Tennessee Contractors

LICENSED BOARD JOURNAL

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TWO YEAR LICENSE

The Board office is now renewing licenses every two years (biennially). License renewal fee is $200.00 for two years. Benefits range from not only having to submit renewal applications, financial statements and fees yearly, but once implemented, you should receive your renewed license a lot sooner!

In order to smoothly implement this new renewal system, renewal dates were staggered; contractors having an odd last number in their license will renew biennially during the odd years and even last numbered licensees, renew during the even years.

Newly licensed contractors are granted a license for only one year.

(Thanks to all contractors and codes offices for your patience during this slow transition!)

LIMITED LICENSED ELECTRICIAN (LLE)

The law has changed for anyone performing electrical work, where the total cost is less than $25,000, to be licensed individually as a Limited Licensed Electrician (LLE). There is no longer a electrical registration card requirement with the Division of Fire Prevention.

Electrical contractors licensed with the Contractor’s Board, with an “E” or “CE” classification, are exempt from the LLE, as well as, those who work in counties having a codes office which performs their own inspections (such as Davidson, Hamilton, Knox, Shelby, etc.).

For more information, please call the LLE office at 1-800-568-0649 or (615) 253-4076.

(License is $50.00 for two years, 40-question exam)
MOLD PREVENTION TIPS

- Fix leaky plumbing and leaks in the building as soon as possible
- Watch for condensation and wet spots and fix source(s) as soon as possible
- Prevent moisture due to condensation by increasing surface temperature or reducing the moisture level in air (humidity). To increase surface temperature, insulate or increase air circulation. To reduce the moisture level in air, repair leaks, increase ventilation (if outside air is cold and dry), or dehumidify (if outdoor is warm and humid).
- Keep heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) drip pans clear and flowing properly, and unobstructed.
- Vent moisture-generating appliances, such as dryers, to the outside where possible.
- Maintain low indoor humidity, below 60% relative humidity (RH), ideally 30-50%, if possible.
- Perform regular building/HVAC inspections and maintenance as scheduled.
- Clean and dry wet or damp spots within 48 hours.
- Don’t let foundations stay wet. Provide drainage and slope the grout away from the foundation.

MEDICAL GAS PIPING – NEW REGULATIONS

Recent changes for the regulation of medical gas piping are now in effect and awaiting final approval of the rules from the rulemaking hearing held in Memphis last November.

T.C.A. 68-11-253 states for all contractors performing medical gas piping, used solely to transport gases for medical purposes at a health care facility, (defined under the American National Standard Institute, National Fire Protection) are required to be certified with a classification of “S-Medical Gas Piping” on their contractor’s license.

Certifications are required by the American Medical Gas Institute (AMGI) or the Piping Industry Progress and Education Trust Fund (PIPE) with a minimum of thirty-two (32) hours of training, with eight (8) of these hours in brazing. The Board’s qualifications for certification will include the most current edition of NFPA “Standard on Gas and Vacuum Systems”.

For more information, feel free to contact our office or visit web sites pertaining to medical gas certifications, such as www.pipe.org.

MOLD: THE NEWEST EPIDEMIC

(OF AN OLD PROBLEM)

It used to be lead paint, then asbestos, and now mold. How can we control the newest epidemic? According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), moisture control is the key to mold control.

EPA’s web site is an excellent source of information ranging from prevention to remediation.

For more information, their web address is: www.epa.gov/

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Is it legal for a church to construct their own building?

A. No. Unfortunately, for safety reasons, the law does not exempt a church. We are asked the question daily! The law states, any person (church) engaged in the construction of a building or structure, must have a license to perform the work. Get the facts! Call Phyllis Blevins, Ex. Director at (615) 741-8307 or 1-800-544-7693, or FAX: (615) 532-2868.
ATTENTION: ALL ALARM SYSTEMS CONTRACTORS
Be sure to register with the Alarm Contractors Licensing Board. Alarm contractors who derive more than 50% of their gross annual income, must be licensed with this Board. Those whose income is less than 50% are exempt from this license, but, must provide a notarized affidavit with a copy of your state contractors license. For more information, please contact their office at (615) 741-9771.

FYI: Corporations having a change in ownership, merger or reorganization, must notify the Board within 10 days and apply for a new license. They may continue to contract for 90 days under the former “old” license name and number. After 90 days, the license is considered invalid until Board approval.
BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

Contractors must list all their licensing information on the outside of the bid envelope, including their subcontractor’s license information (electrical, mechanical, plumbing and HVAC) or risk having the bid rejected. For more information, please review section TCA 62-6-119 in your law book.

Bidding Checklist
- Name listed as licensed
- License ID #
- Classification
- Expiration Date
- *List all the above for subcontractors

*(Applies to projects in excess of $25,000 for electrical, mechanical, plumbing and HVAC subcontracted projects)

FOR ADDRESS CHANGE, PLEASE NOTIFY THE BOARD

Name of Contractor:

License ID#: 000

Old Address: ____________________________________________________________

New Address: ____________________________________________________________

(Physical Street Address) (P.O. Box)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone# (_____) _______ Fax# (_____) _______

Email Address: ____________________________

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Contractors and Disciplinary Action at: www.state.tn.us/commerce

Kudos to our very own Joe Kraeske for organizing a benefit for the American Cancer Society! (Band performances of the Beatles music performed by Joe, Ross White’s band, The Penguins, Randy Finchum, Serge and many other guests)