

5 Steps to Obtaining Your Louisiana Plumbing Contractor's License

Step 1. Sign up for the exam.

The Louisiana Master & Journeyman Plumber exam requires eligibility to take the exam. Qualifications requirements, applications, and detailed information can be obtained from:

Request a license application package from:

State Plumbing Board of Louisiana
P. O. Box 86744
Baton Rouge, LA 70879-6774
Phone: (225) -756-3434
Website: <http://www.lslbc.louisiana.gov>
Email: testing@lslbc.louisiana.gov

The applicant must have his registration in the state office not later than the first of the month prior to the exam date. All exams are given in Baton Rouge on the first Saturday of January, April, July, and October.

Exam and License fees: The total fee for examination and licensing is \$265 (\$100 for license classification, \$25 transaction fee, \$40 per person Business and Law study guide fee and \$100 examination/verification fee). Contractors domiciled outside the State of Louisiana making applications for a contractor's license are required to submit a \$400 surcharge in addition to the regular license fee.

Scheduling: All Plumbing exams are conducted in Baton Rouge, LA. Examinations will not be scheduled unless you submit your qualifying party application and required documentation.

Financials: Once you have passed your test, applicants must furnish the board with a financial statement, current to within 12 months of the date of filing, prepared by an independent auditor and signed by the applicant and auditor before a notary public, stating the assets of the applicant, to be used by the board to determine the financial responsibility of the applicant to perform work on a construction undertaking, the entire cost of which is \$50,000 or more. Such assets shall include a net worth of at least \$10,000.

Reciprocity: The Board has formal written reciprocal agreements with the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Utah. The Business and Law examination cannot be waived for out-of-state contractors. However, reciprocity is not automatic, applications will be considered individually.

Step 2. Purchase the required books for your exam.

To find out what documents and books the State of Louisiana requires for this exam, follow this link to the list of documents and books on your state's exam page of our website: <http://www.constructionbook.com/contractor-license/louisiana/index.asp>. You must purchase these documents and books in preparation for the exam and, if applicable, bring them with you on testing day for the open book portions of the exam.

Step 3. Start studying!

To fully prepare for your exam it is best to thoroughly study the required documents and books, as well as any recommended studying materials. The amount of preparation time needed will be different for each individual. Be sure to allow yourself enough time to fully prepare for the exam.

Step 4. Follow the rules.

The following security procedures will apply during the exam:

- Cell phones, pagers, and guests are not allowed in the examination site. This policy is strictly enforced.
- Non-programmable, non-printing, silent, battery-operated, non-alphabet key calculators will be permitted.
- Only approved reference books will be permitted into the examination site for open-book portions of the exam.

Step 5. Good luck on the exam!

It is best that you arrive at the examination site at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled exam time on the day of testing. Be sure to bring at least two forms of valid picture identification that has been issued by a state or federal authority.

The Master Plumber exam is a 3-part, open book exam.

- Section One consists of 80 questions, is administered over a 3-hour time period, and is based on the 1994 Standard Plumbing Code. The exam is broken down into the following subject areas: Drainage systems, Sewer Systems, Water supply, Backflow, Code Regulations, Materials, Indirect Wastes, Roof Drains, Fixtures, Trim, Excavation, Tests, Inspections, Private sewage Disposal Systems, OSHA, Tools, Isometric drawings, Terminology, Plans and Specifications.
- Section Two is made up of 25 questions, has a two-hour time limit, and based on general plumbing knowledge.
- Section Three has 40 questions, lasts two hours, and is based on business and law.