

(I) THAT IS WITHIN THE GENERAL GEOGRAPHIC AREA WHERE THE APPLICANT RESIDES, IF THE APPLICANT RESIDES IN THE STATE; OR

(II) THAT THE COMMISSION DETERMINES, IF THE APPLICANT RESIDES OUT OF STATE.

(E) NOTICE OF EXAMINATION.

THE COMMISSION SHALL GIVE EACH QUALIFIED APPLICANT NOTICE OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF EXAMINATION.

(F) SUBJECTS AND METHOD OF EXAMINATION.

(1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE THE SUBJECTS, SCOPE, AND FORM OF AND THE PASSING SCORE FOR EXAMINATIONS.

(2) THE EXAMINATION SHALL TEST:

(I) THE APPLICANT'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAW ABOUT HOME IMPROVEMENT; AND

(II) THE APPLICANT'S COMPETENCY TO ENGAGE IN THE LICENSED OCCUPATION.

(3) THE COMPETENCY PART OF THE EXAMINATION MAY BE ORAL OR WRITTEN.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) of this section is standard language added for clarity. See the General Revisor's Note to this article.

Subsections (b), (c), (d), and (f)(2) and (3) of this section are new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 56, § 254(a) and the second sentence and, except for the reference to reinstatement of a suspended or revoked license, the first sentence of § 257(d) and the first, second, and third sentences of (e).

Subsection (e) of this section is standard language added to conform to the practice of the Commission and to similar provisions elsewhere in the revised articles of the Code. It provides an element of fundamental fairness by requiring the Commission to give qualified applicants notice before giving an examination.

Subsection (f)(1) of this section is standard language added to state expressly that which only was implied in the former law; *i.e.*, the Commission has control over the content, administration, and scoring of examinations.

In subsection (b) of this section, the former words "[b]eginning January 1, 1979" are deleted as obsolete.