

LICENSING AGREEMENT FOR JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER

BETWEEN THE STATES OF
MONTANA AND OREGON

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon and the State of Montana desire to enter into a reciprocal licensing agreement whereby each state shall issue a journeyman plumber's license without examination upon proof of licensing to licensees of such other state, upon payment of appropriate fees; and

WHEREAS, the standards, qualifications and examinations for licensing journeyman plumbers is substantially similar in Oregon and Montana; and

WHEREAS, it is the best interest of the economics of the State of Oregon and the State of Montana; and

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the mutual covenants contained herein, the State of Oregon and the State of Montana agree as follows:

- 1) For the purposes of this agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:
 - a) "Licensing state" shall refer to the state issuing a new license pursuant to the terms of this agreement;
 - b) "Reciprocal state" shall refer to the state in which a journeyman plumber previously held a license before seeking a new license from the licensing state, pursuant to the terms of this agreement;
 - c) "Signatory states" shall refer to both states executing this agreement.

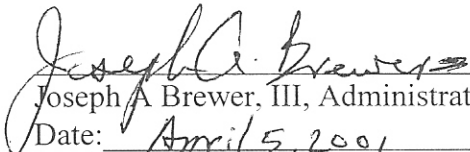
- 2) The signatory states make the following representations as regards to the standards, qualifications and examination of journeyman plumbers licensed by each state:
 - a) The applicant shall meet the experience requirements for a license of the licensing state. If requested, the applicant shall document experience by verification from previous employers. Records available from the reciprocal state may be accepted by the licensing State.
 - b) The applicant shall need to have held the license for a period of one year, and must be in good standing with the reciprocal state, meaning no disciplinary actions have been taken against the license, and no action is pending. No reciprocal license shall be issued to anyone who does not hold an original license from the reciprocal state. The license shall be verified by the licensing state before a reciprocal license is issued.
 - c) Once an individual has made application for a license by examination, a license may be granted to such individual only by examination, and he or she may not subsequently apply to that State for a license by reciprocity.

- d) The licensing state shall not administer a written or practical examination to applicants seeking a license pursuant to the terms of this agreement.
- e) The licensing state shall require an applicant to pay the required application and licensing fees.
- f) Upon satisfactory completion of the required application, verification from the reciprocal state of a current journeyman / master license and payment of the required fees, the licensing state will issue a journeyman license only.
- g) Each signatory Board shall maintain such permanent records of applicants for the journeyman Plumber License as necessary to document qualifications, verified-experience records, education, tests taken, and scores received for a period corresponding to each signatory's requirements.
- h) This Agreement becomes effective from the date of the last signature executing or approving this document. This agreement may be amended, in writing, by mutual consent of the signatory states. This agreement may be canceled by either state, upon 60 day written notice, to the other state. It may also be canceled immediately, upon written notice, by the licensing state if the reciprocal state fails to maintain and enforce standards, qualifications or examinations substantially similar to those of the licensing state.
- I) This agreement shall be reviewed annually by each signatory state for compliance with current state law and may be terminated as noted above.


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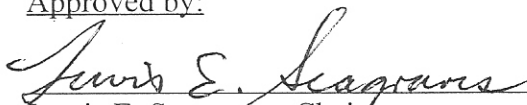
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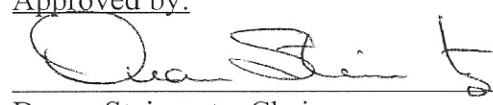
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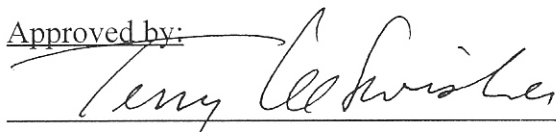
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