

CITY OF CHARLESTON

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 tours 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.

*Due to COVID-19 we are limiting the number of participants for each exam. All participants must wear a face covering to enter our building, and while taking the exam. Please note that exam dates and times are subject to change or cancellation depending on the City of Charleston's Covid-19 operation guidelines. *

Register for the exam in person or by phone at least one week prior to the exam date. Testing begins at 9:00 am and applicants are given two hours to complete the exam.

2021 Exam Dates

November: 8, 22

December: 7, 13

2022 Exam Dates

January: 17, 31

February: 7, 21

March: 7, 21

April: 11, 25

May: 9, 23

June: 13, 27

July: 11, 25

August: 8, 22

September: 6, 19

Registration fee:

\$50.00

Tour Guide Training Manual:

\$45.00 (\$49.05 with tax)

Manual on Flash Drive:

\$25.00 (\$27.25 with tax)

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