You will not be penalized. You will be re-scheduled at no additional charge.

## **EXAMINATION SITE LOCATIONS**

The California examinations are administered at the PSI examination centers in California as listed below:

### **ANAHEIM**

2301 W. LINCOLN AVE, SUITE 252  
ANAHEIM, CA 92801  
(714) 254-1453

*DIRECTIONS FROM LA: TAKE 5 SOUTH EXIT BROOKHURST AND TURN RIGHT. TURN RIGHT ON LINCOLN (PASS A SMALL STREET NAMED MONTEREY), AND GO TO THE FIRST OPEN DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT.*

*(ORANGE COUNTY) DIRECTIONS FROM SAN DIEGO, IRVINE, MISSION VIEJO, ETC: TAKE 5N EXIT BROOKHURST AND TURN LEFT. TURN RIGHT ONTO LINCOLN (PASS A SMALL STREET NAMED MONTEREY) AND GO TO THE FIRST OPEN DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT.*

*IF BROOKHURST EXIT IS CLOSED: TAKE 5 N EXIT EUCLID AND TURN LEFT. TURN RIGHT ON LINCOLN (PASS BROOKHURST AND SMALL STREET NAMED MONTEREY) AND GO TO THE FIRST OPEN DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT.*

*\*\*\*\*KEEP IN MIND THAT THE EUCLID EXIT COMES FIRST AND THEN BROOKHURST. \*\*\*\**

*OR 91 FREEWAY: TAKE 91 W EXIT BROOKHURST AND TURN LEFT. TURN RIGHT ONTO LINCOLN (PASS A SMALL STREET NAMED MONTEREY) AND GO TO THE FIRST OPEN DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT.*

### **ATASCADERO**

7305 MORRO RD, SUITE 201A  
ATASCADERO, CA 93422  
(805) 462-8983

*FROM US-101 N, TAKE THE CA-41 EXIT- EXIT 219-TOWARD MORRO RD. TURN LEFT ONTO EL CAMINO REAL. Turn LEFT onto CA-41/MORRO RD.*

*FROM US-101 S, TAKE THE MORRO RD/CA-41 EXIT- EXIT 219, TURN RIGHT ONTO CA-41/MORRO RD.*

### **BURBANK**

2950 N. HOLLYWOOD WAY, STE 150  
BURBANK, CA 91505

*FROM I-5, TAKE THE HOLLYWOOD WAY EXIT. HEAD TOWARDS THE AIRPORT. BUILDING WILL BE ON YOUR LEFT HAND SIDE APPROXIMATELY 0.7 MILES FROM FREEWAY EXIT.*

*IF TRAVELING WEST ON I-134, EXIT HOLLYWOOD WAY AND HEAD NORTH TOWARDS THE AIRPORT. BUILDING WILL BE ON YOUR RIGHT SIDE IN APPROXIMATELY 4 MILES.*

*IF TRAVELING EAST ON I-134, EXIT PASS AVENUE. TURN RIGHT ON PASS AVE. TURN LEFT ON WEST ALAMEDA. TURN LEFT ON HOLLYWOOD WAY. YOU WILL BE HEADING NORTH TOWARDS THE AIRPORT. BUILDING WILL BE ON YOUR RIGHT SIDE IN APPROXIMATELY 4 MILES.*

### **CARSON**

17420 S. AVALON BLVD, SUITE 205  
CARSON, CA 90746  
(310) 217-1066

*FROM CA-91 E/GARDENA FWY TAKE THE AVALON EXIT. OFF RAMP WILL LEAD YOU ONTO ALBERTONI ST. MAKE A RIGHT ONTO AVALON BLVD AND WE ARE LOCATED ON THE RIGHT HANDSIDE (SAME PARKING LOT AS CARL'S JR).*

*FROM CA-91 W TAKE THE AVALON EXIT. MAKE A LEFT ONTO AVALON BLVD. MAKE A U-TURN ON AVALON BLVD AND ALBERTONI ST. WE ARE LOCATED ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE. (SAME PARKING LOT AS CARL'S JR).*

### **EL MONTE - SANTA FE SPRINGS**

10330 PIONEER BOULEVARD, SUITE 285  
SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670  
(626) 279-2705

*FROM THE I-5 NORTH TAKE NORWALK BLVD EXIT #121, TURN RIGHT ONTO NORWALK BLVD. TURN LEFT ONTO IMPERIAL HWY/CA-90. TURN RIGHT ONTO PIONEER BLVD, TESTING CENTER WILL BE ON YOUR RIGHT.*

### **FRESNO**

351 E. BARSTOW, SUITE 101  
FRESNO, CA 93710  
(559) 221-9006

*FROM CA-41 S, TAKE THE BULLARD AVE EXIT. TURN LEFT ONTO E BULLARD AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO N FRESNO ST. PASS THROUGH THE INTERSECTION OF FRESNO AND BASTOW AVE. TAKE THE FIRST DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE.*

*FROM CA-41 N, TAKE THE SHAW AVE EXIT TOWARD CLOVIS. TURN RIGHT ONTO E SHAW AVE. TURN LEFT ONTO N FRESNO ST. TURN LEFT INTO THE LAST DRIVEWAY BEFORE BARSTOW AVE.*

*TESTING CENTER IS IN THE OFFICE COMPLEX ON THE SW CORNER OF BARSTOW AND FRESNO ST.*



**HAYWARD**

24301 SOUTHLAND DRIVE, SUITE B-1  
 HAYWARD, CA 94545  
 (510) 784-1114

FROM I-880 N TOWARD OAKLAND, TAKE THE WINTON AVENUE EXIT. MERGE ONTO W WINTON AVE TOWARD HEALD COLLEGE. TURN LEFT ONTO SOUTHLAND DR.

FROM I-880 S TOWARD SAN JOSE/SAN MATEO BR, TAKE THE WINTON AVE WEST EXIT TOWARD HEALD COLLEGE. MERGE ONTO W WINTON AVE. TURN LEFT ONTO SOUTHLAND DR.

**REDDING**

2861 CHURN CREEK, UNIT C  
 REDDING, CA 96002  
 (530) 221-0945

ON 299 FROM EAST TAKE RAMP ONTO I-5 S. TAKE EXIT #677/REDDING/CYPRESS AVE. TURN LEFT ON E CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ON CHURN CREEK RD.

ON 299 FROM WEST TURN RIGHT ON MARKET ST (CA-273 S). TURN LEFT ON TEHEMA ST (CA-299 E). CONTINUE TO FOLLOW CA-299 E. TAKE EXIT #2A/RED BLUFF/SACRAMENTO ONTO I-5 S. TAKE EXIT #677/REDDING/CYPRESS AVE. TURN LEFT ON E CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ON CHURN CREEK RD.

ON I-5 FROM NORTH TAKE EXIT #677/ REDDING/CYPRESS AVE. TURN LEFT ON E CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ON CHURN CREEK RD  
 ON I-5 FROM SOUTH TAKE EXIT #677/ REDDING/CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ON E CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ON CHURN CREEK RD

ON HWY 44 FROM EAST TAKE RAMP TOWARD VICTOR AVE. TURN LEFT ON VICTOR AVE. TURN RIGHT ON E CYPRESS AVE. TURN LEFT ON CHURN CREEK RD.

FROM ALL DIRECTIONS, FRONT BUILDING IS 2881 CHURN CREEK, DRIVEWAY INTO COMPLEX IS DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM MAJOR MUFFLER ON EAST SIDE OF CHURN CREEK. 2861 IS FIRST BUILDING ON THE LEFT.

**RIVERSIDE**

7888 MISSION GROVE PARKWAY S., SUITE 130  
 RIVERSIDE, CA 92508  
 (951) 789-0358

FROM THE CA-91W TOWARD RIVERSIDE/BEACH CITIES, TAKE THE CENTRAL AVENUE EXIT TOWARD MAGNOLIA CENTER. TURN LEFT ONTO CENTRAL AVE. CENTRAL AVE BECOMES ALESSANDRO BLVD. VEER TO THE RIGHT, THEN STAY STRAIGHT TO GO ONTO TRAUTWEIN RD (YOU WILL PASS COMMUNICATIONS CENTER DR). TURN LEFT ONTO MISSION GROVE PKY W.

FROM THE HIGH DESERT/SAN BERNARDINO AREA 215 S, WHERE THE 60 FWY, 91 FWY AND THE 215 FWY SPLIT, TAKE 215S (SIGNS FOR THE 60 EAST INDIO). TAKE EXIT 27C FOR ALESSANDRO BLVD, TURN RIGHT ONTO E ALESSANDRO BLVD, TURN LEFT ONTO MISSION GROVE PKWY S.

**SACRAMENTO**

9719 LINCOLN VILLAGE DR.  
 BUILDING 100, SUITE 100  
 SACRAMENTO, CA 95827  
 (916) 363-6455

FROM SAN FRANCISCO/VALLEJO ON I-80 E, TAKE US-50 E TOWARD SACRAMENTO/SOUTH LAKE TAHOE. TAKE BRADSHAW ROAD, EXIT 13, TURN RIGHT ONTO BRADSHAW ROAD. TURN IMMEDIATE LEFT ONTO LINCOLN VILLAGE DR.

**SAN DIEGO**

5440 MOREHOUSE DRIVE, SUITE 2300  
 SAN DIEGO, CA 92121  
 (858) 550-5940

FROM I-805 S, TAKE THE SORRENTO VALLEY RD/MIRA MESA BLVD EXIT. TURN LEFT ONTO MIRA MESA BLVD, TURN LEFT ONTO SCRANTON ROAD. TURN RIGHT ONTO MOREHOUSE DRIVE.

FROM I-805 N TOWARD LOS ANGELES, TAKE THE MIRA MESA BLVD/VISTA SORRENTO PKWY EXIT. TURN RIGHT ONTO MIRA MESA BLVD. TURN LEFT ONTO SCRANTON RD. TURN RIGHT ONTO MOREHOUSE DR.

ADDITIONAL PARKING CAN BE FOUND (on top of the AT&T building) BY CONTINUING ON MOREHOUSE PAST OUR BUILDING AND TURNING LEFT AT THE NEXT DRIVEWAY UP THE HILL

**SAN FRANCISCO**

150 EXECUTIVE PARK BLVD., STE 1100  
 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94134  
 (415) 330-9700

I-80 W BECOMES US-101 S. TAKE EXIT 429 A TOWARD MONSTER PARK/TUNNEL AVE. TAKE THE RAMP TOWARD 3COM PARK. TURN RIGHT ONTO ALANNA RD. TURN LEFT ONTO EXECUTIVE PARK BLVD.

**SANTA CLARA**

2936 SCOTT BLVD  
 SANTA CLARA, CA 95054  
 (408) 844-0008

FROM US-101 N, TAKE THE SAN TOMAS EXPWY/MONTAGUE EXPWY EXIT- EXIT 392. TAKE THE SAN TOMAS EXPWY RAMP. MERGE ONTO SAN TOMAS EXPY/CR-G4. TURN LEFT ONTO SCOTT BLVD.

FROM I-880 S TOWARD SAN JOSE, TAKE THE MONTAGUE EXPWY EXIT (7). TAKE THE MONTAGUE EXPWY WEST RAMP. MERGE ONTO MONTAGUE EXPY/CR-G4 E. TURN LEFT ONTO E TRIMBLE RD. E TRIMBLE RD BECOMES DE LA CRUZ BLVD. TURN SLIGHT RIGHT ONTO CENTRAL EXPY/CR-G6 W. TURN SLIGHT RIGHT ONTO SCOTT BLVD.

**SANTA ROSA**

160 WIKIUP DRIVE, SUITE 105  
 SANTA ROSA, CA 95403  
 (707) 544-6723

FROM US-101 N, TAKE MARK WEST SPRINGS/RIVER ROAD EXIT. TURN RIGHT ON MARK WEST SPRINGS. TURN LEFT AT OLD REDWOOD HIGHWAY. TURN RIGHT ON WIKIUP DRIVE. FIRST DRIVEWAY ON RIGHT.

FROM US-101 S, TAKE MARK WEST SPRINGS/RIVER ROAD EXIT. TURN LEFT ON MARK WEST SPRINGS. TURN LEFT AT OLD REDWOOD HIGHWAY. TURN RIGHT ON WIKIUP DRIVE. FIRST DRIVEWAY ON RIGHT.

**VENTURA**

4245 MARKET ST, SUITE 208  
 VENTURA, CA 93003  
 (805) 650-5220

FROM US-101N, TAKE THE TELEPHONE ROAD EXIT 65. TURN LEFT ONTO TELEPHONE ROAD. TURN RIGHT ONTO MARKET STREET.

**VISALIA**

3400 W MINERAL KING AVE, SUITE D  
 VISALIA, CA 93291

FROM CA-99N, MERGE ONTO CA-198E VIA EXIT 96 TOWARD VISALIA/SEQUOIA NAT'L PARK. TAKE THE EXIT TOWARD DEMAREE STREET. MERGE ONTO W NOBLE AVENUE. TURN LEFT ONTO S COUNTY CENTER DRIVE. TAKE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> LEFT ONTO W MINERAL KING AVENUE.

**WALNUT CREEK**

175 LENNON LANE, SUITE 203  
 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94598  
 (925) 906-9165

FROM I-5N, KEEP LEFT TO TAKE I-580W TOWARD TRACY/SAN FRANCISCO. MERGE ONTO I-680N VIA EXIT 44B TOWARD SACRAMENTO/WALNUT CREEK/CONCORD. TAKE THE YGNACIO VALLEY ROAD EXIT AND TURN RIGHT. TURN LEFT ONTO LENNON LANE.



## SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE

All examination sites are physically accessible to individuals with disabilities. Scheduling services are also available via our Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) by calling 800-735-2929.

The CFB and PSI recognize their responsibilities under the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act by providing testing accommodations or auxiliary aids or services for candidates who substantiate the need due to a physical or mental disability or qualified medical condition.

Candidates whose primary language is not English may also qualify for accommodations.

Requests for accommodation must be received with your completed examination application. Accommodations that fundamentally alter the measurement of the skills or knowledge the examinations are intended to test will not be granted.

Accommodations will not be provided at the examination site unless prior approval by the CFB has been granted. Reasonable, appropriate, and effective accommodations may be requested by submitting a "Request for Accommodation" package. This package is available by contacting the CFB or online at [www.cfb.ca.gov/formspubs/exam\\_accommodations.pdf](http://www.cfb.ca.gov/formspubs/exam_accommodations.pdf). Do not call PSI to schedule your examination until you have received written notification from the CFB regarding your request for accommodations.

## REPORTING TO THE EXAMINATION SITE

On the day of the examination, you must arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time. This allows time for check-in and identification verification and provides time to familiarize yourself with the examination process. If you arrive late, you may not be admitted to the examination site and you may forfeit your examination registration fee. Even though candidates will be thumb printed, you are still required to comply with any identification requirements established by the appropriate regulatory entity.

### REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION AT EXAMINATION SITE

You must provide one of the following valid forms of government-issued identification before you may examine:

- A photographic Driver's License (any state)
- State identification card (any state)
- U.S. military identification
- Valid passport - any country (valid foreign passport with valid record of arrival/departure - Form I-94 or processed form I-551 stamped in a valid foreign passport)

*All photographs must be recognizable as the person to whom the identification card was issued. The name on the application must match the photographic I.D. card. If you*

*have recently changed your name with the CFB, you may want to contact PSI to verify that they have the correct same name on file.*

If you cannot provide the required identification, you must call (877) 392-6422 at least 3 weeks prior to your scheduled appointment to arrange a way to meet this security requirement. *Failure to provide all of the required identification at the time of the examination without notifying PSI is considered a missed appointment, and you will not be able to take the examination and you will forfeit your examination registration fee.*

### CALIFORNIA LAW SECURITY PROCEDURES

Section 123 of the California Business and Professions Code states: It is a misdemeanor for any person to engage in any conduct which subverts or attempts to subvert any licensing examination or the administration of an examination, including, but not limited to:

- Conduct which violates the security of the examination materials;
- Removing from the examination room any examination materials without authorization;
- The unauthorized reproduction by any means of any portion of the actual licensing examination;
- Aiding by any means the unauthorized reproduction of any portion of the licensing examination;
- Paying or using professional or paid examination-takers for the purpose of reconstructing any portion of the licensing examination;
- Obtaining examination questions or other examination material, except by specific authorization either before, during, or after an examination; or
- Selling, distributing, buying, receiving, or having unauthorized possession of any portion of a future, current, or previously administered licensing examination.
- Communicating with any other examinee during the administration of a licensing examination.
- Copying answers from another examinee or permitting one's answers to be copied by another examinee.
- Having in one's possession during the administration of the licensing examination any books, equipment, notes, written or printed materials, or data of any kind, other than the examination materials distributed, or otherwise authorized to be in one's possession during the examination.
- Impersonating any examinee or having an impersonator take the licensing examination on one's behalf.

Nothing in this section shall preclude prosecution under authority provided for in any other provision of law. In addition to any other penalties, a person found guilty of violating this section, shall be liable for the actual damages sustained by the agency administering the examination not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and the costs of litigation. (For a full text of Section 123, please see Appendix A)

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TAKING AN EXAMINATION

1. All candidates will have their thumbprint taken during examination check-in and re-entry into the testing room after an approved absence. If a candidate passes the examination, the thumbprint record will be destroyed. If a



candidate abandons his or her application for licensure, as determined by the appropriate regulatory authority, the thumbprint will also be destroyed. If a candidate is unsuccessful, the thumbprint record will be retained by PSI to ensure proper identification on any subsequent examination attempts. If the thumbprint doesn't match upon exit and re-entry, the candidate shall be disqualified from the examination, his or her test results invalidated, and the appropriate regulatory entity will be notified of the occurrence. The taking of the thumbprint is an additional measure to enhance examination security. The Department of Consumer Affairs, Office of Professional Examination Services shall ensure that the appropriate safeguards for the storage and destruction of the thumbprint records are in place.

2. The temperature in the testing room is maintained at a moderate level. Candidates are advised to layer clothing. Acceptable layered clothing includes lightweight shirts, sweaters, and pullovers without pockets. These items must be worn upon check-in, while you wait to enter the testing room, and during your initial seating for the examination.
3. There are timing mechanisms available at the test site and on the computer console to help candidates keep track of time during the test administration. Watches or other timekeeping devices are not permitted in the examination rooms.
4. Only one candidate will be allowed to take a restroom break at a time. Candidates are required to sign out when you leave the room and when you return. If a candidate's restroom break takes longer than 5 (five) minutes, a proctor will check on the candidate and will notify the applicable regulatory entity of the occurrence, which will take appropriate action.
5. The following items are not permitted in the examination rooms:

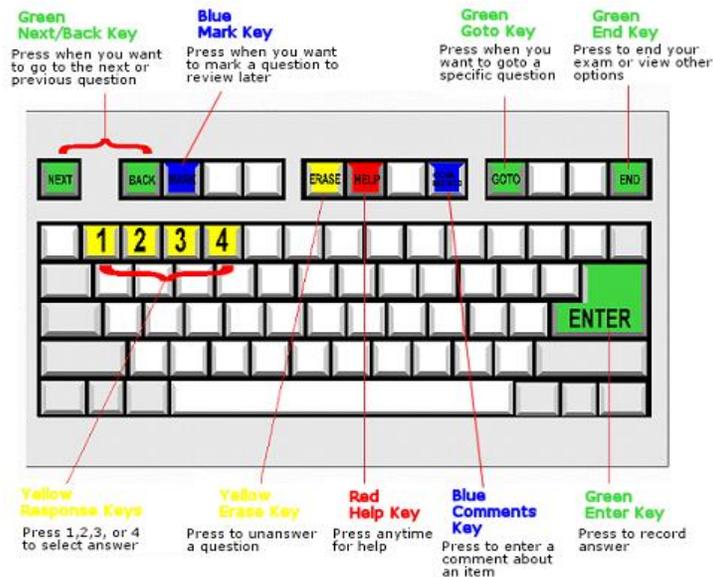
- Cellular telephones, personal digital assistants (PDAs), recording devices, cameras, pagers, purses, notebooks, notebook computers, reference or readings material, music players, radios, electronic games, calculators, or briefcases.
- Personal items including watches, backpacks, wallets, pens, pencils, or other writing devices, food, drinks (unless prior approval is obtained by your regulatory entity) and good-luck items.
- Hats, baseball caps, or visors (with the exception of religious apparel), coats, shawls, hooded clothing, heavy jackets or overcoats.

During the check-in process, all candidates will be asked if they possess any of the prohibited items and all candidates will be asked to empty their pockets. If prohibited items are found during check-in, candidates shall return these items to their vehicle or other place of safekeeping. Neither PSI, nor the Department of Consumer Affairs, shall be responsible for the items. Any candidate possessing the prohibited items in the examination room shall have his or her test results invalidated, and PSI shall notify the appropriate regulatory entity of the occurrence.

6. Copying or communicating examination content is a violation of PSI security policy and existing law. Either one shall result in the disqualification or invalidation of examination results, the denial of your license, and may subject the candidate to criminal prosecution.

## TAKING THE EXAMINATION BY COMPUTER

Taking the PSI examination by computer is simple. You do not need any computer experience or typing skills. You will use fewer keys than you use on a touch-tone telephone. All response keys are colored and have prominent characters. An illustration of the special keyboard is shown.



### IDENTIFICATION SCREEN

You will be directed to a semiprivate testing station to take the examination. When you are seated at the testing station, you will be prompted to confirm your name, identification number, and the examination for which you are registered.

### TUTORIAL

Before you start your examination, an introductory tutorial to the computer and keyboard is provided on the computer screen. The time you spend on this tutorial, up to 15 minutes, DOES NOT count as part of your examination time. Sample questions are included as part of the tutorial so that you may practice using the keys, answering questions, and reviewing your answers.

One question appears on the screen at a time. During the examination, questions answered and minutes remaining will be displayed at the top of the screen and updated as you record your answers.

## EXAMINATION QUESTION EXAMPLE

During the examination, you should press 1, 2, 3, or 4 to select your answer. You should then press “ENTER” to record your answer and move on to the next question. A sample question display follows:



## EXAMINATION RESULTS

At the end of your examination, a pass or fail result will be shown on the screen and you will receive a printed score report. Numerical (raw) scores are provided to all candidates. Your examination results are confidential and are released only to you and your state-licensing agency. To protect your privacy and to maintain the confidentiality of examination results, score information is not given over the telephone.

### PASSING SCORE

Examinations often vary in difficulty depending on the form of the examination administered. For this reason, the passing score is determined using a criterion-referenced method rather than a set score or percentage. Applying the criterion-referenced method, the difficulty of each item on the examination is evaluated relative to the minimum competence standard for safe practice. As a result, the passing score is lower for difficult examinations, and is higher for easier examinations, providing a safeguard to both the candidate and the public.

### FAILING SCORE REPORTS

The score report will indicate the candidate’s overall score and grade, including the number of items answered correctly.

### RE-APPLICATION PROCESS

Candidates who fail the examination must submit a new application to the CFB with the required fee.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Applicants and candidates must notify the CFB in writing of any change of address. Allow 30 days for the change of address to be processed.

## EXAMINATION INTRODUCTION

### PURPOSE OF THE EXAMINATION

Prior to receiving a funeral director license or assuming the duties of funeral establishment manager in the State of California, candidates are required to successfully pass a written examination. The primary purpose of the examination is to help ensure public health and safety by assessing the candidate’s ability to apply California health and safety laws, as well as other relevant laws and regulations, to the major duty areas of funeral director practice.

### DESCRIPTION OF PRACTICE

California Business and Professions Code Section 7615 describes the practice of a funeral director as follows:

*A funeral director is a person engaged in or conducting, or holding himself or herself out as engaged in any of the following:*

*(a) Preparing for the transportation or burial or disposal, or directing and supervising for transportation or burial or disposal of human remains.*

*(b) Maintaining an establishment for the preparation for the transportation or disposition or for the care of human remains.*

*(c) Using, in connection with his or her name, the words "funeral director," or "undertaker," or "mortician," or any other title implying that he or she is engaged as a funeral director.*

### EXAMINATION DEVELOPMENT

The examination is developed and maintained by the Department of Consumer Affairs, Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES). The individual test items are written by licensed funeral directors under the guidance of OPES analysts.

## PREPARATION FOR THE EXAMINATION

### OVERVIEW

The funeral director examination is based upon a test plan developed by licensed funeral directors. The plan identifies aspects of practice related to the tasks that a funeral director must be able to perform at licensure. The examination contains 100 multiple-choice items from major job duty areas, and it has a time limit of 2 hours.

### DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR DUTY AREAS

The funeral director examination covers four major duty areas that define the scope of knowledge necessary for safe and effective practice. Each of the major duty areas, weighted on the examination in terms of its importance in practice, is described below.



**I. FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS (55%)**

This content area assesses the candidate’s ability to identify client’s disposition needs, obtain required authorizations and permits, and coordinate desired services.

**II. CONTRACTS (19%)**

This content area assesses the candidate’s ability to provide an itemized statement of funeral goods and services selected by a client, to explain and/or implement preneed arrangements, as well as manage preneed trust funds.

**III. ADMINISTRATION (26%)**

This content area assesses the candidate’s ability to manage employee training requirements and maintain legally mandated records and facility conditions. Furthermore, this area assesses the candidate’s ability to notify public agencies of reportable cases and to oversee transportation and forwarding of human remains.

**EXAMINATION OUTLINE**

The examination outline identifies the knowledge required to demonstrate acceptable competence in each of the major content areas. Content areas specify practical knowledge, with references to statutes and provisions of:

- Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations
- California Health and Safety Code,
- California Business and Professions Code
- California Welfare and Institutions Code
- California Government Code
- California Family Code
- Title 16 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 453 (Funeral Rule).

Candidates should acquire the knowledge that the outline describes before attempting the examination.

**Funeral Director Examination Outline**

**I. Funeral Arrangement (55%)** - This content area assesses the candidate’s ability to identify client’s disposition needs, obtain required authorizations and permits, and coordinate desired services.

<b>Disposition Requirements (24%)</b>		
Vital Information Intake (6%)	Identify the person(s) with the right to control disposition of human remains.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of state laws governing the right to control disposition of human remains.</li> </ul>
	Obtain vital statistic information about decedent necessary for completing the death certificate, disposition permit, and other documents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of state laws governing the right to control disposition of human remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of methods to obtain permits for disposition.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to issuance and use of permits for disposition.</li> <li>• Knowledge of procedures for preparing and filing of death certificates.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to issuance of death certificates.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding disposition of cremated remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding cremation authorization.</li> </ul>
Authorization of Disposition (12%)	Obtain authorization for release of decedent from the person with the right to control disposition.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of state laws governing the right to control disposition of human remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding order to release.</li> <li>• Knowledge of state laws and regulations pertaining to autopsies authorized by the decedent prior to his death.</li> <li>• Knowledge of laws pertaining to expenses incurred by coroner in removing and keeping the body until it is released to the person responsible for its interment.</li> </ul>
	Obtain authorization for disposition with or without embalming from the person with the right to control disposition of remains.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of state laws governing the right to control disposition of human remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding authorization for disposition with or without embalming.</li> <li>• Knowledge of state laws pertaining to the legal definition of embalming.</li> <li>• Knowledge of laws pertaining to authorization of embalming by the coroner.</li> </ul>



I. **Funeral Arrangement (continued)** - This content area assesses the candidate's ability to identify client's disposition needs, obtain required authorizations and permits, and coordinate desired services.

<b>Disposition Requirements (continued)</b>		
Authorization of Disposition (continued)	Obtain cremation authorization from person(s) with the right to control disposition.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of state laws governing the right to control disposition of human remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding authorization for disposition with or without embalming.</li> <li>• Knowledge of state laws pertaining to the legal definition of cremation and processing of human remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding disposition of cremated remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding cremation authorization.</li> <li>• Knowledge of hazards associated with cremating mechanical devices, mementos, and/or bodies with implants.</li> </ul>
	Obtain declaration of disposition of cremated remains.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of state laws governing the right to control disposition of human remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to issuance and use of permits for disposition.</li> <li>• Knowledge of state laws pertaining to the legal definition of cremation and processing of human remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding disposition of cremated remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding cremation authorization.</li> <li>• Knowledge of procedures for interment of human remains.</li> </ul>
Legal Filings (6%)	Determine the person(s) who have the right to receive certified copies of the death certificate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of state laws governing the right to control disposition of human remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to issuance of death certificates.</li> </ul>
	File a death certificate signed by physician or coroner with the registrar.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to issuance and use of permits for disposition.</li> <li>• Knowledge of procedures for preparing and filing of death certificates.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to issuance of death certificates.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding disposition of cremated remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding disposition of noncremated human remains.</li> </ul>
	Obtain disposition permit from the registrar.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of methods to obtain permits for disposition.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to issuance and use of permits for disposition.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to issuance and use of permits for disinterment.</li> <li>• Knowledge of procedures for preparing and filing of death certificates.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding disposition of cremated remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of state laws pertaining to the legal definition of interment.</li> <li>• Knowledge of types of interment.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding disposition of noncremated human remains.</li> </ul>

I. **Funeral Arrangement (continued)** - This content area assesses the candidate's ability to identify client's disposition needs, obtain required authorizations and permits, and coordinate desired services.

<b>Arrangements (31%)</b>		
Consumer Disclosures (9%)	Provide a copy of Consumer Guide for Funeral and Cemetery Purchases as required by law.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding price lists (i.e., General Price List (GPL), Casket Price List (CPL), outer burial container price list).</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to casket-related disclosures.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau's consumer guide.</li> </ul>
	Disclose preneed arrangements prior to drafting any contract for funeral goods or services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding price lists (i.e., General Price List (GPL), Casket Price List (CPL), outer burial container price list).</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau's consumer guide.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to disclosure of preneed funeral agreements.</li> </ul>
	Provide the consumer with the price list(s) for merchandise and services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding price lists (i.e., General Price List (GPL), Casket Price List (CPL), outer burial container price list).</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to casket-related disclosures.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau's consumer guide.</li> <li>• Knowledge of different types of funeral/memorial services.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding caskets and alternative containers.</li> <li>• Knowledge of types of interment.</li> </ul>
Funeral Services and Merchandise Options (6%)	Obtain information regarding desired funeral services and merchandise, including cash advance items.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding price lists (i.e., General Price List (GPL), Casket Price List (CPL), outer burial container price list).</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to casket-related disclosures.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau's consumer guide.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to disclosure of preneed funeral agreements.</li> <li>• Knowledge of state laws pertaining to the legal definition of embalming.</li> <li>• Knowledge of different types of funeral/memorial services.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding caskets and alternative containers.</li> </ul>
	Coordinate funeral/memorial service details with cemetery, clergy, and/or other appropriate parties.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to issuance and use of permits for disposition.</li> <li>• Knowledge of different types of funeral/memorial services.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding caskets and alternative containers.</li> <li>• Knowledge of types of interment.</li> <li>• Knowledge of procedures for interment of human remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding disposition of noncremated human remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of religious or cultural customs as they relate to funeral and/or memorial services.</li> </ul>

I. **Funeral Arrangement (continued)** - This content area assesses the candidate's ability to identify client's disposition needs, obtain required authorizations and permits, and coordinate desired services.

<b>Arrangements (continued)</b>		
Preparation Options (6%)	Explain information about embalming in accordance with legal requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding price lists (i.e., General Price List (GPL), Casket Price List (CPL), outer burial container price list).</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau's consumer guide.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding authorization for disposition with or without embalming.</li> <li>• Knowledge of state laws pertaining to the legal definition of embalming.</li> <li>• Knowledge of religious or cultural customs as they relate to funeral and/or memorial services.</li> <li>• Knowledge of laws pertaining to authorization of embalming by the coroner.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to refrigeration of human remains.</li> </ul>
	Coordinate requests for organ/tissue donation in accordance with legal requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of state laws governing the right to control disposition of human remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of methods to obtain permits for disposition.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to issuance and use of permits for disposition.</li> <li>• Knowledge of laws and regulations pertaining to the donation of anatomical gifts.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to refrigeration of human remains.</li> </ul>
	Assess the need to refrigerate human remains in accordance with legal requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding authorization for disposition with or without embalming.</li> <li>• Knowledge of state laws pertaining to the legal definition of embalming.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to refrigeration of human remains.</li> </ul>
Disposition Options (10%)	Obtain information regarding desired type of disposition.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding authorization for disposition with or without embalming.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding disposition of cremated remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of types of interment.</li> <li>• Knowledge of procedures for interment of human remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding disposition of noncremated human remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of state laws and regulations regarding disinterment and removal of human bodies.</li> <li>• Knowledge of religious or cultural customs as they relate to funeral and/or memorial services.</li> </ul>
	Explain cremation services and disposition options as related to legal requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of state laws pertaining to the legal definition of cremation and processing of human remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding disposition of cremated remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding caskets and alternative containers.</li> <li>• Knowledge of types of interment.</li> </ul>

I. **Funeral Arrangement (continued)** - This content area assesses the candidate’s ability to identify client’s disposition needs, obtain required authorizations and permits, and coordinate desired services.

<b>Arrangements (continued)</b>		
Disposition Options (continued)	Explain options and requirements for interment of human remains.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to issuance and use of permits for disposition.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding price lists (i.e., General Price List (GPL), Casket Price List (CPL), outer burial container price list).</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding authorization for disposition with or without embalming.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding disposition of cremated remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of state laws pertaining to the legal definition of interment.</li> <li>• Knowledge of types of interment.</li> <li>• Knowledge of procedures for interment of human remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding disposition of noncremated human remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of religious or cultural customs as they relate to funeral and/or memorial services.</li> <li>• Knowledge of laws pertaining to expenses incurred by coroner in removing and keeping the body until it is released to the person responsible for its interment.</li> </ul>
	Explain requirements for disinterment of human remains.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of state laws governing the right to control disposition of human remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of methods to obtain permits for disposition.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to issuance and use of permits for disinterment.</li> <li>• Knowledge of types of interment.</li> <li>• Knowledge of procedures for interment of human remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding disposition of noncremated human remains.</li> <li>• Knowledge of state laws and regulations regarding disinterment and removal of human bodies.</li> <li>• Knowledge of religious or cultural customs as they relate to funeral and/or memorial services.</li> </ul>

II. **Contracts (19%)** - This content area assesses the candidate’s ability to provide an itemized statement of funeral goods and services selected by a client, to explain and/or implement preneed arrangements, as well as manage preneed trust funds.

<b>General Contract Requirements (12%)</b>	
Provide itemized statement of goods and services selected including estimates of any costs that are unknown at the time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of laws regarding cash advance items.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding information contained in funeral services contracts.</li> <li>• Knowledge of laws pertaining to nondeclinable fees.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements for contractual disclosures related to cremated remains containers.</li> </ul>
Explain all charges and costs included in the funeral contract.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of laws regarding cash advance items.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding information contained in funeral services contracts.</li> <li>• Knowledge of laws pertaining to nondeclinable fees.</li> </ul>
Disclose charges for providing cash advance items.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of laws regarding cash advance items.</li> </ul>
Provide written notice regarding cremated remains containers on a contract for cremation services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements for contractual disclosures related to cremated remains containers.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding information contained in funeral services contracts.</li> </ul>
Explain sources of financial resources available for at need funeral arrangement purposes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of different financial resources available for funeral arrangement purposes at time of need.</li> <li>• Knowledge of laws pertaining to consumer cemetery and funeral funding in relation to eligibility for public assistance.</li> </ul>

<b>Preneed Contracts (7%)</b>	
Explain different funding options for preneed agreements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding information contained in preneed trust contracts.</li> <li>• Knowledge of different types of funding options for preneed agreements.</li> <li>• Knowledge of different types of preneed agreements (e.g., revocable vs. irrevocable, guaranteed vs. nonguaranteed, etc.).</li> <li>• Knowledge of different financial resources available for funeral arrangement purposes at time of need.</li> <li>• Knowledge of terms and conditions of preneed contracts.</li> </ul>
Explain different types of preneed agreements (e.g., revocable vs. irrevocable, guaranteed vs. nonguaranteed, etc.).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of different types of preneed agreements (e.g., revocable vs. irrevocable, guaranteed vs. nonguaranteed, etc.).</li> <li>• Knowledge of terms and conditions of preneed contracts.</li> </ul>
Define legal terms of preneed contracts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding information contained in preneed trust contracts.</li> <li>• Knowledge of different types of preneed agreements (e.g., revocable vs. irrevocable, guaranteed vs. nonguaranteed, etc.).</li> <li>• Knowledge of terms and conditions of preneed contracts.</li> </ul>
Report preneed trust funds in accordance with legal requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements for reporting of preneed funeral trust funds.</li> </ul>
Manage preneed trust funds in accordance with legal requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding allowable investments of preneed funds.</li> <li>• Knowledge of state laws pertaining to deposits of corpus of the fund and the allowable use of trust income.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements for keeping of preneed books, accounts, contracts, and records.</li> <li>• Knowledge of state laws regarding commingling of funds.</li> </ul>

III. **Administration (26%)** - This content area assesses the candidate's ability to manage employee training requirements and maintain legally mandated records and facility conditions. Furthermore, this area assesses the candidate's ability to notify public agencies of reportable cases and to oversee transportation and forwarding of human remains.

<b>Transportation (3%)</b>	
Forward human remains from funeral home to another authorized entity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of legal privacy requirements related to care and preparation of human remains for burial or other disposition.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding transportation of human bodies by a common carrier.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements for forwarding/receiving human remains (e. g., transit permit, container specs, burial/disposition permits).</li> <li>• Knowledge of different types of shipping containers.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to handling of human remains.</li> </ul>
Transport human remains from place of death to licensed facility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of state laws pertaining to deaths reportable to the coroner.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements for reporting of contagious cases to the local coroner or health official.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal privacy requirements related to care and preparation of human remains for burial or other disposition.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to handling of human remains.</li> </ul>

<b>Coroner Notifications (4%)</b>	
Notify coroner or health officials regarding reportable diseases as required by law.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements for reporting of contagious cases to the local coroner or health official.</li> </ul>
Notify coroner of reportable death circumstances as required by law.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of state laws pertaining to deaths reportable to the coroner.</li> </ul>
Notify coroner of unclaimed dead as required by law.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of laws pertaining to unclaimed dead.</li> </ul>

<b>License Maintenance and Record-Keeping (10%)</b>	
Maintain licenses in accordance with legal requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding license maintenance (e.g., address change notification, change of ownership, etc.).</li> <li>• Knowledge of licensee actions that constitute grounds for disciplinary action by the Bureau.</li> <li>• Knowledge of licensee actions that constitute a misdemeanor.</li> <li>• Knowledge of state laws regarding responsibilities of a designated licensed funeral director.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding assignment of designated managing funeral director.</li> </ul>
Maintain case records in applicable databases, registers, or files in accordance with policies and legal requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding contents of case files.</li> <li>• Knowledge of laws pertaining to retention of price lists and funeral contracts that can be reviewed during a state inspection.</li> </ul>
Maintain historical records of price lists as required by law.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of laws pertaining to retention of price lists and funeral contracts that can be reviewed during a state inspection.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding casket price lists, price tags, price ranges, and display.</li> </ul>
Maintain training records for funeral arrangers and apprentice embalmers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of state laws regarding responsibilities of a designated licensed funeral director.</li> <li>• Knowledge of laws regarding training requirements for apprentice embalmers.</li> <li>• Knowledge of laws regarding training requirements for persons engaged in making funeral arrangements with families.</li> </ul>
Manage legal requirements related to training of apprentice embalmers and funeral arrangers at the funeral establishment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of licensee actions that constitute grounds for disciplinary action by the Bureau.</li> <li>• Knowledge of state laws regarding responsibilities of a designated licensed funeral director.</li> <li>• Knowledge of laws regarding training requirements for persons engaged in making funeral arrangements with families.</li> <li>• Knowledge of laws regarding persons authorized to perform embalming.</li> <li>• Knowledge of laws regarding training requirements for apprentice embalmers.</li> </ul>

**III. Administration (continued)** - This content area assesses the candidate's ability to manage employee training requirements and maintain legally mandated records and facility conditions. Furthermore, this area assesses the candidate's ability to notify public agencies of reportable cases and to oversee transportation and forwarding of human remains.

<b>Facilities (9%)</b>	
Maintain privacy and security of decedent in preparation and embalming areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of legal privacy requirements related to care and preparation of human remains for burial or other disposition.</li> <li>• Knowledge of laws regarding persons authorized to perform embalming.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements related to embalming, preparation, and storage rooms.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements pertaining to handling of human remains.</li> </ul>
Maintain sanitary conditions of funeral establishment facilities including embalming room and transportation equipment in accordance with legal requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding maintenance of sanitary and other conditions of all areas of the funeral establishment.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements related to embalming, preparation, and storage rooms.</li> </ul>
Manage upkeep of embalming equipment and storage of supplies in accordance with legal requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of licensee actions that constitute grounds for disciplinary action by the Bureau.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding maintenance of sanitary and other conditions of all areas of the funeral establishment.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements related to embalming, preparation, and storage rooms.</li> </ul>
Manage casket price displays and casket-related disclosures in accordance with legal requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of laws pertaining to retention of price lists and funeral contracts that can be reviewed during a state inspection.</li> <li>• Knowledge of state laws regarding responsibilities of a designated licensed funeral director.</li> <li>• Knowledge of legal requirements regarding casket price lists, price tags, price ranges, and display.</li> </ul>

## **APPENDIX A – BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE**

### **SECTIONS 123 AND 496**

§ 123. It is a misdemeanor for any person to engage in any conduct which subverts or attempts to subvert any licensing examination or the administration of an examination, including, but not limited to:

(a) Conduct which violates the security of the examination materials; removing from the examination room any examination materials without authorization; the unauthorized reproduction by any means of any portion of the actual licensing examination; aiding by any means the unauthorized reproduction of any portion of the actual licensing examination; paying or using professional or paid examination-takers for the purpose of reconstructing any portion of the licensing examination; obtaining examination questions or other examination material, except by specific authorization either before, during, or after an examination; or using or purporting to use any examination questions or materials which were improperly removed or taken from any examination for the purpose of instructing or preparing any applicant for examination; or selling, distributing, buying, receiving, or having unauthorized possession of any portion of a future, current, or previously administered licensing examination.

(b) Communicating with any other examinee during the administration of a licensing examination; copying answers from another examinee or permitting one's answers to be copied by another examinee; having in one's possession during the administration of the licensing examination any books, equipment, notes, written or printed materials, or data of any kind, other than the examination materials distributed, or otherwise authorized to be in one's possession during the examination; or impersonating any examinee or having an impersonator take the licensing examination on one's behalf.

Nothing in this section shall preclude prosecution under the authority provided for in any other provision of law.

In addition to any other penalties, a person found guilty of violating this section, shall be liable for the actual damages sustained by the agency administering the examination not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and the costs of litigation.

(c) If any provision of this section or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the section that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this section are severable.

§ 496. A board may deny, suspend, revoke, or otherwise restrict a license on the ground that an applicant or licensee has violated Section 123 pertaining to subversion of licensing examinations.

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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY**

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You are eligible to participate in the written examination for licensure as a Funeral Director. This is the **ONLY** notice of eligibility you will receive from the Cemetery & Funeral Bureau for this examination. Your address label contains important date information. In the upper left corner of the address label (above your name) is the date your application for examination was approved; following that is the date by which you must take your examination. You must take the written examination by the date specified on the label, or you will be required to re-apply.

This handbook provides important information regarding written examination procedures and content. To schedule your examination, please refer to the instructions in this handbook.

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