

5 Steps To Obtaining Your Wisconsin Master Plumber's License

Step 1. Sign up for the exam.

Application: To do plumbing work in Wisconsin you must get a credential. To apply for the credential, contact:

Department of Commerce, Safety and Buildings Division
201 W. Washington Avenue
P. O. Box 7082
Madison, WI 53707-7082
(608) 261-8500
<http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/>

Qualifications: To be certified as a master or journeyman, you need to pass an open book exam on Chapter 145 of the Wisconsin Statutes and sections of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. You'll get a copy of Chapter 145 with your credential application.

To qualify for the master plumbing exam, you need 1,000 hours per year of work as a licensed journeyman plumber for at least three consecutive years or a degree in civil engineering, mechanical engineering, or other approved engineering degree related to plumbing. For either master plumber restricted exam, you need only two years of work experience as a journeyman.

Exam/license fees: It will cost you \$50 nonrefundable to file any master plumber application and take the exam. When you pass the exam you'll have to pay \$250 to get your credential. The credential is good for two years.

It costs \$30 nonrefundable to file any journeyman plumber application and take the exam. When you pass the exam you'll have to pay \$90 to get your credential. The credential is good for two years.

Step 2. Purchase the required books for your exam.

To find out what documents and books the State of Wisconsin requires for this exam, follow this link to your state's exam page of our website:

<http://www.constructionbook.com/contractor-license/wisconsin/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 Master Plumber's exam covers these basic subjects:

Subject

General Knowledge
Drains, Waste & Vents
Water Supply Systems
Fuel Gas Systems
Specialty Plumbing Systems
Plumbing Fixtures
Fire Sprinklers
Roof Drain Piping
Steam & Hot Water Heating
Septic Tank Systems
Trenching & Excavation
Plumbing Safety