

JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER EXAMINATION – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Minimum requirements for Journeyman Plumber examination:

- Must have either a current Plumber's Apprentice registration, a current Tradesman Plumber-Limited license, or a valid Journeyman or Master Plumber license from another state. If licensed in another state, applicant must submit a letter on official letterhead from that state licensing authority stating that the individual has a valid Journeyman or Master Plumbing License from that state, including how long the license has been held and whether or not the license is renewable.
- Must have at least 8000 hours of experience working at the trade under the direct supervision of a licensed plumber and general supervision of a Master plumber (if currently a Plumber's Apprentice) or 8000 hours working at the trade under the general supervision of a Master Plumber (if currently a Tradesman Plumber-Limited or valid Journeyman or Master Plumber from another state). Proof of experience must be submitted on the Board's "Employer's Certification Form".
- Must have a high school diploma or General Equivalency Diploma (GED). A copy of the diploma or GED must be submitted with the application.
- Must have proof that the applicant is a citizen or national of the United States, or an alien lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence, or an alien authorized to work lawfully in the United States. Proof must be provided with application.
- Must submit Journeyman Plumber Examination application and fee (\$27).

Overview of the Journeyman Plumber Examination:

The Written Portion of the examination will test the applicant's knowledge of waste and vent systems, natural gas systems, water systems, proper plumbing terms and definitions, cross-connections, backsiphonage, backflow, water heaters, and the Plumbing License Law and Board Rules.

The Sanitary Waste and Vent Installation Portion will test the applicant's knowledge of the proper planning, layout and installation of sanitary waste and vent systems. The applicant will design the sanitary waste and vent system for a two-story building. The applicant will then perform the material "take-off", order the material and actually install the sanitary waste and vent system in the reduced scale two-story building.

The Mechanical "Hands-On" Shop-work Portion of the examination will test the applicant's knowledge and ability to properly use plumbing tools to measure, cut, prepare, assemble, install plumbing materials and recognize proper installations of water heaters.

Study Material:

Prior to the examination date, the Board will furnish the applicant with a copy of the Plumbing License Law and Board Rules and guidance to specific areas of study. It will be the responsibility of the applicant to obtain and become knowledgeable of one of the following Plumbing codes (plumbing codes are also available in Spanish):

- International Plumbing Code and International Fuel Gas Code, 2000 version, published by the International Code Council (800) 699-0541, www.iccsafe.org
- Uniform Plumbing Code, 2000 version, published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (800) 854-2766, www.iapmo.org

Identification:

Photographic identification, such as a drivers license or state issued identification, will be required from the applicant on the day of the examination before an examination may be given to the applicant.

Training Periods for Examination Failures: Board Rule Sec. 363.9 requires the following training periods for any examination failure (all or part): (1) First failure: a 30-day training period, (2) Second failure: a 60-day training period, (3) Third and subsequent failures: a 90-day training period.

Americans with Disabilities Act: The TSBPE offers reasonable accommodations for persons taking the examination, as required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. If you require special accommodations, please make such request in writing and submit with your application for examination.

Equal Opportunity Statement: The Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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