

# How to Become a General Building Contractor in California



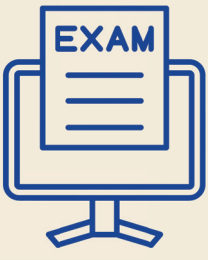
## 1. Check Your Eligibility

- Be at least 18 years old
- Have a valid Social Security/Individual Taxpayer Identification number
- 4 years of journeyman-level experience within the last 10 years

## 2. Meet the Fingerprint & Background Requirements



- Get fingerprinted
- Pass a background check



## 3. Take the Required Exams

- Trades exam
- Law & business exam

## 4. Submit Your License Application



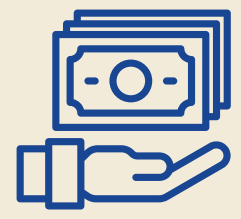
- Fill out the General (B) Building Contractor License form
- Provide proof of experience & education
- Include exam scores & background clearance



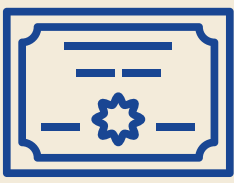
## 5. Secure Bonds & Insurance

- Obtain a surety bond
- Carry liability insurance
- Meet workers' compensation requirements if hiring staff

## 6. Pay Fees & Get Licensed

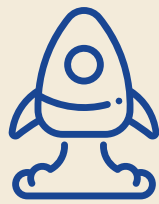


- Pay application & license fee
- Wait for approval from California Contractors State License Board



## 7. Maintain & Renew Your License

- Renew every 2 years
- Keep insurance active
- Complete required continuing education



## 8. Get Started!

Build your successful contracting business!