



# CITY OF CHARLESTON SC TOUR GUIDE EXAM



## VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The City of Charleston offers a comprehensive Tour Guide certification program. An individual can become a certified guide by passing a written exam with a score of 70. This exam tests a guide's knowledge of Charleston, its history, architecture, and culture. A Tour Guide Training Manual is available to assist in studying for the exam.

Upon studying and completing the exam, guides should have the knowledge to comfortably provide a tour throughout the historic districts of Charleston. After passing the 200-question exam you will receive a city issued photo ID which most of the tour companies require.

## 2026 EXAM DATES

Testing begins at 9:00am and applicants are given two hours to complete the exam.

**\*January 13 & 27  
\*February 10 & 24  
\*March 10 & 24  
April 7 & 21  
May 12 & 26  
June 9 & 23  
July 14 & 28  
August 11 & 25  
September 8 & 22  
October 13 & 27  
November 3 & 17  
December 1 & 15**

\*Due to ongoing construction in our office building the testing location may change. Please call to register and confirm testing location.

**Registration fee:**

**\$50.00**

**Tour Guide Training Manual:**

**\$45.00 (\$49.05 with tax)**

**Manual on Flash Drive:**

**\$25.00 (\$27.25 with tax)**