



# 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](http://www.acac.org))
- IICRC, *Standard S520: Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Mold Remediation*, 3rd edition (Vancouver, WA: IICRC, 2003) **OR** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Each of the following references provides ONE example of a place where exam topics may be discussed.



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## 1. IICRC, *Standard S520*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Edition

#### Pages:

36, 37, 38, 43, 45, 46, 52, 60, 64, 67, 71, 75, 77, 80, 82, 87, 89, 94, 108, 109, 117, 121, 122, 123, 125, 126, 127 and 137.

#### Standards:

3.0, 10.3, 10.3.1, 10.7.1, 10.9, 11.2, 12.0 and 12.2.2.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

#### Pages:

6, 63, 66, 67, 75, 76, 78, 105, 107, 121, 123, 125, 127, 128, 130, 144, 150, 156, 163, 166, 167, 171, 176, 182, 186, 192 and 193.

#### Standards:

3.0, 12.1.2, 12.1.3, 12.2.4, 12.2.9, 12.2.12, 13.0 and 14.0.

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

Pages ix, x, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 17, 21, 25, 26, 28, 31, 32, 33, 41, 43, 49, 55, 56, 62, 69, 88, 94, 99, 112, 121, 153, 154, 156, 162, 163, 165, 166, 172, 174, 175, 179, 180, 183, 193, 196 and Figure 1.2