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<p>Alabama Alabama Plumbers and Gas Fitters Examining Board Suite 104 11 West Oxmoor Road Birmingham, Alabama 35209 Fax: (205)945-9915</p>	<p>Plumbers & Gas Fitters -Applicants for the journeyman plumber/gas fitter certificate must have two years board approved apprentice work, pass a written exam and pay a fee of \$50. Applicants for a master's plumber/gas fitter certificate must pass a written exam, have one years experience as a journeyman and pay a fee of \$100.</p>
<p>Alaska Dept of Labor & Workforce Dev. Labor Standards & Safety- Mech Insp Sec P.O. Box 107020 Anchorage, AK 99510 Tel: (907) 269-4925</p>	<p>Applicants for plumber journeyman need 8,000 hours of experience and a notarized letter attesting to experience from prior employers/unions. Plumber restricted applicants need 4,000 hours of experience and a notarized letter attesting to experience. Plumber trainee applicants need a letter attesting they will be working under a certified plumber. An exam is required for all but the plumber trainee. Journeyman plumber required training or experience: 8000 hours work experience.</p>
<p>Arizona</p>	
<p>Arkansas Department of Health 4815 West Markham Street Little Rock, AR 72205</p>	<p>To take the master exam you need to have five years of plumbing experience or be a professional engineer in plumbing engineering.</p>

Tel: (501) 661-2000	For the journeyman plumber exam you need four years of plumbing experience. If you've had a journeyman license for a year, you can take the master exam. For apprentice, you must have a signed training agreement from an employer who is, or who employs, licensed plumbers.
California	
Colorado Examining Board of Plumbers 1580 Logan St., Suite 550 Denver, CO 80203 Tel: (303) 894-2300	To apply for a master license you need to document five years of plumbing work experience; four years for a journeyman license; and two years for a residential license. You can apply every six hours of plumbing training in an accredited school for one hour of work experience, up to one year. You can also apply plumbing work in the military at the rate of one month for every six months, up to one year. You'll need to pass an exam with both a written and a practical part to get your license. If you already hold a Colorado journeyman license, you don't have to take the practical part of the exam.
Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection Central Licensing 165 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106 Tel: (860) 566-2825 http://www.ct-clic.com/	
Delaware Board of Plumbing Examiners Division of Professional Regulation Cannon Building, Suite 203 P.O. BOX 1401 Dover, DE 19903 Tel: (302) 739-4522 http://www.state.de.us/legal.htm	Prior to applying for a plumbing license in the State, each applicant must, after receiving a Journeyman's Certificate issued by a plumbing apprenticeship program which meets or exceeds the Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training Standards, perform plumbing services for at least 2 years under the supervision of a licensed plumber. In lieu of a Journeyman's Certificate, an applicant must have performed plumbing services for at least 7

	years under the supervision of a licensed plumber and have completed the state-approved series of tests offered by Delaware apprenticeship schools.
<p>Florida Fl. Dept. of Business and Professional Regulation 1940 N Monroe Street Ste 300 Tallahassee, Fl 32399</p>	
<p>Georgia State Construction Industry Licensing Board 166 Pryor Street, SW Room 506-B Atlanta, GA 30303 Tel: (404) 656-2448</p>	<p>Statewide master plumber or journeyman plumber license, a person must submit a completed application, meet the experience requirement, obtain a score of seventy (70) on the appropriate examination, and pay the required fees. An applicant must provide three persons who are currently licensed as plumbers who can attest to the applicant's good character and plumbing experience to the satisfaction of the Division. At least one reference must be a licensed master plumber. Statewide Class I master plumber licenses are restricted to plumbing involving single-family dwellings and one-level dwellings designed for not more than two families and commercial structures not to exceed 10,000 square feet in area. Statewide Class II master plumber licenses are unrestricted. Applicants for statewide master plumber license must document a minimum of 5 years experience in plumbing work as would be covered by items of the Georgia State Plumbing Code. At least 2 years of experience must be Primary Experience as defined in paragraph (5) below. Applicants for Class II Unrestricted master plumber license must document experience in commercial or industrial plumbing. Applicants for statewide journeyman plumbers license must document a minimum of 3 years experience in plumbing</p>

	work as would be covered by items of the Georgia State Plumbing Code.
<p>Hawaii Board of Electricians and Plumbers Professional and Vocational Licensing Division Hawaii State Dept. of Commerce Consumer Affairs 1010 Richards Street Honolulu, HI 96813 Tel: (808) 586-2696</p>	Plumbers - Applicants must document five years (10,000 hours) of experience and pass a closed book trade exam with a score of 70%. For Master Plumber, have 2 years experience as a licensed journey worker plumber or equivalent.
<p>Idaho Plumbing Bureau Division of Building Safety P.O. Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0068 (208)334-3442 Fax: (208)334-3470 http://www.state.id.us/dlis/pb.html</p>	To qualify for a plumbing contractor license you need at least two and one-half years of work experience as a journeyman plumber in Idaho or another state. For a journeyman plumber's license you need at least four years experience as an apprentice supervised by a qualified journeyman plumber. For a specialty license you need two years of work experience in mobile home hook-ups. You'll also have to pass a written exam to get any of these licenses.
<p>Illinois http://www.state.il.us/</p>	An applicant for licensing as an apprentice plumber shall be at least 16 years of age and apply on the application form provided by the Department. Such application shall verify that the applicant is sponsored by an Illinois licensed plumber or an approved apprenticeship program. The applicant has submitted evidence that he or she is a citizen of the United States or has declared his or her intention to become a citizen, and the applicant has submitted evidence that he or she has completed at least a 2 year course of study in a high school, or an equivalent course of study, and the applicant has been employed as an Illinois licensed apprentice plumber under supervision in accordance with this Act for at least 4 years preceding the date of application and has submitted evidence that he

	<p>or she has worked at the plumbing trade in accordance with this Act for the 4 year Illinois licensed apprentice plumber apprenticeship period, or the applicant has submitted evidence that he or she has successfully completed an approved course of instruction in plumbing in colleges, universities, or trades schools.</p>
<p>Indiana Indiana Professional Licensing Agency 302 W. Washington Street, Room E034 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2700 Phone: (317) 232-2980 Fax: (317) 233-5559 http://www.state.in.us/pla/</p>	<p>Apprentice- An individual age seventeen (17) years or older wanting to be registered by the commission as an apprentice plumber shall, on a form provided by the commission, make application for registration. The applicant shall also provide to the commission a statement signed by a licensed plumbing contractor or journeyman plumber who is the employer of the applicant that the prospective apprentice is the employer's employee and will work under the direct and immediate personal supervision of a licensed contractor or journeyman plumber. If the commission approves the application for registration, it shall issue a certificate of registration as an apprentice plumber to the applicant. Journeyman-any person over the age of eighteen (18) years may be licensed by the commission as journeyman plumber. Any person who desires to be licensed as a plumbing contractor or journeyman plumber is eligible for such a license upon the successful taking of the examination. To qualify for a journeyman plumber examination an applicant who is an Indiana resident must provide evidence that the applicant has completed at least four (4) years in an apprenticeship program approved by the commission or present to the commission a notarized statement providing evidence that the applicant has at least four (4) years</p>

	of experience in the plumbing trade.
Iowa	
Kansas	
Kentucky Commonwealth of Kentucky Department of Housing, Buildings Construction Division of Plumbing 1047 U.S. HWY 127S, SUITE 1 Frankfort, KY 40601 Phone: (502)564-3580 Fax: (502)564-0690 http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/housing/plbg/photo.htm	Masters must be a citizen of the United States or have first papers. Must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. There are no residency or health requirements. You must be of good moral character. Must possess a journeyman plumber license for two (2) years and actively employed in plumbing in two (2) of the last five (5) years. All license are renewed annually by June 30 through the regulatory agency with a renewal fee of \$150.00.
Louisiana State Plumbing Board of Louisiana 2714 Canal St. Suite 512 New Orleans , LA 70119 Telephone: (504) 826-2382	
Maine Department of Professional and Financial Regulation Office of Licensing & Registration #35 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0035 Phone (207) 624-8627 Fax us at (207) 624-8637 http://www.state.me.us/pfr/led/plumber/index.htm	For a master's license you need at least one year with 2,000 hours of work experience as a journeyman or four years with 8,000 hours of work as a trainee plumber. For the journeyman license you need at least two years with 4,000 hours of work experience as a trainee plumber.
Maryland State Board of Plumbing 500 N. Calvert Street Room 302 Baltimore, Maryland 21202-3651 (410) 230-6270 http://www.dllr.state.md.us/occprof/plumber.html	Master License Person must have held a journey license for at least two years; and Person must have completed 3,700 hours of training under the direction and control of a licensed master plumber; and Person must pass a comprehensive written examination. Journey License Person must have held an apprentice license for at least 4 years; and Person must have completed 7,500 hours of training under the control and direction of a licensed master plumber; and Person must have completed 32 hours of training in backflow prevention devices; and Person must pass a comprehensive written

	examination. Apprentice Person must be at least 16 years of age
<p>Massachusetts Division of Registration The Board of Registration of Plumbers and Gas Fitters 239 Causeway Street Boston, Massachusetts 02114 Phone: (617)727-3074 Fax: (617)727-2197</p>	<p>Master Plumber: Must have held a Journeyman Plumber license for at least 1 year. Must have completed at least 100 hours of advanced plumbing theory in an approved school while a Journeyman. Journeyman Plumber: Must have worked for three years as a Plumbing Apprentice. Must have completed at least 300 hours of plumbing theory in an approved school while an Apprentice. Plumbing Apprentice: Must work under the direct supervision of a Master Plumber or a Journeyman in the employ of a Master Plumber. Exam required.</p>
<p>Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services Bureau of Construction Codes P.O. Box 30255 Lansing, MI 48909 http://www.cis.state.mi.us/bcc/home.htm</p>	<p>Qualifications of applicants for a journey plumber's examination. The applicant shall furnish, either on or with his or her application, a notarized statement from his or her present or former employers to the effect that he or she has had not less than 3 years of experience as an apprentice in the practical installation of plumbing under the supervision of a master plumber. When evidence is produced to the effect that the applicant is a graduate of, or is attending, a recognized trade school, proper credit will be given the applicant, but such credit shall not exceed 1 year of the required 3 years of practical experience as an apprentice. To qualify for examination for a master plumber's license, the applicant shall be on record in the state plumbing board office as having had not less than 2 years of experience as a state of Michigan licensed journey plumber immediately preceding the date of his or her application.</p>
<p>Minnesota Minnesota Department of Administration</p>	<p>Examinations. An applicant for a plumber's license must satisfactorily</p>

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pass an examination given by the commissioner of health. An applicant for the master plumber examination must, in addition to the practical plumbing experience requirement for a master plumber specified in subpart 2, have at least one of the following: a current Minnesota journeyman plumber license; a master plumber license from another state where the requirements of the licensing jurisdiction are equivalent to those of Minnesota, as determined by the commissioner; or (3) five years of verifiable experience in business as a plumbing contractor in Minnesota. An applicant for the journeyman examination must be a registered apprentice in Minnesota and have satisfied the practical plumbing experience requirement specified in subpart 2 for a journeyman plumber or must hold a current state journeyman plumber's license from another state where the licensing jurisdiction requires at least four years of practical plumbing experience and an examination to qualify for licensure. Experience. An applicant for the journeyman plumber's license examination must have not less than four years of practical plumbing experience and the applicant for a master plumber's license examination must have not less than five years of practical plumbing experience. One year of practical plumbing experience consists of at least 1,750 hours. Not more than two years of the practical plumbing experience from a state other than Minnesota shall be credited unless the applicant first obtains a plumber's license in the other state. The apprentice or applicant is responsible for verifying practical plumbing experience. The commissioner of health may require work records, time cards, pay

	records, or other documentation necessary to evaluate practical plumbing experience. The commissioner shall make the final determination about the adequacy and acceptability of an apprentice's or applicant's practical plumbing experience.
Mississippi	
Missouri	
Montana Department of Commerce Professional and Occupational Licensing Bureau Montana Board of Plumbers 111 N. Jackson, Lower Level PO Box 200513 Helena, MT 59620-0513 Tel: (406) 444-4390	Journeyworker Plumbers: 1. Completion of an approved plumber apprenticeship program, or verification of five years of plumbing experience. 2. Satisfactory completion of written and practical exams. Master Plumbers: 1. Four years of experience as a licensed journeyworker plumber. 2. Three of the above years of experience must be in supervising plumbing projects or under a master plumber. 3. Satisfactory completion of written and practical exams.
Nebraska Lincoln City Clerk's Office Department of Building and Safety City-County Building 555 South 10th Street Lincoln, NE 68508 Tel: (402) 441-7525	A journeyman is required to hold a Journeyman license for at least one year before applying for a Master license. Contractors must have a Master license. An apprentice plumber must have at least four years of experience before applying for a Journeyman license.
Nevada Board of Contractors (Las Vegas) 4220 S. Maryland Parkway Building D, Suite 800 Las Vegas, NV 89119 Tel: (702) 486-1100 http://www.state.nv.us/nscb/	The qualifying individual must have a minimum of four (4) years of experience as a workman, supervising employee or contractor in the classification requested. Applications must contain (4) completed, signed and notarized reference sheets verifying the work history of the qualifier. All applicants are required to take a written examination(s). The examination will be in two parts. The construction management exam will cover general knowledge of the Nevada contractors license law, the mechanics lien laws, and common

	<p>knowledge of business administration. The trade exam will consist of practical questions and problems in specific classifications for which you are applying.</p>
<p>New Hampshire State of New Hampshire State Board for the Licensing and Regulation of Plumbers 2 Industrial Park Drive PO Box 1386 Concord, NH 03302-1386 Phone: 603-271-3267 Fax: 603-271-6656 http://www.state.nh.us/plumbing</p>	<p>Licenses- Journeyman Plumbers. Any person who, having successfully completed his apprenticeship in plumbing, has received an official completion certificate from the organization conducting the program shall, upon payment of a fee established by the board, be entitled to examination and, if found qualified by a majority of the board members, be licensed as a journeyman plumber. A license issued under this section shall be carried on the person licensed and displayed at any time upon request. Any journeyman plumber refused a license may be reexamined at any subsequent meeting of the board within one year of the time of the refusal without additional fee and thereafter may be examined as often as he may desire upon payment of a fee established by the board. Licenses; Master Plumbers. Any person who, having held a journeyman plumber's license for at least 6 months, shall, upon the payment of a fee established by the board, be entitled to an examination and, if found qualified by a majority of the board members, be licensed as a master plumber.</p>
<p>New Jersey Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers PO Box 45008 Newark, NJ 07101 Tel: (973) 504-6420</p>	<p>QUALIFICATIONS Education and Experience: The person shall have been engaged or employed in the plumbing trade for a period of five years preceding the date of his/her applications for a State license. One of the five years shall have been spent while engaged or employed as a journeyman plumber. Four years of the five years shall have been spent in a plumbing apprenticeship program accredited</p>

	<p>and approved by the United States Department of Labor. For a period of four years following the effective date of P. L. 1998, c.96, each year of employment in the plumbing trade or enrollment in a formal plumbing apprenticeship program completed prior to the effective date of this act shall be accepted by the State board in lieu of one year's enrollment in a plumbing apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the United States Department of Labor up to a maximum total credit of four year; or The person shall have awarded a bachelor's degree in mechanical, plumbing or sanitary engineering from an accredited college or university in the United states which the board finds acceptable and in addition shall have been engaged or employed in the practical work of installing plumbing systems for one year as an apprentice or journeyman plumber. Age: 21 or more years of age.</p>
New Mexico	
New York	
<p>North Carolina Board of Examiners Plumbing, Heating & Fire Sprinkler Contractors 3801 Wake Forest Rd., Suite 201 Raleigh, NC 27609 (919) 733-9350 FAX (919) 733-9351 http://www.nclicensing.org/Exams.htm</p>	<p>Plumbers and HVAC Contractors - Applicants must pass a trade examination with a minimum score of 70% and provide documentation of two years of experience. To be eligible to take the Plumbing, Heating Group No. 1, Heating Group No. 2 and Heating Group No. 3 examination(s), an applicant must have 2 years (4,000 hours) of hands-on experience in maintenance, repair, service or installation for whichever qualification he/she is interested in. However, up to one-half (2,000 hours) (45 quarter hours or 30 semester hours) of the experience requirement may be in academic or technical training directly related to the field of endeavor for which the</p>

	examination is required. To be eligible to take the Fuel Piping examination, an applicant must have 1 year (2,000 hours) of hands-on experience in the design or installation of fuel piping. However, up to one-half (1,000 hours) (22 quarter hours or 15 semester hours) of the experience may be in academic or technical training directly related to fuel piping.
North Dakota Secretary/Treasurer North Dakota State Board of Plumbing 204 West Thayer Avenue Bismarck, ND 58501 Tel: (701) 224-2979	
Ohio	
Oklahoma Occupational Licensing Division - 0509 Oklahoma State Department of Health 1000 Northeast 10th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73117 1299 Tel: (405) 271-5217	Apprentice registration is required at a cost of \$25.00 and must be signed off by a contractor. After 3 years experience in the trade a person is allowed to sit for their journeyman license test. 90 multiple choice questions. The Plumbing Contractor license is 4 years experience, which must be proven thru notary public stamp, same as for journeyman. Contractor test consists of 150 questions most or all are multi-choice. State Health department has adopted the International Plumbing Code starting in 1995 and have stayed with it since.
Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services Building Codes Division 1535 Edgewater NW Salem, OR 97310 Tel: (503) 378-3102	
Pennsylvania	
Rhode Island Division of Professional Regulation R.I. Department of Labor and Training 610 Manton Ave. Providence, RI 02909 Tel: (401) 457-1860	PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS: (1) No age requirement. (2) Citizenship not required. If foreign born, must be legal resident of the United States. (3) Residency not required. EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: Apprentice registration: No

	<p>educational requirement. Journeyperson license: Practice as registered apprentice plumber in R.I. for four years, OR complete two years of trade school or college study in plumbing or sanitary engineering and worked two years as a registered apprentice. Master Plumber license: Hold Journeyperson's license for one year or longer.</p>
South Carolina	
South Dakota South Dakota Plumbing Commission 118 West Capitol Pierre, SD 57501 5070 Tel: (605) 773-3429	Journeyman Requirements--4 years (7600 hrs) Examination--written Fee--\$50 Master Requirements--6 years (11,400 hrs) Examination--written Fee--\$50
Tennessee	
Texas Plumbing Examiners, Texas State Board of 929 East 41st Street P.O. Box 4200 Austin, Texas 78765 512/458-2145 http://www.license.state.tx.us/	Plumber License, Journeyman Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners License by Examination 512/458-2145 Fee Requirement: Examination - \$25.00; License - \$12.00 per year (subject to change). Processing Time: 1 week after successfully passing examination. Plumber License, Master Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners License by Examination 512/458-2145 Fee Requirement: Examination \$75.00; License - \$75.00 per year (subject to change). Processing Time: 1 week after successfully passing examination. Plumber Permit, Apprentice Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners Examination Division 512/458-2145 Fee Requirement: None. Processing Time: 1 week from time of completed application. Plumbing Fixture Certification List Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission Operator Certification Unit - Water Saving Fixture Program 512/239-6138 Fee Requirement: Initial Certification - \$50.00/model group; Yearly Renewal - \$25.00. Processing Time: 1 month.

<p>Utah Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing P.O. Box 146741 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6741 Phone (801)530-6532, (801)530-6159 http://www.commerce.state.ut.us/</p>	<p>If you are applying for a license as an apprentice plumber, have your employer complete a Supervision of Apprentice Plumber form. If you are applying for a license as a journeyman plumber, submit an official transcript showing your successful completion of an approved apprentice program AND a completed Employers Verification Form from each of your supervising licensed plumbers documenting at least 8000 hours of training and a licensed apprentice plumber in not less than 4 years.</p>
<p>Vermont Plumbing Licensing Inspection Vermont Department of Labor and Industry Drawer 20 Montpelier, VT 05620 3401 Tel: (802) 828-2107 http://www.state.vt.us/labind/plumlaw.htm#Section2191</p>	<p>Master Plumber must have held a valid journeyman's license for at least 12 months or documents equivalent training and experience in or outside of this state acceptable to the board. 2. Journeyman Plumbers must document an apprenticeship in plumbing which includes both instruction and practice in work processes as verified by the Vermont apprenticeship council or equivalent training and experience in or out of this state acceptable to the board.</p>
<p>Virginia</p>	
<p>Washington Department of Labor & Industries PO Box 44470 Olympia WA 98504-4470 http://www.wa.gov/lni/plumbing/</p>	<p>You must meet certain qualifications and pass an examination, or you may become certified through mutual exchange (reciprocity) agreements with other states. You can obtain information on reciprocal certification by calling the Plumber Certification Section at (360) 902-5207. To qualify for examination, you must document your work experience according to the following hour requirements: Journeyman plumbers: 8,000 hours, of which 4,000 must be commercial or industrial work. Specialty plumbers: 6,000 hours. All work experience must be performed under the supervision of an appropriately certified plumber. To</p>

	<p>become certified, you must score at least 70 percent on each of the three-part written examination.</p>
<p>West Virginia West Virginia State Building and Construction Trades Council 2301 7th Avenue Charleston, WV 25312</p>	<p>LICENSING REQUIREMENTS: -- Varies by city and county.</p>
<p>Wisconsin Department of Commerce Safety and Buildings 201 W. Washington Ave. P.O. Box 2689 Madison, WI 53707 2689 Tel: (608) 261-8500</p>	<p>A person applying for a plumbing apprentice registration to install plumbing shall be indentured in a plumbing apprenticeship program recognized under chapter 106, Wisconsin statutes. Contact for Apprenticeship information: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development JETS P.O. Box 7972 Madison, WI 53791-8975 608-266-3332. Shall have completed a plumbing apprenticeship program recognized under chapter 106, Wisconsin statutes. Must take and pass the examination, unless they possess a a journeyman plumber license, retiree. The applicant shall have at least 1,000 hours per year of experience for at least 3 consecutive years as a licensed journeyman plumber and must have graduated from an accredited engineering university or college with a degree in civil engineering, mechanical engineering or other approved engineering curriculum related to plumbing. The applicant for the credential must take and pass the examination, unless they possess a master plumber license, retiree.</p>
<p>Wyoming</p>	