

5 Steps To Obtaining Your Michigan Master Plumber's License

Step 1. Sign up for the exam.

To do plumbing work in Michigan you need a master or journeyman license. Therefore, you must first pass an exam. To qualify to take the Master Plumber License exam you must be at least 18 years of age, have two years experience as a journey plumber, you must pay the examination fee and pass the examination, and you must pay the license fee. If you acquired your experience in another state or in some other way, you can appear before the Board and present your case to take the exam. If you can prove you have a valid license in a state with qualifications at least equal to Michigan's, you may be eligible for a Michigan license without taking the exam, but you must pay the exam fee. There is a \$50 application fee for this exam.

To get an application for a state license, contact:

Michigan Department of Labor
Bureau of Construction Codes/Plumbing Board
7150 Harris Drive
P.O. Box 30254
Lansing, MI 48909
(517) 241-9330
<http://www.michigan.gov/cis/>

2006 exam dates and locations are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 1	East Lansing
June 7	East Lansing
July 13	Escanaba
September 6	East Lansing
December 13	East Lansing

If approved to take the examination, an admission card will be mailed to you approximately seven (7) days prior to the examination date. The admission card will indicate your candidate number, date, location, and time of the exam. Only pre-registered candidates are admitted to the examination.

Step 2. Purchase the required books for your exam.

To find out what documents and books the State of Michigan requires for this exam, refer to the list of documents and books on your state's exam page of our website. You must purchase these documents and books in preparation for the exam.

Step 3. Follow the rules.

Candidates must bring their admission card and an official signed photo identification to be admitted to the examination. No one is admitted to the examination without picture identification. Applicants must bring the following materials to the exam:

- At least two sharpened #2 pencils to mark the answer sheets
- A silent non-printing calculator and scale conversion ruler

- Current Michigan Plumbing Code book, which must be unmarked.

Applicants are not permitted to bring any other personal belongings with them to the examination site.

Step 4. 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 5. Good luck on the exam!

On the day of the examination, it is best that you arrive at your designated exam center at least 15 minutes before your scheduled examination appointment. You must present two (2) valid forms of identification before you will be admitted to test. The test is administered via computer, but little or no computer experience is necessary in order to take the exam.

The master exam consists of a material take off practical, building chart practical, and written question test. The test portions are open book using the current Michigan Plumbing Code. The material take off and chart practical portions of the exam shall be completed in three hours in the morning and the written in two and a half hours in the afternoon.

The material take off practical consists of a drawing indicating back-to-back rest rooms on 17 ½" x 23 ½" sheet, not drawn to scale. All pertinent data is provided to enable the applicant using the code to list the required amount of pipe, fittings, and identify venting methods.

The building practical consists of a 4 to 5 story building drawing on a 17 ½" x 23 ½" sheet, drawn to scale. The applicant is to provide the sanitary and storm lines, sizing, venting, sump, cleanouts, and water supply system information in accordance with code.

The written examination consists of 100 multiple choice questions answered on a machine-graded form. The questions are based upon drainage systems, general knowledge, fixtures, water/backflow protection, storm/special waste, testing and inspections and venting.

Candidates must receive a minimum of 70% on all parts of the exam in order to qualify for a license.