



# National Craft Assessment and Certification Program S P E C I F I C A T I O N S

## Drywall Mechanic (DRWM45) Released July 2009

### Overview

This written assessment is a two-hour closed-book examination. You will be permitted to use a basic function, non-printing calculator during the examination. The assessment center will provide any necessary pencils. No extra papers, books, notes or study materials are allowed in the testing area.

### Study Material

All NCCER written assessments are referenced to NCCER's curriculum listed in the content. You may order modules from Pearson (800.922.0579) or from NCCER's Online Catalog at [www.nccer.org](http://www.nccer.org).

### Assessment Development

All questions on each assessment have been developed and approved by subject matter experts from the respective craft. Assessment development and administration is under the direction of Prov<sup>TM</sup>, NCCER's testing partner.

### Credentials

NCCER will send appropriate credentials (certificate, wallet card and official transcript) to the assessment center upon successful completion of the written assessment.

### Training Prescription Reports

Each candidate will have access to individual results of the written assessment from Prov's website at [www.provexam.com](http://www.provexam.com). This training prescription will include the overall score and results by topic area.

### National Registry

Assessment results will be maintained in NCCER's National Registry and become a part of each candidate's training records. These records are stored and become a portable record of the candidate's training and assessment achievements.

### Focus Statement

A journey-level Drywall Mechanic should be able to:

- Apply basic safety principles at all times
- Recognize the tools needed in the trade and their application
- Apply basic math operations for calculating areas and proper measurements
- Interpret commercial drawings and layouts
- Identify the proper procedures and materials for interior and exterior framing considering drawing

specifications, wall openings, expansion joints and other key factors

- Identify the proper procedures and materials for installing shaftwall
- Apply the best practices for thermal moisture and protection, including the installation of batt and rigid installation and zee-furring
- Identify the appropriate finishing procedures for hanging sheetrock. This includes but is not limited to measuring and cutting sheetrock according to a wall's length and openings, determining the proper spacing, and applying the right caulk and trims necessary for the job.

### Written Assessment Contents:

Module Number	Module Name	Number of Questions
00101-04	Basic Safety	10
00102-04	Introduction to Construction Math	4
00104-04	Introduction to Power Tools	8
45101-07	Orientation to the Trade	4
45102-07	Construction Materials and Methods	4
45103-07	Thermal Moisture and Protection	4
45104-07	Drywall Installation	12
45105-07	Drywall Finishing	10
45201-09	Commercial Drawings	4
45202-09	Steel Framing	12
45203-09	Acoustical Ceilings	10
45204-09	Interior Specialties	4
45205-09	Exterior Cladding	4
<b>Total number of questions</b>		<b>90</b>

*The cut score for this assessment is 65%.*

*A Performance Verification is available.*

*Also available in Spanish (DRWM45S).*