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**62-02-01-01. Application for journeyman or master plumber license.**

No applicant shall be entitled to take the examination for either the master or journeyman plumber's certificate and license unless and until the applicant furnishes to the board satisfactory evidence that the applicant possesses sufficient practical experience to enable the applicant to perform satisfactorily the duties of the classification for which the applicant has made application. The application fee is fifty dollars.

1. Applicants for a journeyman plumber's examination and license shall have had four years' experience as an apprentice plumber under a licensed master plumber. Applicants who are working at the plumbing trade in localities where state licenses are not required, who have had five years of experience (one thousand nine hundred hours per year and a total of nine thousand five hundred hours) and who furnish four affidavits verifying years of experience, may make application for a journeyman examination screening test. The screening test is defined as an oral and written test given by the state plumbing board and a plumbing inspection report, signed by a state plumbing inspector, of an installation installed by the applicant to determine the applicant's qualifications for writing the journeyman examination. The journeyman license fee is one hundred dollars.
2. Applicants who are journeyman plumbers in other states who desire to work in this state in localities where a state journeyman license is required may make application for a journeyman examination and license. Proof of such journeyman license from another state shall be vouched for as provided on the application blank furnished by the North Dakota state plumbing board.
3. All applicants for a master plumber's license must be twenty-one years of age and must have had two years' (three thousand four hundred hours) experience as a journeyman plumber licensed by the state of North Dakota or any other state that has a state licensing law. Proof of such journeyman license from another state shall be vouched for as provided on the application blank furnished by the North Dakota state plumbing board. The master license fee is two hundred dollars.

4. Applicants who are master plumbers in other states who desire to work in this state in localities where a state master license is required may make application for a master examination and license. Proof of such master license from another state shall be vouched for as provided on the application blank furnished by the North Dakota state plumbing board.
5. All applications will expire and be canceled after a period of six months from date of approval if the applicant fails to appear for examination within the six-month period.

**History:** Amended effective February 1, 1994; July 1, 2022.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-18-08

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-18-13, 43-18-13.1

#### **62-02-01-01.1. Application for apprentice plumber - Supervised practice.**

An applicant for registration as an apprentice must have reached the age of eighteen years. An apprentice shall serve a term of four years, not less than one thousand nine hundred hours per year, with a total of not less than seven thousand six hundred hours.

1. The board may grant hourly credit toward a term of apprenticeship when the applicant furnishes proof of previous practical experience in the trade, or is a graduate of a course in plumbing at an accredited school having at least a nine month, one thousand twenty hours course in plumbing. The number of hours credit for each hour of the course according to the graduating grade average shall be: A average - two hours, B average - one and three-quarter hours, C average - one and one-half hours, and a D average - one hour. Credit for trade-related experience shall be determined by criteria established by the board.
2. A master plumber employing a registered apprentice shall report to the board any changes made in relation to continued employment of such apprentice. It is the employer's duty and responsibility to not permit an apprentice to perform work unless under the direct supervision and in the immediate presence of either a master or journeyman plumber. There shall not be more than five plumber's apprentices under the immediate and personal supervision of either a master plumber or journeyman plumber employed on any installation, alteration, or repair project.
3. Apprentice plumbers who have had three years (five thousand seven hundred hours) experience in learning and assisting in the installation, alteration, and repair of plumbing, and working for a master plumber, may work during their fourth year of apprenticeship by themselves without being under the direct supervision of a master or journeyman plumber.

**History:** Effective February 1, 1994.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-18-08

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-18-21

#### **62-02-01-02. Examination fee for each examination.**

An applicant for examination shall be entitled to one examination only for each examination fee paid. The examination fee is fifty dollars.

**History:** Amended effective July 1, 2022.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-18-08

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-18-13

#### **62-02-01-03. Examination subjects and passing grades.**

Examination for applicants desiring to become registered and licensed plumbers shall consist of: answering questions pertaining to the basic principles of plumbing and the plumbing code; preparing drawings on which the applicant is to draw all stacks, wastes, and vents, and to insert the minimum

pipe sizes. The examinations for master and journeyman plumber need not be the same. The passing grade for a master plumber shall be eighty percent, and the journeyman plumber passing grade shall be seventy percent.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-18-08

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-18-08, 43-18-13

**62-02-01-04. Reexamination.**

If an applicant fails to pass an examination, the applicant shall be denied the right to take another examination until at least six months shall have passed from the date of the applicant's last examination.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-18-08

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-18-13

**62-02-01-05. Reexamination of apprentice plumber.**

An apprentice plumber who has written and failed the journeyman examination must rewrite the examination at the end of the six-month period or work under direct supervision of a licensed master or journeyman plumber.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-18-08

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-18-21

**62-02-01-06. Master plumber - Renewal of journeyman and master plumber certificate.**

The holder of a master plumber's certificate and license may renew the holder's journeyman certificate and license upon payment of the journeyman renewal fee and during the same year may reinstate the holder's master plumber's certificate and license upon payment of the difference between the journeyman renewal fee of one hundred dollars and the master renewal fee of two hundred dollars.

**History:** Amended effective July 1, 2022.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-18-08

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-18-17

**62-02-01-07. Renewal of expired license.**

No certificate and license need be renewed by the board later than one year subsequent to its expiration. The board may, in its discretion, require that a holder of a license which has been expired for one year or more submit to a new examination. The late renewal fee is fifty dollars.

**History:** Amended effective July 1, 2022.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-18-08

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-18-17

**62-02-01-08. Application for plumbing installation certificate.**

Repealed effective March 1, 2000.

**62-02-01-09. Licensed master plumber required.**

Repealed effective February 1, 1994.