

## 5 Steps To Obtaining Your South Dakota Plumbing Contractor's License

### Step 1. Sign up for the exam.

**Application:** To do plumbing work in South Dakota, you need a license. The Commission issues contractor and journeyman licenses. To get an application, contact:

South Dakota State Plumbing Commission  
308 South Pierre Street  
%1320 E. Sioux Ave.,  
Pierre, SD 57501  
(605) 773-3429  
Fax: (605) 773-5405  
<http://www.state.sd.us/dcr/plumbing/Plum-H.htm>

**Qualifications:** You must pass an exam to get a license. You need two years of experience as a journeyman to qualify for a contractor license.

The Commission gives all exams, which is based on the *Standard Plumbing Code*.

Exams are given each month. Persons wishing to take an exam must meet the licensing requirements for each license. An application must be submitted with the required application fee. Once the application is approved the examinee will receive three exam dates to choose from.

The Commission has reciprocity agreements with Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, and Colorado.

**Exam/license fees:** It will cost you \$260 for a contractor license. The license fee includes the cost of the exam. All licenses expire on December 31 each year.

### Step 2. Purchase the required books for your exam.

To find out what documents and books the State of South Dakota requires for this exam, follow this link to your state's exam page of our website:  
<http://www.constructionbook.com/contractor-license/south-dakota/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.

Your first responsibility as an examinee is to arrive at the exam site on the proper date, at least 30 minutes prior the exam's scheduled start time, and with your exam confirmation number and proper photo identification (issued by a state or federal regulatory agency).

NO personal items will be permitted in the testing center. Examinees will not be allowed to bring or use reference books other than those indicated on the examination outline. Along

with the approved reference books, candidates must also bring a watch without an alarm, and a non-programmable, battery-operated calculator.

**Step 5. Good luck on the exam!**

The exam has three parts with multiple choice and essay questions and a drawing. It lasts about four hours.