



Preparing for the Council-certified Microbial Consultant (CMC) Examination

Examination Reference Materials:

The CMC 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)
- 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*, 3rd edition (Vancouver, WA: IICRC, 2006) **OR** ANSI/IICRC, *S500-2015, Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Water Damage Restoration*, 4th edition (Las Vegas: IICRC, 2015).
- IICRC, *Standard S520: Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Mold Remediation*, 2nd edition (Vancouver, WA: IICRC, 2008) **OR** ANSI/IICRC *S520-2015, Standard for Professional Mold Remediation*, 3rd edition (Las Vegas: IICRC, 2015) and IICRC *R520-2015, Reference Guide for Professional Mold Remediation*, 3rd edition (Las Vegas: IICRC, 2015).
- Nancy Bollinger, *NIOSH Respirator Selection Logic 2004* (Cincinnati: NIOSH, 2004), www.acac.org/forms/rclibrary/nioshresp2004.pdf

Examination Topics:

The 120-question, closed book examination covers **six topics** relevant to microbial investigations and consulting. Approximately twenty-four 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 page 3 of the CMC application booklet)

1. Biological Agents
2. Potential Exposure-related Health Effects
3. Microbial Investigation Procedures
4. Microbial Sampling Procedures
5. Microbial Remediation Procedures
6. Respiratory Protection

Recommended Study Procedures:

To prepare for the CMC exam, first read the reference books listed above. 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.



1. AIHA, *Field Guide*

AIHA, *Field Guide*—sections 2.2.4; 3.3; 3.4; 3.4.1; 6.1.5.2; 6.2.1; 6.2.3; 7.1.1; 7.4.1; 7.5.1.1; 9.1.6 and page 59.

2. ACGIH, *Bioaerosols: Assessment and Control*

ACGIH, *Bioaerosols*—sections 1.2; 2.4.2.2; 2.6.2; 3.2.1; 3.2.2; 3.4.2; 3.7; 5.3; 6.6.1; 7.3.2; 9.2.1; 9.2.2; 9.3.1; 9.3.4; 10.1; 10.2; 10.4.1; 10.4.3; 10.4.3.1; 10.4.3.2; 11.4.2; 14.1.2; 15.2.3.2; 15.5; 16.1; 16.1.2; 18.1.1; 18.1.4.1; 18.1.4.2; 18.2.4; 18.3.2; 18.3.4; 19.1.1; 19.1.4; 19.4.1.1; 21.1; 23.1.1; 24.1.3; 24.2.4.1; 25.5.1; 26.1.1; 26.4 and Tables 4.1; 5.4; 5.8; 11.1; 18.1 and 19.3.

- **IICRC, S500**

- **3rd Edition (2006)**

- Pages 98, and 102; Standards 7.1; 7.3.1; 9.6; 9.10.1; 12.5.6.1

- **4th Edition (2015)**

- Pages 14, 96, 100 and 146; Standards 8.1. and 10.7.5.

- **IICRC, S520**

- **2nd Edition (2008)**

- Pages:

- 6, 63, 65, 66, 67, 73, 75, 76, 78, 80, 103, 107, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 146, 149, 150, 163, 166 and 176.

- Standards:

- 3.0, 9.2, 12.1, 12.1.2, 12.1.3, 12.1.5, 12.2.4 and 13.0.

- **3rd Edition (2015)**

- R520-2015

- Pages 6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 14, 20, 22, 23, 27, 51, 53, 54, 66, 71, 72, 72, 74, 74, 75, 93, 93, 94, 97, 110, 121, 157 and 171

- S520-2015

- Standards 3, 10.2.1, 12.1, 12.1.2, 12.1.3, 12.1.5, 12.2.4 and 13.0.

- **NIOSH, *Respirator Selection Logic* (2004)**

- Pages 1, 4, 5, 8, 13, 17, 19, 20 and 22.