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AWC eQuiz System Launches

Washington, DC - Culminating two years of development, the American Wood Council (AWC) is pleased to announce the launch of its online eQuiz system. A link on the AWC homepage directs users to the eCourses webpage at <http://www.awc.org/HelpOutreach/eCourses/index.html>.

When used with AWC's online "eCourses," the eQuiz system provides users with the additional feature of accredited continuing education credit. Many users have expressed appreciation for the convenience of earning valuable continuing education credits in the comfort of their own surroundings on their own schedule.

Registration for eQuizzes is straightforward and is required for participation. The system is designed so that eCourse materials and eQuizzes can be displayed in separate windows, much like an open-book test, as permitted by the accreditors. Taking the eCourses and tests is free of charge and provides an informative and integrated learning experience. For each eCourse, users are queried on the subject matter with feedback immediately provided for all answers.

The eQuiz system boasts some novel features, including a variety of question formats such as multiple choice, true/false, and matching. Every eQuiz is entirely unique for each user, and among users, with questions and their order of presentation posed differently with each test. The bottom line is that no two eQuizzes are ever alike and every test experience is unique, preserving the integrity of the system.

Once a learner has successfully completed an eQuiz, an option is provided to purchase and print a continuing education certificate if desired. Pricing varies among courses based on their length (1.0 to 4.0 CEU's), but typically cost about \$25 for 2.5 CEU's.

Continuing education certificates are honored by any agency accepting AIA (American Institute of Architects), IACET (International Association for Continuing Education and Training), and the AIBD (American Institute for Building Design) protocols for online training. As required, AWC reports awarded continuing education credits to accrediting agencies at the beginning of each month for the previous month's online activity.

For more information about the eQuiz system, contact Dr. Robert Taylor, P.Eng. - robert_taylor@afandpa.org.

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The American Wood Council (AWC) is the wood products division of the American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA). AF&PA is the national trade association of the forest, paper, and wood products industry, representing member companies engaged in growing, harvesting, and processing wood and wood fiber, manufacturing pulp, paper, and paperboard products from both virgin and recycled fiber, and producing engineered and traditional wood products. For more information see www.afandpa.org.

Online eCourses

These courses are free to explore and learn. Many courses do, however, require a basic understanding of engineering principles that can be found in textbooks in many public libraries. To start an available course, click on a highlighted course number (the course numbering does not imply prerequisites). Courses will be added as further development is completed.



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to assess your learning experience, try the eQuiz for the course you've just completed by clicking on the eQuiz icon under the course number. eQuizzes are fun, free to take, and you can repeat them as often as you like. Quiz lengths vary with the course studied. First, you must register with the eQuiz system by clicking on the icon.

You can also earn valuable Continuing Education Unit (CEU) or Professional Development Hour (PDH) course credit on successful completion of an eQuiz and payment of the indicated administrative fee. At the successful end of an eQuiz, you will be offered the option to pay for and receive a printed eQuiz completion certificate for CEU/PDH validation. Have your credit card ready. AIA LU's are HSW and are valued to the nearest quarter hour (1 CEH = 1 PDH = 1 LU = 0.1 CEU). Pass performance level is 80%.

AWC is an AIA, AIBD, and IACET -accredited education provider.



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Topics on Wood Design and Detailing

DES110 Connection Design



eQuiz certificate: 3.3 CEH, 3.25 LU \$33.00

This seminar presents current wood connection design philosophy, behavior, serviceability issues, and connection design techniques for small and large wood members, panel products, and wood assemblies, using dowel-type and specialized components. Glued connections will also be discussed along with a brief introduction to connection design software.

DES120 Designing for Permanence



eQuiz certificate: 1.3 CEH, 1.25 LU \$13.00

Construction techniques that prevent moisture from entering a wood-framed structure including: a discussion of code-required clearances, site drainage, correct placement of moisture barriers, remedies for improper design, preservative treated wood, grading issues, and tips on preventing moisture-related insect and fungal attack.

DES130 Lateral Load Resisting Systems for Wood Structures



eQuiz certificate: 2.8 CEH, 2.75 LU \$28.00

This eCourse explains different construction types and the behavior of small structures and structural elements under gravity, seismic and wind forces. Principles and typology of lateral load resistance systems are discussed including prescriptive braced wall lines as addressed by the IBC/IRC. An introduction to engineered shear wall design, location, and inspection points is offered. Throughout, this eCourse demonstrates how AF&PA's new Wood Frame Construction Manual addresses these topics for one- and two-family dwellings.



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eQuiz

Quiz 8 - Question 6 of 25

6. During the development of the WFCM, a re-evaluation of safety factors for wood structural panel shearwalls and diaphragms resulted in a shear capacity increase of _____ for wind design.

- 25%
- 10%
- 40%** ✓
- 60%

Cool!

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Marking Key:

your answer was correct - ✓
 your answer was incorrect - ✗
The correct answer is bold and blue

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