

**MINIMUM SPECIAL INSPECTOR QUALIFICATIONS - 2018 IBC**

**SECTION 1704.2 MINIMUM SPECIAL INSPECTOR QUALIFICATIONS**

Category of Testing and Inspection	Minimum Qualifications (refer to key at end of Table)		
	Shop Testing or Inspection	Field Testing or Inspection	Review Testing, Certification & Lab Reports
<b>1704.2.5 Inspection of Fabricators</b>			
Pre-cast concrete	A, C, E		
Structural steel construction	C, F, G		
Wood construction	A		
Cold formed metal construction	A		
<b>1705.2, 1705.10, 1705.11 &amp; 1705.12 Steel Construction</b>			
Verification of welding consumables, filler metals, procedure specifications, procedure qualification records and personnel performance qualification records			C, F
Nondestructive testing of welding	G	G	
Inspection of welding	C, F	C, F	
Verification of fabricator and erector documents as listed in AISC 360, chapter N, paragraph 3.2			A, C
Material verification of weld filler materials			C, F
Inspection of high strength bolting and steel frame joint details		A, C	
Inspection of embedment		A, C, F	
Inspection of steel elements of composite construction		A, C, F	
Verification of reinforcing steel, cold formed steel deck and truss materials			A, C, F
Inspection of reinforcing steel, cold formed steel deck and trusses		A, C	
<b>1705.3 &amp; 1705.12 Concrete Construction</b>			
Reinforcing placement, cast-in-place bolts, post installed anchors concrete and shotcrete placement and curing operations. Inspection of formwork for shape, location and dimensions		A, C, H	
Pre-stressing steel installation		A, C, D, E	
Erection of pre-cast concrete members		A, C, H	
Concrete field sampling and field testing		A, J	
Concrete strength testing		P	
Review certified mill reports			A, C
Verify use of required design mix		A, I, J, H, C	
Pre-stressed (pre-tensioned) concrete force application	A, C, E		
Post-tensioned concrete force application		A, C, D	
Review of in-situ concrete strength, prior to stressing of tendons in post-tensioned concrete and prior to removal of shores and forms from		A, C, D, H	
Reinforcing steel weldability, reinforcing welding, weld filler material		C, F	
Testing of welding of reinforcing steel		G	
<b>1705.4 Masonry</b>			
Verification of $f'_m$ and $f'_{AAC}$		A, C, L, M	
Mortar joint construction, grout protection and placement, materials proportion, type/size/location of reinforcement, structural elements, anchorage, and connectors		A, C, K	
Sampling/testing of grout/mortar specimens		A, C, L, M	

Observe preparation of masonry prisms for testing of compressive strength of masonry, $f'_m$ and $f'_{AAC}$		A, C, K, L, M	
Inspection of welding of reinforcing steel		C, F	
Testing of welding of reinforcing steel		G	
<b>1705.6 &amp; 1804 Soils</b>			
Observe site preparation, fill placement testing of compaction for compliance with the construction documents for the project		A, C, I, N	
Observe test bearing materials below shallow foundations for ability to achieve design bearing capacity		A, C, N, I (Level III)	
Review compaction testing for compliance with the construction documents for the project			A
<b>1705.5, 1705.10, 1705.11 &amp; 1705.12 Wood Construction</b>			
Observe structural panel sheathing, size of framing members, nail or staple diameter and length, number of fastener lines, and spacing of fastener lines and fasteners for compliance with construction documents for the		A	
Observe temporary and permanent truss member restraint/bracing, field gluing of elements. Observe bolting, anchoring or other fastening of: shear walls, diaphragms, drag struts, braces and hold-downs		A	
<b>1705.7, 1705.8, 1705.9 &amp; 1810 Pile and Pier Foundations</b>			
Observe installation		A, N	
Observe load tests		A	
<b>1705.13 Sprayed Fire-Resistant Materials</b>			
Observe surface conditions, application, average thickness and density of applied material, and cohesive/adhesive bond		A, C	
<b>1705.14 Mastic and Intumescent Fire-Resistant Coatings</b>			
Observe application compliance with AWCI 12-B		A, C	
<b>1705.15 Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems</b>			
Inspect EIFS systems		A, B, C, O	
<b>1705.1 Special Cases</b>			
Work of unusual or special nature		A, B, O	
<b>1705.16 Fire-Resistant Penetrations and Joints</b>	<i>See Requirements of IBC Sections 1705.16.1 and 1705.16.2</i>		
<b>1705.17 Smoke Control</b>	<i>See Requirements of IBC Section 1705.17.2</i>		
<b>1705.10, 1705.11 &amp; 1705.12 Seismic and Wind Resistance</b>			
Periodic inspection of fabrication, installation and/or anchorage of building systems and components		A	

**KEY:**

- A. Georgia Professional Engineer (GA PE) competent in the specific task area or graduate of accredited engineering/engineering technology program under the direct supervision of a GA PE.
- B. Georgia Registered Architect (GA RA) or graduate of accredited architecture/architecture technology program under the direction of a GA RA.
- C. International Code Council (ICC) Special Inspector Certification specific to the particular material and testing methodology applicable to each Category of Testing and Inspection listed in the table.
- D. Post-tensioning Institute (PTI) Certification, Level 2, bonded or unbonded as applicable.
- E. Pre-stressed Concrete Institute (PCI) Certified Inspector.
- F. American Welding Society (AWS) Certified Welding Inspector (CWI) or AWS Certified Associate Welding Inspector working under the direct on-site supervision of a CWI.
- G. American Society for Nondestructive Testing (ASNT) Level II certification, or a Level III certification if previously certified as a Level II in the particular material and testing methodology applicable to each Category of Testing and Inspection listed in the table.
- H. American Concrete Institute (ACI) Concrete Construction Special Inspector.
- I. National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET) Level II or higher certification specific to the particular material and testing methodology applicable to each Category of Testing and Inspection listed in the table.
- J. ACI Concrete Field Testing Technician with Grade 1 certification.
- K. Georgia Concrete and Products Association (GC&PA) – Masonry Association of Georgia (MAG) Masonry Construction Inspector Certification.
- L. National Concrete Masonry Association (NCMA) Concrete Masonry Testing Procedures certification.
- M. GC&PA – MAG Masonry Testing Technician certification.
- N. NICET Certified Engineering Technologist (CT).
- O. Other Qualified Special Inspector as approved by the Building Official.
- P. American Concrete Institute (ACI) Strength Testing Technician.

**Notes:**

1. The Special Inspector shall meet one of the minimum qualifications listed for the applicable Category of Testing and Inspection.
2. Materials testing shall be done by an Approved Testing Agency meeting the requirements of IBC Section 1703 and ASTM E 329.

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