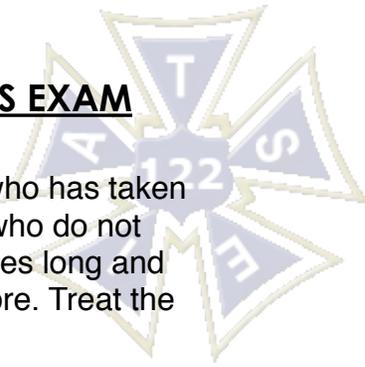


## **TIPS ON HOW TO PASS THE IATSE LOCAL 122 JOURNEYMAN'S EXAM**



**Take the test seriously.** The Journeyman's exam is not easy. Everyone who has taken the test seriously in the past has passed without trouble. However, those who do not take the test seriously usually do NOT pass. The exam is well over 50 pages long and covers a lot of information. You can not "cram" everything in the week before. Treat the material with respect and you will do fine.

**Use your Apprenticeship.** Your Apprentice Evaluation Exam is just that, an evaluation on where you are at that time. From that moment on, you know exactly what things you need to work on and what to study for. Use the next couple years to work on your skills and knowledge. Learn the inner workings of how our union works, and the history that got us to where we are now. Constantly ask journeymen questions about what you are not sure of: as an apprentice, asking questions and observing is your job - as journeymen, it is our job to give you answers.

**Use your Apprentice Evaluation Exam.** Your Apprentice Test is available for you to view at the hall. You can not take the exam away from the hall. However, you can look at your exam at the hall and use it as a study guide. About 1 month before you take your journeyman's exam, make an appointment with the hall to go in and study your apprentice test. This will be an excellent study opportunity and give you a good refresher on the last minute things to study on.

**If you are applying for a direct journeyman status,** you are missing out on an important educational opportunity. Learning the details of unionism and our constitution and by-laws is extremely important. Unionism consists of 12% of your journeyman's exam, Constitution and By-Laws consists of another 12% of your journeyman's exam. Plus, as an apprentice, you have access to a series of educational classes and workshops which will benefit you when you take the journeyman's exam. Even if you would like to become a member of IATSE Local 122 as a journeyman, it is recommended that you first apply as an apprentice, take your evaluation exam, and when you are sure you are ready, apply for an opportunity to take your journeyman's exam early.

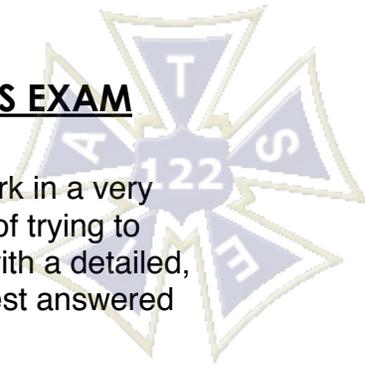
**Use the available study guides.** These study guides were written by the education committee specifically for people taking the tests. They are more focused than just the text books and can provide insight to material that may otherwise be difficult to find. They can be found at <http://www.iatse122.com/>

**Check out text books.** Text books are available at the hall for check-out. Please do not "hog" these books. You are not the only one studying.

**Keep your answers simple and precise.** The best answers are 1 or 2 sentences long at the most. Get right to the point and be exact. We don't need a lecture, we just need to know that you understand the question, and the proper answer.

**Don't be a smart-ass.** Smart-ass answers don't help. A smart-ass answer that isn't complete is still wrong. Just answer the question and move on.

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**A picture is worth a thousand words.** Draw pictures, label them. We work in a very visual industry, sometimes it is just easier to show us the answer, instead of trying to explain it. If you need space, don't be afraid to write "See back of page", with a detailed, labeled, drawing on the back. There are a number of questions that are best answered with a picture.

**Take your time.** Need a small break because you have writers cramp? Take it. If you need a moment to clear your mind you should. This is not a timed test. You should plan about 4 hours to complete the exam. Some people take less time, some people take more. That's okay.

**Study in groups.** Work with 3-4 other people who will be taking the test around the same time as you. Try to build your groups with people who have different expertise's. This will help everyone in the group prepare for the variety of subjects covered in the journeyman's exam. It really helps to bounce ideas around and start Q&A sessions. Also, see if you can find a journeyman who might be willing to sit in a study group. Someone with experience, both on the job and in the testing room, could be an incredible resource.

**Use flash cards.** There are a number of study flash cards rotating around. We are working on getting a set available for download. When we do, they will be available in the "Study Guides" area of the website. Until then, ask around. They are available and perfect when you are working in groups or alone.

**If you have issues, let us know.** Maybe you have language issues or have trouble with written tests. We expect you to know the material, but we are willing to work with you to figure out the best way for you to show us that you do.