

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 112

By: Bullard of the Senate

and

Hays of the House

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6 An Act relating to plumbing licenses; amending 59
7 O.S. 2021, Sections 1003, 1005, and 1009, which
8 relate to definitions, examinations, and duration of
9 licenses; modifying definitions; updating statutory
10 references; requiring certain score on certain
11 examination; establishing certain qualifications for
12 certain examinations; establishing certain license
13 time period; and providing an effective date.

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

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

17 As used in The Plumbing License Law of 1955:

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

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

21 3. "Plumbing Hearing Board" means the ~~State~~ Plumbing Hearing
22 Board which shall consist of a designee of the Construction
23 Industries Board, as chair, and the members of the Oklahoma State
24 Committee of Plumbing Examiners;

4. "Apprentice" or "plumber's apprentice" means any person
sixteen (16) years of age or older who, as the principal occupation

1 of the person, is engaged in learning and assisting in the
2 installation of plumbing under the direct supervision of a licensed
3 journeyman plumber or plumbing contractor;

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

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

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14 ~~have been repealed.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

17 8. "Plumbing contractor" means any person who is ~~skilled in the~~
18 ~~planning, superintending, and practical installation of plumbing and~~
19 ~~who is familiar with the laws and rules governing the same~~ licensed
20 as a residential or unlimited plumbing contractor or someone
21 formerly known and licensed as a master plumber. This definition
22 may be construed to mean any person who has qualified and is
23 licensed under The Plumbing License Law of 1955 as a plumbing
24 contractor, who may operate as an individual, a firm, partnership,

1 limited liability company, or corporation, or other legal entity to
2 engage in the business of plumbing, or the business of contracting
3 to do plumbing, or furnish labor or materials or both for the
4 installation, repair, maintenance, or renovation of plumbing
5 according to the requirements of The Plumbing License Law of 1955;

6 ~~9.~~ 8. "Plumbing" means, and includes:

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

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

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

14 10. "Residential plumbing contractor" means any person who is
15 qualified and licensed as a residential plumbing contractor where
16 the license limits the plumbing contractor to contracting,
17 supervising, and performing plumbing work for detached one- or two-
18 family dwellings;

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

23 12. "Unlimited plumbing contractor" means any person who is
24 skilled in the planning, superintending, and practical installation

1 of plumbing and who is familiar with the laws and rules governing
2 the same; and

3 13. "Variance and Appeals Board" means the Oklahoma State
4 Plumbing Installation Code Variance and Appeals Board.

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

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

12 ~~(b)~~ B. Regular examinations shall be held at least twice each
13 year and special examinations may be fixed by the Oklahoma State
14 Committee of Plumbing Examiners. Any applicant initially failing to
15 pass the examination shall not be permitted to take another
16 examination for a period of thirty (30) days, and thereafter any
17 such applicant subsequently failing to pass the examination shall
18 not be permitted to take a subsequent examination for a period of
19 ninety (90) days.

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

22 1. Three (3) years of experience in the plumbing trade while
23 employed by a licensed plumbing contractor;
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1 2. Two (2) years of experience in the plumbing trade while
2 employed by a licensed plumbing contractor with written approval
3 from the supervising licensed plumbing contractor;

4 3. An associate's degree or vocational diploma certifying
5 completion of a formal plumbing educational program approved by the
6 Committee consisting of a minimum of one thousand (1,000) classroom
7 hours from an educational institution approved by the Oklahoma State
8 Committee of Plumbing Examiners and a minimum of two thousand
9 (2,000) hours of experience in the plumbing trade while employed by
10 a licensed plumbing contractor;

11 4. Two (2) years of experience in the plumbing trade while
12 serving in the United States Armed Forces; or

13 5. A current, valid, equivalent out-of-state residential
14 journeyman plumber license, and be a resident of this state.

15 D. An applicant for an unlimited journeyman plumber examination
16 shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older and have:

17 1. Three (3) years of experience in the plumbing trade while
18 employed by a licensed plumbing contractor;

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

1 (2,000) hours of experience in the plumbing trade while employed by
2 a licensed plumbing contractor;

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

5 4. A current, valid, equivalent out-of-state unlimited
6 journeyman plumber license, and be a resident of this state.

7 E. An applicant for a residential plumbing contractor
8 examination shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older and have at
9 a minimum one (1) year of experience as a licensed residential
10 journeyman plumber while employed by a licensed plumbing contractor.

11 Additionally, such applicant shall have:

12 1. An associate's degree or vocational diploma certifying
13 completion of a formal plumbing educational program approved by the
14 Committee consisting of a minimum of one thousand (1,000) classroom
15 hours from an educational institution approved by the Oklahoma State
16 Committee of Plumbing Examiners and a minimum of four thousand
17 (4,000) hours of experience in the plumbing trade while employed by
18 a licensed plumbing contractor;

19 2. Two (2) years of experience in the plumbing trade while
20 serving in the United States Armed Forces; or

21 3. A current, valid, equivalent out-of-state plumbing
22 contractor license, and be a resident of this state.

23 F. An applicant for an unlimited plumbing contractor
24 examination shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older and have at

1 a minimum one (1) year of experience as a licensed unlimited
2 journeyman plumber while employed by a licensed unlimited plumbing
3 contractor. Additionally, such applicant shall have:

4 1. An associate's degree or vocational diploma certifying
5 completion of a formal plumbing educational program approved by the
6 Committee consisting of a minimum of one thousand (1,000) classroom
7 hours from an educational institution approved by the Oklahoma State
8 Committee of Plumbing Examiners and a minimum of four thousand
9 (4,000) hours of experience in the plumbing trade while employed by
10 a licensed plumbing contractor;

11 2. Two (2) years of experience in the plumbing trade while
12 serving in the United States Armed Forces; or

13 3. A current, valid, equivalent out-of-state plumbing
14 contractor license, and be a resident of this state.

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

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

19 Section 1009. ~~No~~ A. Except for unlimited journeyman plumber or
20 residential journeyman plumber licenses which may be issued for
21 three (3) years, no license shall be issued for longer than one (1)
22 year and all licenses shall expire on the last day in the birth
23 month of the licensee and shall be in alignment with continuing
24 education requirements. 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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