

CHAPTER 32**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF MASTER PLUMBERS****Authority**

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Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 32 was readopted as R.1987 d.481, effective October 23, 1987. See: 19 N.J.R. 1630(a), 19 N.J.R. 2197(c).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 32 was readopted as R.1992 d.457, effective October 21, 1992. See: 24 N.J.R. 2334(a), 24 N.J.R. 4270(b). As part of R.1992 d.457, effective November 16, 1992, Subchapter 2, regarding a "uniform penalty letter," was repealed and Subchapter 2, Fees, was adopted as new rules.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 32 was readopted as R.1997 d.456, effective October 8, 1997. As part of R.1997 d.456, effective November 3, 1997, Subchapter 1, General Rules and Regulations, was renamed Purpose and Scope, Board Meetings; Subchapter 2, Fees, was recodified as Subchapter 5, Fees; and Subchapter 2, Application, Experience Requirements, Examination; Subchapter 3, Identification of Licensees; Bona Fide Representative; Supervision; and Subchapter 4, Miscellaneous, were adopted as new rules. See: 29 N.J.R. 3592(a), 29 N.J.R. 4704(b).

Subchapter 6, Continuing Education, was adopted as R.2002 d.80, effective March 18, 2002. See: 33 N.J.R. 3731(a), 34 N.J.R. 1266(a).

Chapter 32, State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers, was readopted as R.2003 d.165, effective March 28, 2003. See: 34 N.J.R. 3675(a), 35 N.J.R. 1671(a).

Subchapter 7, Medical Gas Piping, was adopted as new rules by R.2007 d.137, effective May 7, 2007. See: 38 N.J.R. 3737(a), 39 N.J.R. 1748(b).

Chapter 32, State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers, was readopted as R.2008 d.260, effective August 4, 2008. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

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SUBCHAPTER 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE, BOARD MEETINGS**13:32-1.1 Purpose and scope**

The rules contained in this chapter implement the provisions of the State Plumbing Licensing Law (N.J.S.A. 45:14C-1 et seq.) and provide for the licensing and regulation of master plumbers and the regulation of plumbing contractors.

Repeal and New Rule, R.1987 d.481, effective November 16, 1987.
See: 19 N.J.R. 1630(a), 19 N.J.R. 2197(c).

Old text replaced.

New Rule, R.1997 d.456, effective November 3, 1997.
See: 29 N.J.R. 3592(a), 29 N.J.R. 4704(b).

Former N.J.A.C. 13:32-1.1, "Board Meetings" recodified to N.J.A.C. 13:32-1.2.

Amended by R.2001 d.12, effective March 3, 2001.

See: 31 N.J.R. 3984(a), 33 N.J.R. 56(a).

Inserted "and regulation" preceding "of master plumbers" and substituted "and the regulation of plumbing contractors" for "and qualified journeymen".

Amended by R.2003 d.165, effective April 21, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 3675(a), 35 N.J.R. 1671(a).

Deleted "of 1968, P.L. 1978, c.362" following "State Plumbing Licensing Law"; revised the N.J.S.A. reference.

13:32-1.2 Board meetings

(a) Regular Board meetings shall be held in accordance with a schedule that is published yearly and filed with the Secretary of State.

(b) Special meetings may be held at the request of a Board member or called by the chairman with publication of appropriate notice pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

(c) A majority of the voting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum thereof and no action of the Board shall be taken except on the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the entire Board.

(d) In the absence of the chairman, members shall select one of the members attending the meeting to serve as chairman for that meeting.

(e) Copies of the minutes of meetings shall be mailed to all members as soon as practicable after each meeting.

Repeal and New Rule, R.1987 d.481, effective November 16, 1987.

See: 19 N.J.R. 1630(a), 19 N.J.R. 2197(c).

Old text replaced.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 13:32-1.1 by R.1997 d.456, effective November 3, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3592(a), 29 N.J.R. 4704(b).

Former N.J.A.C. 13:32-1.2, "Application; qualifications; examination registration form" recodified to N.J.A.C. 13:32-2.1.

Case Notes

Remand to properly composed state board of examiners of master plumbers for reconsideration of imposition of sanctions upon master plumber was appropriate; four out of seven members of board originally imposing sanctions were not statutorily qualified to hold positions. Matter of Fichner, 144 N.J. 459, 677 A.2d 201 (1996).

13:32-1.3 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Apprentice plumber" means any person other than a master plumber or journeyman plumber who, as his or her principal occupation, is engaged in learning and assisting in the installation of plumbing.

"Board" means the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers.

"Bona fide representative" means a licensed master plumber who is the holder of not less than 10 percent of a plumbing contractor in the State of New Jersey.

"Journeyman plumber" means an individual who has completed four years engaged in learning and assisting in the installation of plumbing and who works under the supervision of a master plumber or supervisory journeyman plumber.

"Licensed master plumber" means a person licensed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:14C-1 et seq. who has the qualifications, training, experience and technical knowledge necessary to properly plan, lay out, install and repair plumbing apparatus and equipment and to supervise others in the performance of such work in accordance with the rules established in this chapter.

"Plumbing" means the practice, materials and fixtures used in the installation, maintenance, extension, alteration, repair and removal of all piping, plumbing fixtures, plumbing appliances and plumbing apparatus in connection with any of the following:

1. Sanitary drainage;
2. Storm facilities and building sewers to their respective final connection to an approved point of disposal;
3. Venting systems; and
4. Public and private water supply systems of any premises to and within the property line of any building or structure to their final connection with an approved supply system.

"Plumbing" also means the practice and materials used in the installation, maintenance, extension, alteration, repair or removal of storm water, refrigeration and air conditioning drains, liquid waste or sewage. "Plumbing" does not include the final connection to an approved point of disposal or an approved supply system which extends beyond three feet of a building or structure.

"Plumbing contractor" means any individual licensed master plumber operating as a sole proprietor who, or a firm, partnership, corporation or other legal entity, which undertakes for another the planning, laying out, supervising, installing or making of additions, alterations and repairs in the installation of plumbing who either acts, or has a licensed master plumber who acts, as a bona fide representative as required by N.J.S.A. 45:14C-2(d) and (h) and this chapter.

"Supervisory journeyman plumber" means an individual who has completed an apprenticeship program approved by the United States Department of Labor and has completed three additional years as a journeyman plumber working with tools in the installation, maintenance, extension, alteration, repair and removal of all piping, plumbing fixtures, plumbing appliances, and plumbing apparatus as defined in the word "plumbing."

"10 percent ownership" means that the bona fide representative is entitled to 10 percent of any net profits from a business, owns a 10 percent equity interest in a plumbing contractor, and is entitled to 10 percent of the net proceeds

from the sale of a business in the event of sale of the business. If the plumbing contractor is a corporation, the bona fide representative owns stock equaling a 10 percent equity interest, and, if there are more than one class of stock, the stock owned by the bona fide representative is the highest level stock with full voting rights.

New Rule, R.2001 d.12, effective March 3, 2001.

See: 31 N.J.R. 3984(a), 33 N.J.R. 56(a).

Former N.J.A.C. 13:32-1.3, Examinations, repealed.

Amended by R.2003 d.165, effective April 21, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 3675(a), 35 N.J.R. 1671(a).

Substituted "Licensed master plumber" for "Master plumber"; in "Plumbing contractor", substituted "licensed master plumber" for "licensee".

Amended by R.2005 d.69, effective February 22, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 1718(b), 37 N.J.R. 616(a).

Added "Plumbing".

Amended by R.2008 d.260, effective September 2, 2008.

See: 40 N.J.R. 1607(a), 40 N.J.R. 5045(b).

Rewrote definition "Plumbing"; in definition "Plumbing contractor", inserted a comma following "entity" and substituted "chapter" for "subchapter"; and in definition "Supervisory journeyman plumber", substituted "the United States Department of Labor" for "both a Federal agency and a Federally certified State agency recognized by the Board".

13:32-1.4 Scope of practice

(a) This section prescribes the permissible scope of plumbing practice which shall include that which is defined as plumbing in N.J.A.C. 13:32-1.3.

(b) Plumbing shall only be performed by a master plumber, an authorized plumbing contractor, or by employees working under the supervision of a master plumber as permitted by N.J.S.A. 45:14C-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 13:32-3.3(a)3.

(c) For purposes of this section, the following shall also be considered within the scope of the practice of plumbing and shall only be performed by individuals designated in (b) above:

1. Performing of plumbing work, including minor work and ordinary repairs even though a permit is not required;
2. Installation and service of storm, sanitary, and water piping to the final point of connection within three feet of the exterior of a building or structure located on private property;
3. Installation, extension, alteration, repair, maintenance and removal of water service piping or water distribution piping, approved backflow prevention devices and assemblies, including:
 - i. Fire protection and suppression systems that are connected to plumbing systems (the performance of such work also requires certification from the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:74-2.2);
 - ii. Irrigation systems;
 - iii. Mechanical equipment; or

iv. Any cross connection between the potable water supply and any potential pollutant, contaminant or hazardous substance;

4. Plumbing work performed at a place of business by employees of that business on property owned by the business;

5. Disconnection and sealing of water and sewer lines;

6. Installation, extension, alteration, repair, maintenance, testing and removal of all direct and indirect drain piping associated with or connected to mechanical equipment that discharges to a sewer system;

7. Installation or disconnection of water filtration or water softening equipment, water heaters, humidifiers, ice making equipment or backflow preventers;

8. Installation of water piping on the house side of a well water compression tank;

9. Installation, extension, alteration, repair, maintenance, testing and removal of storm, sanitary and water piping between buildings or structures on a property; and

10. Installation and service of closed loop, non-potable water systems, not including geothermal heating and cooling systems or fire protection and suppression systems that are not connected to plumbing systems.

(d) If an individual does not charge for the services listed in (c) above, or if he or she provides such services for a non-profit organization, the provision of these services is the practice of plumbing and the individual shall be a licensed master plumber.

(e) For purposes of this section, the following may be performed by both licensed master plumbers and individuals who are not licensed master plumbers:

1. The clearance of stoppages and installation or removal of a cleanout or cleanout equivalent necessary to clear the stoppage;
2. The installation and service of storm, sanitary, and water piping from the final point of connection more than three feet from the exterior of a building or structure located on private property;
3. The installation, service and maintenance of irrigation systems and hydronic and solar systems piping regulated under N.J.S.A. 45:16A-1 et seq., downstream from an approved backflow prevention device or assembly;
4. The installation, service, and maintenance of gas and hydronic piping;
5. The demolition or removal of plumbing, provided the water and sewer utilities are first disconnected and sealed outside the building;
6. The installation and service of transmission piping by water or sewer utilities;

7. The installation, maintenance and repair of water piping to mechanical equipment downstream from an approved backflow prevention device or assembly; and

8. The testing of backflow prevention devices and assemblies by individuals certified by an entity regulated under N.J.A.C. 7:10-10.8.

(f) The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

1. A single-family home owner who performs plumbing work in his or her own dwelling; and

2. Plumbing work performed by full-time employees of a public agency on property owned by that agency.

(g) A licensed master plumber may perform a task listed in (e) above, as long as he or she performs the task in a manner consistent with professional plumbing standards.

(h) An individual who is licensed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 58:4A-23 et seq. is not engaged in the unlicensed practice of plumbing when he or she is performing the tasks that he or she is licensed to perform.

(i) A licensed master plumber may perform construction work that is necessary for the completion of plumbing work a licensed master plumber has contracted to perform.

(j) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:16A-27, a licensed master plumber may, without obtaining a license as a master heating, ventilating, air conditioning and refrigeration contractor, engage in:

1. The installation, maintenance and repair of power boiler systems, hot water and steam heating systems, fire tube and water tube boilers, pressure steam and hot water boilers, space heaters, unit heaters and appurtenances utilizing electricity, fossil fuel or solar energy;

2. The installation, maintenance and repair of steam, hot water and chilled water pipe, condensate piping, valves, fittings, burners and piping, expansion tanks, pumps and gauges on the load side of a meter;

3. The installation, maintenance and repair of thermostatic controls;

4. The installation, maintenance and repair of natural or manufactured gas piping;

5. The installation, maintenance or connection of pneumatic controls and control piping for the control of air, liquid or gas temperatures, radiators, convectors, cabinet unit heaters, fan coil units, air handlers utilizing hydronic coils, mechanical ventilation for radon mitigation, humidifiers, flues and patented chimneys;

6. The installation, maintenance or connection of pneumatic controls and control piping of automatic oil, gas or coal burning equipment, gasoline or diesel oil dispensing equipment and, in replacement cases only, the connection thereof of the wiring from a dedicated electrical service disconnect box of adequate size to accommodate the equipment and controls;

7. The testing and balancing of hydronic systems; and

8. The installation, repair, testing or closure of waste oil underground storage tanks.

Amended by R.1973 d.170, effective June 22, 1973.

See: 5 N.J.R. 90(a), 5 N.J.R. 239(c).

Repealed by R.1997 d.456, effective November 3, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3592(a), 29 N.J.R. 4704(b).

Section was "Bond".

New Rule, R.2005 d.69, effective February 22, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 1718(b), 37 N.J.R. 616(a).

Amended by R.2007 d.100, effective April 16, 2007.

See: 38 N.J.R. 4983(a), 39 N.J.R. 1486(a).

Rewrote (d) and (f).

Amended by R.2008 d.260, effective September 2, 2008.

See: 40 N.J.R. 1607(a), 40 N.J.R. 5045(b).

In (b), inserted "only" and updated the N.J.A.C. reference; deleted former (c)7; recodified former (c)8 through (c)10 as (c)7 through (c)9; in (c)9, substituted "; extension, alteration, repair, maintenance, testing and removal" for "and service"; added new (d); recodified former (d) through (g) as (e) through (h); in the introductory paragraph of (e), inserted "both" and substituted "and" for "or by"; and in (g), substituted "(e)" for "(d)".

Amended by R.2009 d.336, effective November 16, 2009.

See: 41 N.J.R. 94(a), 41 N.J.R. 4308(b).

Added (i).

Amended by R.2010 d.199, effective September 20, 2010.

See: 41 N.J.R. 3198(a), 42 N.J.R. 2269(b).

Rewrote (c)3, (c)6 through (c)8 and (e)3; in (c)9, substituted "; and" for a period at the end; and added (c)10, (e)8 and (j).

13:32-1.5 (Reserved)

Repeal and New Rule, R.1983 d.580, effective December 19, 1983.

See: 15 N.J.R. 1171(a), 15 N.J.R. 2172(c).

Repealed old rule concerning dual representation prohibited and adopted new rule.

Amended by R.1992 d.457, effective November 16, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2334(a), 24 N.J.R. 4270(b).

Stylistic revisions to (a)1; revised (b)1.

Recodified to N.J.A.C. 13:32-3.2 and N.J.A.C. 13:32-3.3 by R.1997 d.456, effective November 3, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3592(a), 29 N.J.R. 4704(b).

Section was "Bona fide representative, responsibilities and limitations".

13:32-1.6 (Reserved)

Repealed by R.1997 d.456, effective November 3, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3592(a), 29 N.J.R. 4704(b).

Section was "Change of address".

13:32-1.7 (Reserved)

Repeal and New Rule, R.1987 d.481, effective November 16, 1987.

See: 19 N.J.R. 1630(a), 19 N.J.R. 2197(c).

Old rule was renewal certificates.

Amended by R.1991 d.170, effective April 1, 1991.

See: 22 N.J.R. 784(a), 23 N.J.R. 1009(b).

Added "and business address, including the street name and number of the owner or qualified bona fide representative" in (b).

Added (c).

Amended by R.1992 d.457, effective November 16, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2334(a), 24 N.J.R. 4270(b).

Revised (a)-(b); added new (c)-(d); redesignated existing (c) as (e) without changes.

Repealed by R.1997 d.456, effective November 3, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3592(a), 29 N.J.R. 4704(b).

Section was "Identification of licensees".

13:32-1.8 (Reserved)

Recodified to N.J.A.C. 13:32-4.1 by R.1997 d.456, effective November 3, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3592(a), 29 N.J.R. 4704(b).
Section was "Requirement of pressure seal defined".

13:32-1.9 (Reserved)

Recodified to N.J.A.C. 13:32-4.2 by R.1997 d.456, effective November 3, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3592(a), 29 N.J.R. 4704(b).
Section was "Requirement of identification card defined".

13:32-1.10 (Reserved)

New Rule, R.1991 d.170, effective April 1, 1991.

See: 22 N.J.R. 784(a), 23 N.J.R. 1009(b).
Repealed by R.1997 d.456, effective November 3, 1997.
See: 29 N.J.R. 3592(a), 29 N.J.R. 4704(b).
Section was "Return of pressure seal".

13:32-1.11 (Reserved)

New Rule, R.1991 d.170, effective April 1, 1991.

See: 22 N.J.R. 784(a), 23 N.J.R. 1009(b).
Repealed by R.1997 d.456, effective November 3, 1997.
See: 29 N.J.R. 3592(a), 29 N.J.R. 4704(b).
Section was "Supervision".

13:32-1.12 (Reserved)

Recodified to N.J.A.C. 13:32-4.5 by R.1997 d.456, effective November 3, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3592(a), 29 N.J.R. 4704(b).
Section was "Professional prices".

SUBCHAPTER 2. APPLICATION, EXPERIENCE
REQUIREMENTS, EXAMINATION**13:32-2.1 Eligibility for examinations**

(a) To be eligible to take the plumbing license examination an applicant shall:

1. Be 21 years of age or older; and
2. Have completed the experience requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:32-2.2.

(b) An applicant for the plumbing licensing examination shall submit to the Board:

1. A completed application for examination, on a form provided by the Board, including a full street name and number. An application containing only a post office box number as a mailing address shall not be considered a complete application;
2. Proof that the applicant has met the experience requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:32-2.2; and
3. The application fee as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:32-5.1.

(c) After the Board has reviewed the information required in (b) above, the Board shall send a letter that informs the applicant whether he or she is eligible to take the licensing examination required by N.J.A.C. 13:32-2.3 and, if deemed eligible, of the time and place of examination.

Amended by R.1987 d.481, effective November 16, 1987.

See: 19 N.J.R. 1630(a), 19 N.J.R. 2197(c).

Amended by R.1991 d.170, effective April 1, 1991.

See: 22 N.J.R. 784(a), 23 N.J.R. 1009(b).

Revised application requirements in (b) to indicate that a post office box number as applicant's mailing address is not a complete application.

Amended by R.1992 d.457, effective November 16, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2334(a), 24 N.J.R. 4270(b).

Revised (c).

Amended by R.1997 d.15, effective January 6, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 3709(a), 29 N.J.R. 148(a).

Inserted new (b); and recodified former (b) and (c) as (c) and (d).

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 13:32-1.2 and amended by R.1997 d.456, effective November 3, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3592(a), 29 N.J.R. 4704(b).

Inserted new (a); recodified (a) as (b); and deleted (b) and (d). Former N.J.A.C. 13:32-2.1, "Fees" recodified to N.J.A.C. 13:32-5.1.

Amended by R.2003 d.165, effective April 21, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 3675(a), 35 N.J.R. 1671(a).

Rewrote the section.

Amended by R.2008 d.260, effective September 2, 2008.

See: 40 N.J.R. 1607(a), 40 N.J.R. 5045(b).

In (c), updated the N.J.A.C. reference.

13:32-2.2 Experience requirements

(a) For purposes of this section, "practical hands-on experience" means experience in the installation, maintenance, extension, alteration, repair and removal of piping, plumbing fixtures, plumbing appliances and plumbing apparatus. Practical hands-on experience does not include time spent in performing managerial tasks, such as supervising, engineering, estimating, or time spent performing tasks, which do not constitute the practice of plumbing as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:32-1.3.

(b) Applicants for examination for a license as a master plumber shall present proof to the Board that he or she:

1. Has completed a four-year apprenticeship program approved by the United States Department of Labor and has completed one year of practical hands-on experience as a journeyman plumber; or
2. Has been awarded a bachelor's degree in mechanical, plumbing or sanitary engineering from a college or university accredited by a regional accreditation agency recognized by the Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation or the United States Department of Education, and has completed one year of practical hands-on experience as a journeyman plumber.

New Rule, R.1997 d.456, effective November 3, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3592(a), 29 N.J.R. 4704(b).

Repeal and New Rule, R.2002 d.122, effective April 15, 2002.

See: 33 N.J.R. 4059(a), 34 N.J.R. 1551(a).

Section was "Experience requirements".

Amended by R.2003 d.165, effective April 21, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 3675(a), 35 N.J.R. 1671(a).

Deleted (c) through (g).

Amended by R.2008 d.260, effective September 2, 2008.

See: 40 N.J.R. 1607(a), 40 N.J.R. 5045(b).

In (a), deleted "as defined in N.J.S.A. 45:14C-2(g)" following "apparatus" and inserted a comma following both occurrences of "tasks"; and in (b)1, deleted "both" following "by" and "and a Federally certified state agency," following "Labor".

13:32-2.3 Examinations

(a) Examinations shall be prepared and administered by Experior Assessments, LLC., or its successor, but no license shall be granted except by the Board. The Board chairman may designate members of the Board to oversee the administration of the examination.

(b) Examinations shall be held at least four times annually and at such additional times as the Board may determine.

(c) Examinations shall consist of three parts:

1. Written examination based on the National Standard Plumbing Code as adopted by the State of New Jersey pursuant to the Uniform Construction Code Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-119 et seq.;

2. Practical examination; and

3. Written examination of laws and regulations governing the occupation and business of plumbing.

(d) In order to pass the examination an applicant must receive a minimum grade of 70 in each of the three areas outlined in (c) above.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 13:32-1.3(a) through (d) and amended by R.1997 d.456, effective November 3, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3592(a), 29 N.J.R. 4704(b).

N.J.A.C. 13:32-1.3(a) through (d), recodified as (a), (b), (d) and (e) respectively; and inserted new (c).

Amended by R.2003 d.165, effective April 21, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 3675(a), 35 N.J.R. 1671(a).

Rewrote the section.

13:32-2.4 Failure of examination; when retaking permitted

(a) An applicant who has failed the plumbing licensing examination may review his or her examination upon written request to Experior Assessments, LLC., or its successors, and payment to the testing service of its review fee.

(b) No person who has failed the examination shall be eligible to be reexamined for a period of six months from the date of the examination filed by such person.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 13:32-1.3(e) and amended by R.1997 d.456, effective November 3, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3592(a), 29 N.J.R. 4704(b).

N.J.A.C. 13:32-1.3(e) recodified as (a); and inserted new (b).

Amended by R.2003 d.165, effective April 21, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 3675(a), 35 N.J.R. 1671(a).

In (a), inserted "plumbing licensing" preceding "examination" and substituted "Experior Assessments, LLC., or its successors," for "the Board-approved testing service".

13:32-2.5 Licensure

(a) After an applicant has successfully passed the licensing examination, he or she shall submit to the Board:

1. A surety bond in the sum of \$3,000 as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:14C-26;
2. A completed application for a pressure seal; and
3. The licensing fee as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:32-5.1.

New Rule, R.2003 d.165, effective April 21, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 3675(a), 35 N.J.R. 1671(a).

13:32-2.6 Renewal of license

(a) Licenses shall be renewed biennially on a form provided by the Board. Each applicant for renewal shall attest that the continuing education requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:32-6.1 have been completed during the prior biennial period.

(b) The Board shall send a notice of renewal to each licensed master plumber, at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the license. If the notice to renew is not sent at least 60 days prior to the expiration date, no monetary penalties or fines shall apply to the holder for any unlicensed practice during the period following the licensure expiration, not to exceed the number of days short of the 60 before the notice of renewal was sent.

(c) The licensed master plumber shall submit the renewal application and pay the renewal fee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:32-5.1 prior to the date of expiration of the license. If the licensed master plumber does not renew the license prior to its expiration date, the licensed master plumber may renew the license no later than 30 days after its expiration date by submitting a renewal application and paying a renewal fee and a late fee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:32-5.1. A licensed master plumber who fails to renew the license within 30 days after the expiration date of the license shall be suspended without a hearing.

(d) A person who continues to practice or hold himself or herself out as a licensed master plumber after being suspended pursuant to (c) above shall be deemed to have committed unlicensed practice pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:14C-12.3, even if no notice of suspension has been provided to the person.

(e) A person seeking reinstatement within five years following the suspension of a license pursuant to (c) above shall submit the following to the Board:

1. A completed reinstatement application;
2. Payment of all past delinquent renewal fees as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:32-5.1;
3. Payment of a reinstatement fee as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:32-5.1;
4. A certification verifying completion of the continuing education credits required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:32-6.1 for each biennial renewal period the license is suspended; and
5. An affidavit of employment listing each job held during the period of suspension which includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of each employer.

(f) A person seeking reinstatement after more than five years following the suspension of a license pursuant to (c) above shall successfully complete the examination required for initial licensure as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:32-2.3 and shall submit:

1. A completed reinstatement application;
2. Payment of all past delinquent renewal fees as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:32-5.1;
3. Payment of a reinstatement fee as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:32-5.1; and
4. An affidavit of employment listing each job held during the period of suspension which includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of each employer.

(g) Renewal applications for all licensed master plumbers shall provide the applicant with the option of either active or inactive renewal. Applicants electing to renew as inactive shall not practice or hold themselves out to the public as licensed master plumbers. A licensed master plumber renewing as inactive shall submit to the Board:

1. A completed renewal application; and
2. The pressure seal.

(h) Upon application to the Board, the Board may permit an applicant who has been on inactive status to return to active status provided such applicant completes the continuing education credits that are required per biennial period for each biennial period that the applicant is on inactive status and the applicant pays the renewal fee as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:32-5.1. The Board shall return the licensed master plumber's pressure seal when the licensed master plumber returns to active status.

New Rule, R.2003 d.165, effective April 21, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 3675(a), 35 N.J.R. 1671(a).

Amended by R.2008 d.260, effective September 2, 2008.

See: 40 N.J.R. 1607(a), 40 N.J.R. 5045(b).

In (b), substituted "any unlicensed practice during the period following the licensure expiration, not to exceed the number of days short of the 60 before the notice of renewal was sent" for "failure to renew"; in (d) and the introductory paragraphs of (e) and (f), inserted "pursuant to (c) above"; and in (d), substituted "himself" for "him".

SUBCHAPTER 3. IDENTIFICATION OF LICENSEES;
BONA FIDE REPRESENTATIVE; SUPERVISION

**13:32-3.1 Identification of licensed master plumber;
vehicles, stationery; advertising**

(a) All commercial vehicles used in the practice of State-licensed master plumbing shall be marked on both sides with the following information:

1. The name of the licensed master plumber in lettering at least one inch in height;
2. The words "Plumbing license number" or "Plumbing Lic. #" followed by the license number of the owner or qualified bona fide representative in lettering at least one inch in height; and

2. Successfully pass a brazer examination offered by the AWS and successfully complete a training program in brazing of medical gas piping approved by a major medical gas producer.

13:32-7.5 Certification of medical gas piping instructors

(a) To be eligible for certification as a medical gas piping instructor an applicant shall be either:

1. A licensed master plumber in New Jersey;
2. A journeyman plumber who has successfully completed an apprenticeship program accredited by the United States Department of Labor;
3. A steam fitter or pipe fitter employed by a plumbing contractor;
4. An individual who has engaged in the practice of installing medical gas piping for the past five years; or
5. An individual who holds certification from NFPA for the past five years.

(b) An applicant for certification as a medical gas piping instructor shall submit to the Board:

1. A completed application for certification;
2. Evidence that the applicant has met the qualifications of (a) above;
3. Evidence that the applicant has successfully completed a 40-hour course that covers the January 19, 2004 ASSE Series 6050 Professional Qualifications Standards for Medical Gas Systems Instructors, incorporated herein by reference, as amended and supplemented, published by the ASSE, 901 Canterbury Road, Suite A, Westlake, OH, 44145;
4. Evidence that the applicant has passed the examination requirements of (c) below; and
5. The application fee and initial certification fee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:32-5.1.

(c) To qualify for certification, an applicant shall:

1. Successfully pass the NITC Medical Gas Instructor examination; or
2. Successfully pass a brazer examination offered by the AWS and a training program in instructional training approved by a major medical gas producer.

13:32-7.6 Certification for individuals engaged in practice prior to January 7, 2004

(a) An applicant who applies prior to May 7, 2009 and who has engaged in the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping since at least January 7, 2001, shall be eligible for certification if he or she meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:32-7.3(c).

(b) An applicant who applies prior to May 7, 2009 and who has engaged in brazing incidental to the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping since at least January 7, 2001, shall be eligible for certification if he or she meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:37-7.4(c).

13:32-7.7 Renewal of certificates

(a) Certificates for instructors and installers shall be renewed triennially on a form provided by the Board. Certificates to perform only brazing incidental to installation of medical gas piping shall be renewed annually on a form provided by the Board.

(b) The Board shall send a notice of renewal to each certificant at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the certificate. If the notice to renew is not sent 60 days prior to the expiration date, no monetary penalty or fines shall apply to the holder for any unlicensed practice during the period following the licensure expiration, not to exceed the number of days short of 60 before the renewals were issued.

(c) Certificants shall submit the renewal application and pay the renewal fee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:32-5.1 prior to the date of expiration of the certificate. If a certificant does not renew the certificate prior to its expiration date, he or she may renew the certificate no later than 30 days after its expiration date by submitting a renewal application and paying a renewal fee and a late fee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:32-5.1. A certificant who fails to renew the certificate within 30 days after the expiration date of the certificate shall be suspended without a hearing.

(d) A person who continues to practice or hold him or herself out as a certificant after being suspended pursuant to (c) above shall be deemed to have engaged in uncertified practice pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:14C-28, even if no notice of suspension has been provided to the person.

(e) A person seeking reinstatement within five years following the suspension of a certificate pursuant to (c) above shall submit to the Board:

1. A completed reinstatement application;
2. Payment of all past delinquent renewal fees as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:32-5.1;
3. Payment of a reinstatement fee as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:32-5.1; and
4. An affidavit of employment listing each job held during the period of suspension which includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of each employer.

(f) A person seeking reinstatement after more than five years following the suspension of a certificate pursuant to (c) above shall successfully complete the examination required for initial certification as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:32-7.3(c), 7.4(c) or 7.5(c) and shall submit to the Board:

1. A completed reinstatement application;
 2. Payment of all past delinquent renewal fees as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:32-5.1;
 3. Payment of a reinstatement fee as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:32-5.1; and
 4. An affidavit of employment listing each job held during the period of suspension which includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of each employer.
- (g) Renewal applications for certificants shall provide the applicant with the option of either active or inactive renewal. Applicants electing to renew as inactive shall not practice or

hold themselves out to the public as certificants. A certificant renewing as inactive shall submit a completed renewal application to the Board.

(h) Upon application to the Board, the Board may permit an applicant who has been on inactive status to return to active status provided such applicant pays the renewal fee as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:32-5.1.

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See: 40 N.J.R. 1607(a), 40 N.J.R. 5045(b).

In (d) and the introductory paragraphs of (e) and (f), inserted "pursuant to (c) above".