



CONSTRUCTION NEWS YOU CAN USE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 22nd & 23rd - Cam Tech's first Continuing Education session of 2014; second session will be held July 26th & 27th. Call and reserve your seat today!

April 12th - One Day TECHNICAL Special Review for: General, Builder, Residential, Mechanical, Air Conditioning A&B, Sheet Metal, and Plumbing. You **MUST** be pre-registered to attend. Call and reserve your seat today!

April 15th - Trade Knowledge Exam Day for the following license categories: Air Conditioning B, Roofing, and Underground Utilities.

April 16th - Trade Knowledge Exam Day for the following license categories: General, Building, Residential, Air Conditioning A, Mechanical, and Plumbing.

May 3rd - Cam Tech's Session II 2014 starts. Classes held in Tampa, Orlando, and Ft. Myers.

News
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Florida Department of
Business &
Professional
Regulation

CILB LICENSES ARE UP FOR RENEWAL IN 2014!

In order for you to renew your license, you must complete all applicable continuing education requirements, and payment of the renewal fees.

Florida law requires the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to monitor licensee compliance with continuing education requirements (Section 455.2177, Florida Statutes). The [Bureau of Education and Testing](#) is responsible for the management of continuing education providers and courses.

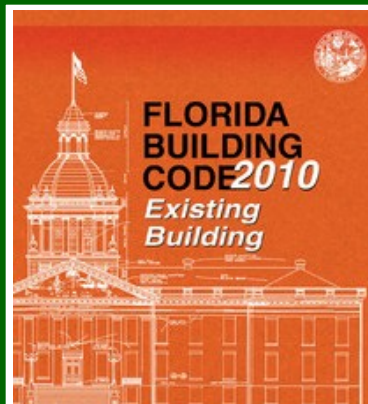
Fourteen (14) hours of **board-approved** continuing education is required prior to the renewal period for both certified and registered contractors. At least 1 hour must deal with workplace safety, 1 hour on the subject of worker's compensation, 1 hour on the subject of business practices, 1 hour on the subject of laws and rules, and 1 hour on Florida Building Code advanced modules. A person who holds more than one certificate or registration issued by the board is required to complete the continuing education requirements only once during each biennial certification renewal period and only once during each biennial registration period.

Any course approved for the education requirements for persons certified under Chapter 468, Part XII, Florida Statutes, shall be accepted for continuing education for renewal for persons who are certified under Part XII and who are certified or registered contractors under Chapter 489, Part I, Florida Statutes.

If you attempt to renew your license on-line and the department records reflect you have not fulfilled all the required hours/credits for the most recent renewal period, you will receive a letter in lieu of License. If you have completed all of your required hours and the department's system does not reflect this, then please remember that the Provider has 30 days to submit the course or courses that were completed. During the last month of renewal cycle, this period is shortened to 10 business days.

To view a detailed list of your continuing education requirements and courses completed go to www.MyFloridaLicense.com and select My Continuing Education.

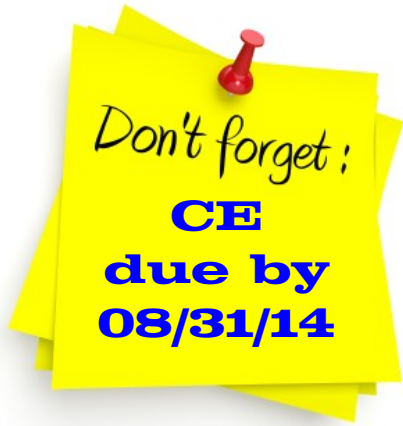
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Your state certified contractor's license expires *August 31, 2014* and you **WILL need to meet the DBPR's Continuing Education requirements before renewal!**

With Cam Tech (DBPR CE Provider #0000970) you can take the complete 14-hour course and fulfill the DBPR's license renewal requirement all at once, or you can register for one of the 7-hour courses and get only the hours you need.

CE Courses will be offered on:

Saturday, March 22nd and Sunday, March 23rd, 2014

OR

Saturday, July 26th and Sunday, July 27th, 2014

\$275 – COMPLETE COURSE (14 hours) Saturday AND Sunday

\$175 – MANDATORY SUBJECTS COURSE (7 hours) Saturday only

\$175 – GENERAL SUBJECTS COURSE (7 hours) Sunday only

Continuing Education courses will be held at the Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore located at 2225 N. Lois Avenue. All courses are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and include a HOT buffet lunch each day.

Register online, over the phone, by mail, or stop by our office.

Click [here](#) or visit our website for more details.

**“The secret of education lies in respecting the pupil.”
Ralph Waldo Emerson**

TOOL BOX TIPS

Easy Ways to Prevent Tools from Rusting



The last thing on your mind after a long and exhausting install or repair is tool care.

In an effort to salvage whatever time is left of the day, you quickly gather your dirty tools and toss them into the toolbox or hang them back up on your wall rack. Tools can last a lifetime if you take care of them but, unfortunately, basements and garages are places that are more likely to contain moisture than the rest of your house. This moisture magnifies your tools' susceptibility to rust – and once rust forms on a tool, it will keep corroding faster and faster. Although moisture and oxygen are everywhere, these simple methods, using household items, will help keep your tools rust-free.

Blackboard Chalk—Store a few pieces of blackboard chalk in each compartment of your toolbox that contains metal tools or other hardware and it will absorb the moisture before it gets a chance to go to school on your tools.

Coal/Charcoal—Not only will it grill up a delicious steak, using a few pieces in your toolbox will absorb enough oxygen to help inhibit the rusting process.

Silica Gel Packs—You can find these in new shoe boxes, at the bottom of purses, or packaged with any item that has to stay dry. Toss a few in each drawer of your toolbox to absorb moisture.

Moth Balls or Camphor—Camphor emits a gas that interferes with oxidation and works pretty well to prevent tools from rusting. Place a cube of camphor and a few ordinary moth balls in your toolbox for a more complete attack on rust – camphor will block the reaction while moth balls absorb moisture.

Coatings—There's a reason that greasy tools rarely get rusty. A thin film of oil like mineral or camellia oil, or even paste wax, is an excellent rust inhibitor minus the grit. After oiling your tools, wipe off the excess until you're barely able to feel the oil. Even an ultra thin coat is enough of a barrier against moisture.



Craig Hickson is not only a Cam Tech instructor, but an alumnus as well.

Since his early childhood, Craig's love of constructing and fixing things was evident. He began fixing his friends' toys and continued on to work with his Dad as an electrician while still in high school.

Craig first met Cam Colon in Cam's Business and Finance exam preparation course. It was 1990 and Craig was getting ready to take his first Florida Contractors Exam for an Air

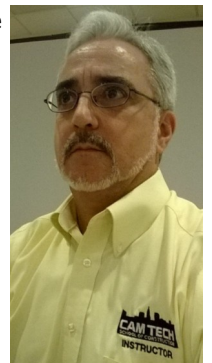
Conditioning license, which he passed on his first attempt thanks, in part, to Cam.

A few years later, Craig's life took him to Texas, and since they did not reciprocate licensure with Florida, he began doing minor home repairs under their liberal handyman law. When his path brought him back to Florida early in 2001, Craig quickly realized that in order to keep doing the work he loved he was going to need a Contractor's license and thought of Cam Tech immediately. According to Craig, "This was because I knew and trusted the methods and high quality of course materials that Cam had developed with all of his years of experience in the exam prep industry, and I wanted to pass my exam the first time!" Using the same Cam Tech techniques that he now teaches to our students, Craig passed his Builders exam the first time.

Since then Craig has stayed steadily busy, despite his lack of advertising, even during the industry downturn. He credits that to his versatility, keen eye, honesty, and great customer base.

"I find my field enjoyable because I get to fix things and/or make them work better. I have an eye for seeing cause and effect, which helps me know how to repair something based on the root cause, not just fixing the symptoms. I almost always develop a great working relationship with my customers, to the point of becoming friends with some of them. If you ask my customers, many would talk about my honesty, the quality of my work, and the craftsmanship that I apply to each job that I do. I really do strive to live and work by the biblical standards of doing what is true, honorable, commendable and excellent."

When Craig is not working or teaching for Cam Tech, you can usually find him bicycling across the state or playing racquetball at his local YMCA. However, on the weekends, he spends most of his time watching his sons play soccer, heading out to fish with them or, after church on Sunday, doing things around the house, which might, "occasionally include a well-earned nap."



HEAT STROKE, HEAT EXHAUSTION & HEAT CRAMPS

Summer is almost here so it's time to start thinking about the three kinds of heat-related illness. Heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat strokes are all possible during hot weather. All heat-related injuries need prompt medical attention.

Heat cramps are muscle cramps. Usually these cramps occur in the arms or legs but may be in the abdominal or chest muscles as well. These cramps are caused by excessive body fluid loss through sweating. First aid includes moving the victim to a cool place, resting the cramping muscle, and giving the person cool water.

Heat exhaustion signs include heavy sweating, weakness, fast pulse, normal body temperature, headache and dizziness, nausea and vomiting. First aid for heat exhaustion requires the worker to be moved to a cool place. Keep them lying down with their legs straight and elevated 8 to 12 inches. Apply cold packs, wet towels, or just wet their clothing to cool them. Give the victim cold water only if he or she is conscious. If the victim loses consciousness or if no improvement is noted within 30 minutes, seek professional medical attention.

Heat stroke is a true emergency! Signs and symptoms include high body temperature, unconsciousness, hot skin, rapid pulse and breathing, weakness and dizziness or headache. Immediate first aid is required. Move the victim to a cool place and immediately cool the worker by any available means (use ice and water from a jobsite cooler, for example). Keep the head and shoulders slightly elevated. Monitor the airway; check to be sure the victim is breathing. Call for professional help or rush the heat stroke victim to a hospital immediately.

Prevention of heat illness is very important. Gradual adaptation to working in hot weather is a start. Dress sensibly and drink plenty of water. Keep a sharp eye out for potential heat injuries in co-workers. Try to practice prevention, it's the name of the game, and it will keep you from becoming a victim of a heat related illness.

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FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND STABILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTOR APPLICANTS

Florida Law requires all construction contractor applicants to establish that they are both financially responsible and financially stable prior to issuance of their licenses.

Does your submitted credit report show a credit score of 660 or higher? If you have applied for your Florida State Contractor's License and you do not have a minimum credit score of 660, you will be required to secure a Financial Stability Bond.

Without proof of completion of an approved 14-hour financial responsibility course, you will need to secure a bond in the amount of:

- \$20,000 for Division I applicants
- \$10,000 for Division II applicants

But, if you want to cut that bond in half, you can take Cam Tech's 14-hour Financial Responsibility & Stability Course.

With proof of completion of our approved financial responsibility course, you can reduce your bond amount to:

- \$10,000 for Division I applicants
- \$5,000 for Division II applicants

Cam Tech is offering our online "Financial Responsibility & Stability for the Contractor" course for just \$149.

In taking this course, you will gain useful information for today's contractor in today's economy. Don't just get your 14 hours; walk away equipped with the knowledge you need to become a responsible, successful business owner and even gain useful knowledge about personal finances.

Sign up and take our online 14-hour Financial Responsibility & Stability Course at your convenience. Our course is approved by the DBPR (Course #0609924) and covers all required categories: Business Practices, Laws & Rules, and Worker's Compensation. Upon completion, a Certificate of Completion will be issued to be included in your application package.

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According to Florida Statute - 489.121

If an incomplete contract exists at the time of death of a contractor, the contract may be completed by any person even though not certified or registered. Such person shall notify the board, within 30 days after the death of the contractor, of his or her name and address, knowledge of the contract, and ability to complete it. If the board approves, he or she may proceed with the contract.

For purposes of this section, an incomplete contract is one which has been awarded to, or entered into by, the contractor before his or her death, or on which he or she was the low bidder and the contract is subsequently awarded to him or her, regardless of whether any actual work has commenced under the contract before the contractor's death.

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For more information on the Financial Stability Bond contact Ed Collins directly at 813-495-3115 or by email, ed@constructionprosins.com.



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