



Department of Consumer
and Business Services

Oregon Journeyman Plumber License Examination

Purpose of the rule:

The purpose of this rule is to modernize the requirements to sit for Oregon's journeyman plumber license examination. This rule amends the minimum training and experience requirements needed to sit for the examination, which will expand the qualified applicant pool by including applicants from programs and apprenticeships that may have been precluded by the previous requirements.

Citation:

Amends: OAR 918-695-0030

This rule is effective July 1, 2022.

Background:

On Oct. 21, 2021, the State Plumbing Board requested that the division review the rules listing requirements for an applicant to sit for the journeyman plumber license examination. The board suggested that the division consider potential rule amendments that would recognize alternative means of academic training than the traditional four-year apprenticeship model and alternate, more extensive on-the-job training requirements that could stand in for the academic training requirements.

On Feb. 17, 2022, the division sought the board's consultation and approval of the proposed changes to OAR 918-695-0030 that addressed the board's suggestions regarding the application requirements for the journeyman plumber license examination. The largest substantive amendments to the previous rule were changing the academic training requirement from four years of 144 hours per year, to a flat total of 576 hours, and adding an alternative path to qualify to sit for the journeyman plumber license examination. The alternative path would allow an applicant to satisfy the minimum academic training requirement through twice the amount of on-the-job work experience.

The board approved the proposed rule amendments, including any fiscal impact, unanimously at the Feb. 17, 2022, State Plumbing Board meeting, and directed the amendments be forwarded to the division administrator for rulemaking and subsequent adoption. The division filed the notice of permanent rulemaking with the Secretary of State's office on May 12, 2022, and held a public hearing to receive testimony on the proposed rulemaking on June 22, 2022.

Summary:

This rule amends the minimum requirements to sit for the journeyman plumber license examination. Changes the academic training minimum requirements from four years and 144 hours per year to 576 hours total training hours and creates a pathway for applicants to submit twice the amount of equivalent work experience in lieu of related academic training classes. Also amends the rule language to add clarity.

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CHANGES TO RULE:

918-695-0030

Journeyman Plumber Qualifications ¶¶

Qualifications. The minimum qualifications to take the journeyman plumber's ~~certificat~~ license examination are:¶¶

(1) Satisfactory completion of a minimum four-year plumbing apprentice program in Oregon; or¶¶

(2) ~~Equivalency requirements of at least four years academic training and on-the-job experience as an apprentice plumber, lawful journeyman plumber, or combination of both meeting the following minimum~~By meeting the following academic training and on-the-job experience equivalency requirements:¶¶

(a) ~~General items. 144~~at least 576 hours of academic training per year for each of at least four years generally in the following as it applies to plumbing:¶¶

(A) Materials, Tools, Equipment;¶¶

(B) Mathematics, Science;¶¶

(C) Soldering and Brazing;¶¶

(D) Plumbing and Related Codes;¶¶

(E) Drainage (DWV) Installations;¶¶

(F) Water Systems, Installations;¶¶

(G) Safety and First Aid;¶¶

(H) Blueprint Reading;¶¶

(I) Seismic Restraints.¶¶

(b) ~~Specific items: Subject—Hour~~7700 hours of on-the-job experience as an apprentice plumber, lawful journeyman plumber, or combination of both; that experience must meet the following minimum requirements:¶¶

(A) Sewerage: Sanitary and Storm Piping, Disposal:¶¶

(i) Residential - 300;¶¶

- (ii) Commercial - 300.¶
 - (B) Drainage, Waste and Vent Piping (DWV):¶
 - (i) Residential - 1,300.¶
 - (ii) Commercial - 1,300.¶
 - (C) Soldering, Brazing, Welding:¶
 - (i) Residential - 200.¶
 - (ii) Commercial - 200.¶
 - (D) Water: Supply, Services, Mains, Appurtenances:¶
 - (i) Residential - 1,100.¶
 - (ii) Commercial - 1,100.¶
 - (E) Fixtures, Appliances, Trim and Supports:¶
 - (i) Residential - 700.¶
 - (ii) Commercial - 700.¶
 - (F) Miscellaneous Plumbing, Piping, Repair and Maintenance:¶
 - (i) Residential - 250.¶
 - (ii) Commercial - 250.¶
 - (G) Total Minimum Subject Hours:¶
 - (i) Residential - 3,850.¶
 - (ii) Commercial - 3,850.¶
- (c) A person with more than the minimum on-the-job hours in any one specific item category may substitute up to 20 percent of the excess hours to meet the related minimum residential or commercial experience requirements in the same category.¶

(3) Journeyman plumber license applicants may alternatively submit verification of twice the amount of equivalent work experience in each category listed in section (2)(b) required for the license; this alternate requirement is also subject to the substitution option detailed in section (2)(c). Work experience must have been lawfully obtained while holding a license that includes the scope of work of an Oregon journeyman plumber license.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 693.1060

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 693.0560