

## **5 Steps to Obtaining Your Texas Master Plumber's License**

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

You'll have to pass an exam to obtain the Master Plumber's license. To qualify to take this exam you:

- Must be currently licensed as a Journeyman Plumber in Texas or another state and must have held the Journeyman license for at least one year or must hold a Master Plumber license in another state. If licensed in another state, applicant must submit a letter on official letterhead from that state licensing authority stating that the individual has a valid Journeyman or Master Plumber License from that state. The letter must also include the length of time the license has been held, whether or not the license is renewable, and whether or not the person has any complaints or disciplinary actions against them in that jurisdiction.
- Must have a high school diploma or General Equivalency Diploma (GED). A copy of the diploma or GED must be submitted with the application.
- Must have proof that the applicant is a citizen or national of the United States, or an alien lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence, or an alien authorized to work lawfully in the United States. Proof must be provided with application.
- Must submit Master Plumber Examination application and fee (\$155).

To get an application, contact:

Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners  
929 East 41st Street  
P. O. Box 4200  
Austin, TX 78765-4200  
(512) 458-2145  
(800) 845-6584 (in Texas only)  
Fax: (512) 450-0637  
<http://www.tsbpe.state.tx.us/>

It will cost you \$150 to take the master exam. The fee you pay for a license and its duration will depend on when Board issues it to you.

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

To find out what documents and books the State of Texas requires for this exam, follow this link 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 and 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.**

If this is a closed-book examination, no reference materials may be used during the examination. All materials brought to the examination site must be left in an unmonitored area at your own risk. Some questions require arithmetic computation. Applicants may bring a hand/pocket calculator (either battery operated or solar powered) that is non-printing and silent.

#### **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 one form of valid picture identification that has been issued by a state or federal authority.

The master electrician's exam has a written part and a hands-on part. Here is an overview of the Master Plumber Examination:

***The Written Portion of the examination*** will test the applicant's knowledge of OSHA, ADA, LP Gas, trade-related math and simple physics, waste and vent systems, natural gas systems, water systems, proper plumbing terms and definitions, cross-connections, backsiphonage, backflow, water heaters, proper sizing of gas, gas vent appliance, water and drainage plumbing systems, and the Plumbing License Law and Board Rules.

***The Sanitary Waste and Vent Installation Portion of the examination*** will test the applicant's knowledge of the proper planning, layout and installation of multi-story sanitary waste and vent systems. The applicant will design a sanitary waste and vent system for a three-story building. The applicant will then perform the material "take-off", order the material and actually install the sanitary waste and vent system in a reduced scale three-story building.