

Residential Contractor State Licensing

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State of Interest	Continuing Education Information	Subject	Company	Web site
Alabama	n/a	Construction over \$10,000 requires state licensing. A license is required to bid on residential jobs. Contractors and remodelers may obtain application and licensing information from:	Home Builders Licensure Board	www.hacr.alabama.gov/
Alaska	n/a	Alaska requires residential contractor licensing and preclosure education. License renewals require continuing education. Applications, approved preclosure and continuing education, and exam information may be obtained from:	Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development	commerce.state.ak.us/dnn/cbpl/Home.aspx
Arizona	n/a	Construction is regulated by the state. Applications and licensing information for all types of contractor licenses may be obtained from:	Registrar of Contractors	www.azroc.gov/
Arkansas	n/a	AR regulates construction. Contractor applications and licensing may be obtained from:	Contractors Licensing Board	www.state.ar.us/clb
California	n/a	Construction is regulated by the state. Applications and information can be obtained from:	Contractors State License Board	www.cslb.ca.gov
Colorado	n/a	General construction contractors are not regulated by the state. Check for license requirements at the local level. A license is required to do electrical or plumbing work. Information may be obtained from:	Department of Regulatory Agencies	www.dora.state.co.us
Connecticut	n/a	New home construction and remodeling require registration. Construction projects that exceed certain limits must register as a "Major Contractor." For applications and licensing information contact:	License Services Division	www.ct.gov/dcp/site/default.asp
Delaware	n/a	Construction and remodeling is state regulated. For contractor business licenses contact:	Department of Finance; Division of Revenue	www.revenue.delaware.gov
District of Columbia	n/a	Remodeling requires licensing. For home improvement applications and licensing information:	Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs	www.dkra.dc.gov
Florida	n/a	Construction is regulated at the local/municipal and state levels. Residential contractor license renewal requires continuing education. Applications, exam and other information may be obtained from:	Department of Business and Professional Regulation	www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pro/cilb/index.html
Georgia	n/a	Construction is regulated at the state level. Counties and municipalities may require licensure. For residential contractor licenses:	State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors	sos.ga.gov//?section=licensing

Hawaii	n/a	Construction is regulated by the state and a license is required to bid on a job. Applications and requirements for the licensing exam may be obtained from:	Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs	www.hawaii.gov/dcca/pvl/board/s/contractor
Idaho	n/a	Construction manager, HVAC, public works, plumbing and electrical contractors are required to be licensed. Applications and information may be obtained from:	Division of Building Safety	dbs.idaho.gov
Illinois	n/a	Construction (other than public works and roofing) is not regulated. Roofing work requires state certification. Additional information is available from:	Department of Professional Regulation	www.idfpr.com/dprdefault.asp
Indiana	n/a	State licensing is required for plumbers. Information is available from:	Professional Licensing Agency, Indiana Plumbing Commission	www.in.gov/pla/plumbing.htm
Iowa	n/a	Construction work over \$2,000 annually is subject to state registration requirements. Information on the registration requirements may be obtained from:	Iowa Division of Labor/Contractor Registration Section	www.iowaworkforce.org/labor/contractor.htm
Kansas	n/a	Nonresident contractors and subcontractors must register with the Department of Revenue (contracts over \$10,000). Corporations authorized in KS are not required to register contracts. Registration may be completed through:	Department of Revenue; Director of Taxation Registration	www.ksrevenue.com
Kentucky	n/a	Plumbing, HVAC, fire protection systems, and boiler contractors are required to be state licensed. Electricians must be certified by the state and licensed locally. Information may be obtained from:	Department of Housing, Buildings & Construction	dhbc.ky.gov
Louisiana	n/a	Residential construction of \$75,000 and above requires a state license. License renewals require continuing education. Applications, exam, and other information may be obtained from:	State Licensing Board for Contractors	www.lslbc.louisiana.gov
Maine	n/a	Plumbing, electrical, asbestos and lead abatement, and underground oil tank installation and removal are state regulated. Information may be obtained from:	Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation	www.maine.gov/pfr/professional/licensing/index.shtml
Maryland	n/a	Home improvement construction, HVACR and plumbing require state licensing. Other construction work requires registration by each jurisdiction. Contractor application forms and licensing information may be obtained from:	Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation	www.dlir.state.md.us/license
Massachusetts	n/a	A Construction Supervisor's License (CSL) is required by the state. Home improvement contractors must register. Information is available from:	Board of Building Regulations and Standards	www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/dps/
Michigan	n/a	Michigan requires residential contractor licensing and prelicensure education. License renewals require continuing education. Applications, approved prelicensure education, and exam information may be obtained from:	Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs, Licensing Division	www.michigan.gov/builders
Minnesota	n/a	Companies with gross annual receipts of more than \$15,000 require state license for residential and remodeling jobs. License renewals require continuing education. Applications, exam, and other requirement information may be obtained from:	Department of Labor and Industry	www.dli.mn.gov/

Mississippi	n/a	Residential building exceeding \$50,000 per project requires licensing. Residential remodeling projects exceeding \$10,000 require licensing. Licensing information is available from:	Mississippi State Board of Contractors	www.msbc.org/
Missouri	n/a	Residential contracting is not state regulated. Contractors bidding on highway projects as a Prime or General contractor must register with the Missouri Secretary of State's Office:	Department of Transportation	www.modot.org/business
Montana	n/a	Construction contractors and subcontractors with employees and projects valued at \$2,500 or more must register. Applications and information for contractor registration may be obtained from:	Contractor Registration Unit	erd.dli.mt.gov/work-comp-regulations/montana-contractor
Nebraska	n/a	All contractors and subcontractors earning \$5,000 or more annually must register with the state. Contractor registration information may be obtained from:	Department of Labor, Labor Law/Contractor Registration	www.dol.nebraska.gov/center.cfm?PRICAT=2&SUBCAT=5G
Nevada	n/a	Construction is state regulated. Counties and municipalities may have additional requirements. Contractor licenses may be obtained from the Nevada State Contractors Board.	State Contractors Board	www.nvcontractorsboard.com/
New Hampshire	n/a	Electrical, plumbing, asbestos abatement and lead abatement work are regulated by the state. Information is available from:	Department of Safety, Bureau of Building Safety & Construction	www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/building/index.html
New Jersey	n/a	New construction and remodeling are state regulated. Electrical and plumbing work requires licensing. For new home construction, contact the Department below. For remodeling, contact the Division of Consumer Affairs (www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/HIC).	Department of Community Affairs	www.state.nj.us/dca
New Mexico	n/a	Construction is regulated by the state. General contractor licensing applications, instructions, and information may be obtained from the following:	Construction Industries Division, Regulation & Licensing Department	www.rld.state.nm.us/construction
New York	n/a	All construction, except asbestos abatement, is regulated at the local level. Asbestos handling license information may be obtained from:	State Department of Labor; Division of Safety and Health	www.labor.state.ny.us
North Carolina	n/a	General contractors who work on projects costing \$30,000 or more must be licensed by the state. For general contractor licensing applications, instructions, and information contact:	Licensing Board for General Contractors	www.nclbgc.org
North Dakota	n/a	Construction exceeding \$2,000 per project requires registration by the state. For contractor licensing applications and information contact:	Secretary of State, State Capitol	www.nd.gov/sos
Ohio	n/a	A license is required for electrical, HVAC, refrigeration, plumbing and hydronics work. Information may be obtained from:	Construction Industry Licensing Board	www.com.ohio.gov/dico/ocilb/default.aspx
Oklahoma	n/a	A license is required for electrical, mechanical and plumbing work. Information is available from:	Construction Industries Board	www.ok.gov/cib
Oregon	n/a	Applications, approved prelicensure education, and exam information may be obtained from:	Oregon Construction Contractors Board	www.oregon.gov/CCB

Pennsylvania	n/a	Construction contractors are not licensed by the state. Certification is required for lead and asbestos abatement work. For information contact:	Bureau of Occupational & Industrial Safety	www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/occupational_and_industrial_safety?qid=26466696&rank=1
Rhode Island	n/a	Construction is regulated by the state. Building contractors and subcontractors register with the following:	Dept of Administration; Division of Capital Projects and Property Management	www.crb.state.ri.us/
South Carolina	n/a	A license is required for residential building over \$200 and commercial building over \$5,000. Residential contractors may obtain licensing information from the following:	Residential Builders Commission	www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/residentialbuilders
South Dakota	n/a	A license is required for electrical and plumbing work. Information is available from the following:	Department of Labor & Regulation	dlr.sd.gov
Tennessee	n/a	Contractors must be licensed by the state for projects of \$25,000 and above. A Home Improvement license is required in nine counties for remodeling projects from \$3,000-\$25,000. Licensing information and applications may be obtained from:	Board for Licensing Contractors	www.tn.gov/commerce/boards/contractors/index.shtml
Texas	n/a	A license is required for specialty contractors. Information is available from:	Department of Licensing & Regulation	www.tdlr.texas.gov/acr/acr.htm
Utah	n/a	Construction of \$1000 and above requires a state license. License renewals require continuing education. Applications, exam, and other information may be obtained from:	Department of Commerce, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing	www.dopl.utah.gov/licensing/contracting.html
Vermont	n/a	Contractors need to be licensed to do electrical or plumbing work and certified to do asbestos or lead abatement. Information may be obtained from:	Division of Fire Safety	firesafety.vermont.gov
Virginia	n/a	Residential contractor licensing, including pre-licensure education, is required. Contractor renewals do not require continuing education. Trademen do have license renewal education requirements. Information may be obtained from:	Department of Professional & Occupational Regulation	www.dpor.virginia.gov
Washington	n/a	Construction is regulated by the state and registration is required. Information may be obtained from:	Washington Department of Labor and Industries	www.lni.wa.gov/
West Virginia	n/a	A license is required for construction contractors. Licensing information and applications may be obtained from:	West Virginia Division of Labor, Contractor Licensing Board	www.wvlabor.com/newwebsite/Pages/index.html
Wisconsin	n/a	To apply for the credential and obtain trade license information contact:	Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Industry Services	dsps.wi.gov/programs/industry-services

Wyoming	n/a	All contractors, except electrical, are licensed at the city or county level. To apply for an electrician's license, contact:	State Fire Marshall, Electric Safety Division	wyofire.state.wy.us/electricalsafety/index.html
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