

NEW! Plumber Licensing Requirements

T.C.A. 62-6-402, requires an individual performing plumbing work costing **under \$25,000** to become licensed with the State of Tennessee as a Limited Licensed Plumber (LLP), unless he/she is **exempt** by one of the following provisions:

- He/she is a State licensed plumbing contractor, with a CMC-A, MC-A, CMC, or MC classification
- He/she is employed as a plumber with a State licensed contractor or limited licensed plumber
- He/she is a homeowner performing plumbing work on his/her own residence
- He/she is tested and licensed in a municipality or county that requires tests and licenses and he/she only works in that municipality or county
- He/she works **only** in any of the 15 exempt *counties where the LLP license is not required

***Exempt Counties:** Benton, Decatur, Dickson, Giles, Henderson, Henry, Hickman, Humphreys, Lake, Lawrence, Lewis, Obion, Perry, Stewart & Weakley

The law has different requirements for individuals applying before January 1, 2006 and individuals applying after that date. This information is set forth below. Please read it carefully.

Before January 1, 2006, a plumber may file an application with the Board for Licensing Contractors, demonstrate that he/she currently provides plumbing services, and pay a \$75.00 licensing fee. If the application is approved by the Board, a license will be issued without the requirement of a licensing examination. The license will allow an individual to work in any jurisdiction in the state, **except** in any county or municipality that tests and licenses plumbers. All local government fees, testing and licensing requirements for plumbers will still apply.

After January 1, 2006, a person desiring to engage in plumbing work in this state, unless exempt as noted above, must file an application with the Board for Licensing Contractors, demonstrate that he/she has at least 2,000 hours of plumbing experience, and pay a \$75.00 licensing fee. Persons without a current local government plumbers license must take a licensing examination. Persons with a local government plumbers license will be exempted from the examination requirement, provided the Board deems the local government licensing examination satisfactory.

The LLP license will allow plumbers to work in any jurisdiction that is not on the exemption list above and that does not test and license plumbers itself. In order to work in a jurisdiction that tests and licenses plumbers, you must also meet their testing and application standards, along with paying any necessary license fees.

Applications for an LLP license should be mailed to the following address with the State of Tennessee, Department of Commerce and Insurance:

Contractors Board – Plumber
500 James Robertson Pkwy., Suite 110
Nashville, TN 37243-1150

A two year license fee of **\$75.00** by check or money order that is payable to “**Contractors Board –Plumber**” must accompany each application.

For more information, please call the Board for Licensing Contractors at 800-544-7693 or (615) 532-3994 or visit the website at: <http://www.state.tn.us/commerce/boards/contractors>

Prior to starting a project as a plumber, contact the county and municipality in which the project is located to determine any local government licensing and permit requirements. The LLP license **WILL NOT** automatically exempt a plumber from local licensing and permit requirements enforced by municipalities or counties. Local governments may impose additional and/or stricter requirements, and charge fees for additional licenses and permits.