

AICP Comprehensive Planning Examination

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Selected Readings

The following list may help planners who are preparing to take the AICP Comprehensive Planning Examination. Please note that the readings are presented with these understandings:

- No reading list can span the entire range of material in the AICP exam. As a result, the list is not a substitute for professional planning experience and education.
- It is not expected that exam takers will have read all the resources cited.
- The readings are intended as guidelines only. While many AICP exam questions are based on these readings, many are developed from other materials of similar content.
- Many readings are available for download on the web or in any well stocked planning office library. Those choosing to purchase readings are encouraged to do so selectively. Consider purchases that not only help in preparing to take the exam, but also serve as long lasting references for professional practice.
- Due to copyright, site endorsement, and continuity issues, web links are provided only for readings available through the American Planning Association website or a government agency.
- This reading list was last updated in May 2013 in conjunction with the Comprehensive Planning Examination "refresh" in place starting with the November 2013 exam window.
- Those interested in additional APA–published reading lists should consider *The Essential Planning Library Revisited* and *100 Essential Books of Planning*.
- When preparing for the AICP exam, most people will identify areas of strength and those that need improvement. You may want to pay particular attention to those publications that would fill those gaps.

General Reference

Books

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