



# American Council for Accredited Certification

## Preparing for the Council-certified Structural Mold Investigator (CSMI) Examination

### Examination Reference Materials:

The CSMI 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))
- AIHA, *Field Guide for the Determination of Biological Contaminants in Environmental Samples*, 2nd edition (Fairfax, VA: AIHA, 2005)
- ACGIH, *Bioaerosols: Assessment and Control* (Cincinnati, OH: ACGIH, 1999)
- IICRC, *Standard S500-2006: Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Water Damage Restoration*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (Vancouver, WA: IICRC, 2006) **OR** ANSI/IICRC, S500-2015, *Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Water Damage Restoration*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition (Las Vegas: IICRC, 2015).
- IICRC, *Standard S520: Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Mold Remediation*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (Vancouver, WA: IICRC, 2008) **OR** ANSI/IICRC S520-2015, *Standard for Professional Mold Remediation*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (Las Vegas: IICRC, 2015) and IICRC R520-2015, *Reference Guide for Professional Mold Remediation*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (Las Vegas: IICRC, 2015).

### Examination Topics:

The closed book examination covers **four topics** relevant to structural mold investigation as summarized in the following list. There are 50 multiple choice questions on the two-hour examination.

1. ACAC Code of Conduct (2 questions)
2. Biological Agents and Exposures (12 questions)
3. Remediation of Structural Mold Issues (10 questions)
4. Investigation and Assessment of Structural Mold Issues (26 questions)

### Recommended Study Procedures:

To prepare for the CSMI exam, first read the reference texts listed above in their entirety. Then review in more detail the sections from each text listed on the following page.



**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.**



**1. AIHA, *Field Guide***

Sections 3.3, 7.1.1, 7.4.1, 9.1.6 and page 59.

**2. ACGIH, *Bioaerosols: Assessment and Control***

Sections 1.2; 2.4.2.2; 2.6.2; 3.2.2; 7.3.2; 9.2.2; 10.1; 10.2; 10.4.3; 15.2.3.2; 15.5; 16.1;  
18.1.4.2; 18.2.4; 18.3.2; 18.3.4; 26.4

Tables 5.4; 11.1 and 18.1.

**3. IICRC, S500**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Edition (2006)**

Standards 7.3.1; 9.6; 12.5.6.1 and page 98.

**4<sup>th</sup> Edition (2015)**

Pages 146, 149, 327 and Standard B

**4. IICRC, S520**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (2008)**

Pages:  
67; 73; 78; 103; 107; 125; 146; 149; 150  
and 176.

Standards:  
3.0; 12.1; 12.1.2; 12.2.4 and 13.0.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Edition (2015)**

R520-2015  
Pages 9, 128, and 180

S520-2015  
Standards 3, 5.2, 5.5, 5.8.1, 5.8.2, 8.12,  
8.3, 10.4, 12.1.1.3, 12.2.4, 8.1.1, and 8.3.1