

5 Steps To Obtaining Your Michigan Plumbing Contractor License

Step 1. Sign up for the exam.

To do plumbing work in Michigan you need a license. Therefore, you must first pass an exam. To qualify for the exam you need two years of work experience as a Michigan licensed journeyman plumber. You must have completed the experience just before you apply for the exam. 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. The license costs \$200 and is valid for three years.

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 21	East Lansing
June 13	East Lansing
July 13	Escanaba
September 12	East Lansing
December 6	East Lansing

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.

This is a closed-book examination. No reference materials may be used during the examination. No personal items are to enter the testing center. Silent, battery operated calculators with basic functions will be admitted into the examination room.

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 written part of the exam is on the general theory and practice of plumbing and Michigan plumbing laws and regulations. The practical part of the exam will test your ability to do various mechanical tasks connected with the plumbing trade.