



American Council for Accredited Certification

Preparing for the Council-certified Microbial Claims Adjuster (CMCA) Examination

Examination Reference Materials:

The CMCA examination is based on standard industry reference texts, not on a particular course curriculum. Examination items are drawn directly from the following references:

- American Council for Accredited Certification, *Code of Conduct* (www.acac.org/about/conductCERT.htm)
- IICRC, *Standard S520: Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Mold Remediation*, 3rd edition (Vancouver, WA: IICRC, 2003) **OR** 2nd Edition (2008)
- Joseph Lstiburek and John Carmody, *Moisture Control Handbook: Principles and Practices for Residential and Small Commercial Buildings*, (New York: John Wiley & Sons, 1994)

Examination Topics:

The 100-question, closed book examination covers **four major topics** relevant to microbial claims adjusting. Approximately twenty-five multiple choice questions are included on each of the following topics:

(NOTE: For a detailed list of the knowledge and skills tested within each topic area, consult pages 2-3 of the CMCA application booklet)

1. Principles of Building Science
2. Moisture Control in Buildings
3. Remediation of Microbial Issues
4. Standards Affecting Microbial Claims Adjusting

Recommended Study Procedures:

To prepare for the CMCA exam, first read the reference books listed above in their entirety. Then review the following sections from each text in more detail:



WARNING: Limiting your study to only the following pages will put you in danger of failing the exam. The exam assumes a comprehensive knowledge of each reference text.



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1. **IICRC, *Standard S520***

1st Edition (2003)

Standards 3, 10, 11 and 12

Reference guide – chapters 1, 2, 7, 10 and 11

Reference Guide – pages 52, 60, 64, 67, 89, 95 and 137

2nd Edition (2008)

Standards 3, 12, 13 and 14

Reference guide – chapters 2, 3, 5, 6 and 11

Pages 6, 144, 150 and 156

2. **Lstiburek et al., *Moisture Control Handbook***

Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6;

Pages 121, 183, 193, 196 and Figure 1.2.