

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL 112

6 By: Bullard

7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to plumbing licenses; amending 59
9 O.S. 2021, Sections 1003, 1005, and 1009, which
10 relate to definitions, examinations, and duration of
11 licenses; modifying definitions; establishing
12 requirements for certain examination applicants;
13 authorizing promulgation of rules by Construction
14 Industries Board; extending duration of certain
15 license renewal; updating statutory language;
16 updating statutory references; and providing an
17 effective date.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1003, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 As used in The Plumbing License Law of 1955:

22 1. "Board" means the Construction Industries Board;

23 2. "Committee" means the Oklahoma State Committee of Plumbing
24 Examiners appointed by the Construction Industries Board;

3. "Plumbing Hearing Board" means the ~~State~~ Plumbing Hearing
Board which shall consist of a designee of the Construction

1 Industries Board, as chair, and the members of the Oklahoma State
2 Committee of Plumbing Examiners;

3 4. "Apprentice" or "plumber's apprentice" means any person
4 sixteen (16) years of age or older who, as the principal occupation
5 of the person, is engaged in learning and assisting in the
6 installation of plumbing under the direct supervision of a licensed
7 journeyman plumber or plumbing contractor;

8 5. "Journeyman plumber" means any person ~~other than a master~~
9 ~~plumber or plumbing contractor who engages in or works at the actual~~
10 ~~installation, alteration, repair and/or renovation of plumbing~~
11 licensed as a temporary, residential, or unlimited journeyman
12 plumber;

13 6. "Temporary journeyman plumber" means any person other than a
14 person permanently licensed as a journeyman plumber, master plumber,
15 or plumbing contractor in this state who meets the temporary
16 licensure requirements of Section 1006.1 of this title;

17 7. ~~"Master plumber" is a term used and defined under laws which~~
18 ~~have been repealed. A person formerly known as a master plumber is~~
19 ~~henceforth to be known as a "plumbing contractor" as defined in this~~
20 ~~section;~~

21 ~~8.~~ "Plumbing contractor" means any person who is skilled in the
22 planning, superintending, and practical installation of plumbing and
23 who is familiar with the laws and rules governing the same or
24 formerly known as a master plumber. This definition may be

1 construed to mean any person who has qualified and is licensed under
2 The Plumbing License Law of 1955 as a plumbing contractor, who may
3 operate as an individual, a firm, partnership, limited liability
4 company, or corporation, or other legal entity to engage in the
5 business of plumbing, or the business of contracting to do plumbing,
6 or furnish labor or materials or both for the installation, repair,
7 maintenance, or renovation of plumbing according to the requirements
8 of The Plumbing License Law of 1955;

9 ~~9.~~ 8. "Plumbing" means, and includes:

- 10 a. all piping, fixtures, appurtenances, and appliances
11 for, and in connection with, a supply of water within
12 or adjacent to any building, structure, or conveyance,
13 on the premises and to the connection with a water
14 main or other source of supply,
- 15 b. all piping, fixtures, appurtenances, and appliances
16 for sanitary drainage or storm drainage facilities,
17 including venting systems for such facilities, within
18 or adjacent to any building, structure, or conveyance,
19 on the premises and to the connection with a public
20 disposal system or other acceptable terminal,
- 21 c. the installation, repair, maintenance, and renovation
22 of all piping, fixtures, appurtenances, and appliances
23 for a supply of water, or for the disposal of waste
24 water, liquid waste, or sewage within or adjacent to

1 any building, structure, or conveyance, on the
2 premises and to the source of supply of water or point
3 of disposal of wastes, and

4 d. the installation, repair, and maintenance of radiant-
5 floor heating system piping in residential homes with
6 capacities no greater than one hundred thousand
7 (100,000) ~~BTU's~~ BTUs using only piping approved by the
8 most current adopted edition of the International
9 Mechanical Code; and

10 9. "Residential journeyman plumber" means any person who is
11 qualified and licensed, other than a plumbing contractor, to engage
12 in or work at the actual installation, alteration, repair, or
13 renovation site of residential plumbing. Residential plumbing is
14 limited to the type and category of journeyman plumbing license for
15 supervising and performing plumbing work for detached one- or two-
16 family dwellings;

17 10. "Unlimited journeyman plumber" means any person other than
18 a master plumber or plumbing contractor who engages in or works at
19 the actual installation, alteration, repair, or renovation of
20 plumbing; and

21 11. "Variance and Appeals Board" means the Oklahoma State
22 Plumbing Installation Code Variance and Appeals Board.

23 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1005, is
24 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 1005. ~~(a)~~ A. Examinations shall be uniform and shall
2 be practical in nature but sufficiently strict to test the
3 qualification and fitness of the applicant as a journeyman plumber
4 or as a plumbing contractor, ~~as the case may be.~~ It An examination
5 shall be in whole or in part in writing.

6 ~~(b)~~ B. Regular examinations shall be held at least twice each
7 year and special examinations may be fixed by the Oklahoma State
8 Committee of Plumbing Examiners. Any applicant initially failing to
9 pass the examination shall not be permitted to take another
10 examination for a period of thirty (30) days, and thereafter any
11 such applicant subsequently failing to pass the examination shall
12 not be permitted to take a subsequent examination for a period of
13 ninety (90) days. An examinee shall earn a seventy percent (70%)
14 score or more on each part to pass the examination.

15 C. An applicant for a residential journeyman plumber
16 examination shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older and have:

17 1. Two (2) years of experience in the plumbing trade, and four
18 (4) hours of continuing education that covers codes and revisions as
19 established by the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission (OUBCC)
20 while employed by a licensed plumbing contractor;

21 2. An associate's degree or vocational diploma certifying
22 completion of a formal plumbing educational program approved by the
23 Committee consisting of a minimum of one thousand (1,000) classroom
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1 hours from an educational institution approved by the Oklahoma State
2 Committee of Plumbing Examiners;

3 3. Two (2) years of experience in the plumbing trade while
4 serving in the United States Armed Forces and six (6) hours of
5 continuing education that covers codes and revisions as established
6 by the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission; or

7 4. A current, valid out-of-state plumbing license.

8 D. Applicants for an unlimited journeyman plumber examination
9 shall be aged eighteen (18) years or older and have:

10 1. Three (3) years of experience in the plumbing trade, and six
11 (6) hours of continuing education that covers codes and revisions as
12 established by the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission while
13 employed by a licensed plumbing contractor;

14 2. An associate's degree or vocational diploma certifying
15 completion of a formal plumbing educational program approved by the
16 Committee consisting of a minimum of one thousand (1,000) classroom
17 hours from an educational institution approved by the Oklahoma State
18 Committee of Plumbing Examiners;

19 3. Three (3) years of experience in the plumbing trade while
20 serving in the United States Armed Forces; or

21 4. A current, valid out-of-state plumbing license.

22 E. An applicant for a plumbing contractor examination shall be
23 eighteen (18) years of age or older and have:

1 1. Two (2) years of experience in the plumbing trade, four (4)
2 hours of continuing education that covers codes and revisions as
3 established by the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission, and
4 one (1) year of experience as a licensed residential or unlimited
5 journeyman while employed by a licensed plumbing contractor;

6 2. An associate's degree or vocational diploma certifying
7 completion of a formal plumbing educational program approved by the
8 Committee consisting of a minimum of one thousand (1,000) classroom
9 hours from an educational institution approved by the Oklahoma State
10 Committee of Plumbing Examiners;

11 3. Two (2) years of experience in the plumbing trade while
12 serving in the United States Armed Forces and six (6) hours of
13 continuing education that covers codes and revisions as established
14 by the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission; or

15 4. A current, valid out-of-state plumbing license.

16 F. The Construction Industries Board may promulgate rules as
17 necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section.

18 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1009, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 1009. ~~No~~ A. Except for unlimited journeyman plumber or
21 residential journeyman plumber licenses which shall be issued for
22 two (2) years, no license shall be issued for longer than one (1)
23 year and all licenses shall expire on the last day in the birth
24 month of the licensee. Such licenses may be renewed upon

1 application and payment of fees within thirty (30) days preceding or
2 following the date the license renewal is due. No journeyman or
3 contractor license shall be renewed unless the licensee has
4 completed the required hours of continuing education as determined
5 and approved by the Oklahoma State Committee of Plumbing Examiners.

6 B. The Committee may renew licenses upon application made more
7 than thirty (30) days following the date of expiration only upon
8 payment of the renewal and additional fee prescribed and upon
9 compliance with any applicable continuing education requirements as
10 established by the Construction Industries Board and ~~this act~~ The
11 Plumbing License Law of 1955. Provided, that no penalty for renewal
12 shall be charged to any holder of a license which expires while such
13 holder is in military service if application is made within one (1)
14 year following discharge from the military service.

15 C. Apprentice registration certificates expire one (1) year
16 after date of registration, at which time the apprentice may
17 reregister.

18 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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