

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF CONTRACTORS

SECTIONS PERTAINING TO HVACR CONTRACTORS

CONTRACTORS LICENSING LAW: La. R.S. 37:2150 – 2165

Chapter 24. CONTRACTORS

Part I. GENERAL

§2150.1. Definitions

(10) "Mechanical contractor" means any person who undertakes to, attempts to, or submits a price or bid or offers to construct, supervise, superintend, oversee, direct, or in any manner assume charge of the construction, alteration, repair, improvement, movement, demolition, putting up, tearing down, or furnishing labor, or furnishing labor together with material and equipment, or installing the same for the construction, installation, maintenance, testing, and repair of air conditioning, refrigeration, heating systems, and plumbing for all residential, commercial, and industrial applications as well as ventilation systems, mechanical work controls, boilers and other pressure vessels, steam and hot water systems and piping, gas piping and fuel storage, and chilled water and condensing water systems and piping, including but not limited to any type of industrial process piping and related valves, fittings, and components, when the cost of the undertaking exceeds the sum of ten thousand dollars. This Paragraph shall not be deemed or construed to limit the authority of a contractor, general contractor, or residential contractor, as those terms are defined in this Section, nor to require such individuals to become a mechanical contractor.

§2156.2.

Major categories; subclassifications; specialty classifications; requirements for contractors holding major classification to perform mechanical, electric, or plumbing work

Any contractor possessing a major classification is permitted to bid or perform any of the specialty type work required to perform its scope of work for its respective classification. Under each major category listed in this Subsection is a list of subclassifications that a specialty contractor may obtain, as follows:

Subclassifications:

1. Heat, air conditioning, ventilation, duct work, and refrigeration

LOUISIANA: Commercial License

1. What does this license cover?

- Commercial projects with a value of \$50,000 or more including labor and materials; general contractors must hire properly licensed subcontractors
- Subcontractor/Specialty Trades for commercial projects with a value of \$50,000 or more including labor and materials
 - Exceptions:
 - Electrical/Mechanical/Plumbing require a commercial license with appropriate classification for projects exceeding **\$10,000** including labor and materials
 - Asbestos, Hazardous Waste, Lead Based Paint Abatement/Removal, Underground Storage Tanks require a commercial license with appropriate classification for projects with a value of \$1.00 or more including labor and materials

2. What are the requirements for licensure?

- The contractor must:
 - Complete the online Commercial Application. Additional information/documents may be requested within the application.

- Provide a financial statement showing a minimum of \$10,000 net worth (must be current within 12 months of application).
- Pass the required examinations. After the application is submitted, the Qualifying Party will receive testing information. *See link below for classification list and additional examination information.*
 - **Must take Business & Law course**
 - Must take Trade exam if applicable
 - Please Note: Certain classifications may require certifications from other agencies before obtaining a license with the board. *See the Exam/Classification link below for additional information.*
- Be approved by the Board before issuance of the license.
- *For information regarding Reciprocity see link below.*

3. What must I do to maintain the license once it is issued?

- **Once the license is issued the initial license certificate will be valid for one year, then you may renew your license for a one, two, or three year period.**
 - A Renewal notice will be emailed or mailed to the address on record approximately 60 days prior to the expiration, 15 days prior to expiration and upon expiration of the license.
- You must maintain a current address with this Board.
- You must maintain a qualifying party for all classifications listed on your license.

LINKS

- [Applications](#)
- [Exam/Classification List](#)
 - [Exam Information for Study Course:](#)
 - [7-20 Heat, Air Conditioning, Ventilation, Duct Work, and Refrigeration](#)
- [Fee Schedule Worksheet](#)
- [Reciprocity Form](#)