

Tips for Land Surveying Computer Based Testing (CBT) from the *CLSA Education Committee*

Be ready to take the exam! Start preparing yourself months ahead of your exam.

Review the information on the testing center:

<https://www.prometric.com/en-us/clients/California/Pages/Professional%20Land%20Surveyor%20Exam.aspx>

Refer to links in the left margin: *Prepare for Test Day*, *What to Expect*, and *Frequently Asked Questions*.

Print and read the candidate information bulletin several days before your exam.

https://www.prometric.com/en-us/clients/California/Documents/CAENGPLSECIB_20130417.pdf

Bring the printed 3-hole punched instructions to the exam site in case there are any issues with staff.

Bring your government issued ID and appropriate reference materials.

Arrive early at the testing facility.

Regular multiple choice methods translate to CBT.

You may want to bring ear plugs – candidates at other workstations are probably taking different exams, and may be typing essay responses to their questions.

Take your time and do the entire tutorial.

Take ALL the time (10 minutes) allotted in the tutorial allotted to learn to navigate the testing system.

Breathe! Try not to stress out.

The exam starts as soon as you exit the tutorial.

Move the keyboard out of the way unless you want to use hot keys.

Minimize the clutter on your desktop.

Have only the books you need - Leave unneeded books on the floor.

Use the mouse to navigate the entire exam.

Some questions have exhibits – some may be pop-ups.

Drag the pop-up window to move it out of the way or to re-size it.

Every question has the same point value.

Get the points out of the questions you know how to solve.

Mark questions for later review or return to answer.

Use your scratch paper for notes on which questions you want to review.

If you run out of scratch paper, ask for more.

Don't leave any question unanswered.

The clock does not stop if you take a break.