

RECIPROCAL JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATES OF ARKANSAS AND OKLAHOMA

This agreement is between the State of Arkansas through the Arkansas Committee of Plumbing Examiners and the State of Oklahoma through the Oklahoma Construction Industries Board.

I. Recitals

Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 17-38-301, the Committee of Plumbing Examiners of the State of Arkansas is authorized to issue licenses to those applicants holding equivalent licenses in other states, upon payment of the required fees and submission of proof of license in that state, provided an agreement has been reached with that state to recognize the plumbing licenses held by Arkansas residents.

Pursuant to Oklahoma Construction Industries Board Act, 59 O.S. §1000.5a, and the Plumbing License Law of 1955, 59 O.S. §1001, *et seq.*, and Plumbing Industry Regulations, OAC 158:30-5-4, the State of Oklahoma is authorized to issue unrestricted and unlimited licenses to those applicants holding substantially the same or equivalent licenses in other states for equivalent standards and scope of work, upon payment of the required fees and submission of proof of license in that state, provided an agreement has been reached with that state to recognize the plumbing licenses held by Oklahoma residents.

II. Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to mutually recognize Arkansas unrestricted and unlimited journeyman plumber license qualifications and Oklahoma unrestricted and unlimited journeyman plumber license qualifications as being essentially equivalent and thereby enable the State of Arkansas and the State of Oklahoma to issue a license to applicants that meet the respective state's specific qualifications and examination requirements without requiring the applicant to pass an additional examination. As used in this agreement, the term "Journeyman Plumber" is defined in Section VI of this agreement.

III. Agreement

1. The State of Arkansas and the State of Oklahoma may issue an unrestricted and unlimited journeyman plumber license without requiring the applicant to pass an examination if the applicant has acquired a license through examination sponsored by the qualifying state. To receive a license under this agreement, the applicant must submit an application, pay any fees required by the application state, and hold a current unrestricted and unlimited journeyman plumber or greater class of license in the qualifying state.
2. The states participating in this agreement administer a statewide journeyman plumber licensing program that includes qualifying experience or training, or a combination of training and experience, and examination.
3. The experience or training requirement under which an individual applicant qualified for examination in the qualifying state must be deemed essentially equivalent to or greater than the experience or training required for an applicant in the application state.
4. The applicant must have acquired the journeyman plumber license in the qualifying state by successfully passing an examination sponsored by the qualifying state. A journeyman plumber license may be granted in the application state without examination where the applicant otherwise

meets the conditions of the application state. However, an applicant is not eligible for license in the application state through this Agreement if the applicant's journeyman license in the qualifying state was granted through reciprocity with another state and the licensee has not passed the licensing exam required for licensing in the qualifying state.

5. At the time of application, the applicant must hold a valid current unrestricted and unlimited journeyman plumber license in good standing in the qualifying state and have held the license continuously for at least one (1) year. Applicants that hold a greater class of license may meet this condition if the qualifications for the greater class of license meet or exceed the qualification requirements for the journeyman license.
6. An applicant is not eligible for a license under this agreement if:
 - a. the applicant's journeyman plumber license has been revoked or is suspended and the applicant is not in good standing in the application state;
 - b. the applicant has disciplinary action pending in the qualifying state or is not otherwise in good standing;
 - c. the applicant has failed to renew his/her journeyman plumber license in the application state within the timeframe allowed by that state for renewal without being required to re-take the license examination; or
 - d. within the past two years the applicant has performed plumbing work in the application state without obtaining required licensing.
- 7 Participating states in this agreement reserve the right to refuse the issuance of a license for just cause.
8. All activity performed as a result of this Agreement will be in accordance with all applicable laws, rules/regulations, and codes and that persons holding a journeyman license as a part of this Agreement are required to work under the indirect supervision of an active, currently licensed Master Plumber or Plumbing Contractor in the state in which they are performing plumbing work as a journeyman plumber.
9. Once an applicant is granted an initial license by the reciprocating authority/Application State, the licensee must comply with all renewal requirements for each state in order to maintain the licenses, including but not limited to, completion of any required continuing education.
10. The parties will notify the other party, in writing, within sixty (60) days of any change to the laws, rules/regulations of their state that change the requirements needed for journeyman licensure.

IV. Term of Agreement and Amendments

1. This agreement shall remain in effect for five (5) years or is replaced by another agreement.
2. Either participating state may terminate this agreement by providing 30-days written notice to the other state. Termination of this agreement may be for any reason, but notification of the reason is required.

3. This agreement supersedes any other agreements currently in effect between the participating states.
4. The terms of this agreement shall not be altered, modified supplemented or amended except by written agreement signed by both parties.

V. Records and Verifications

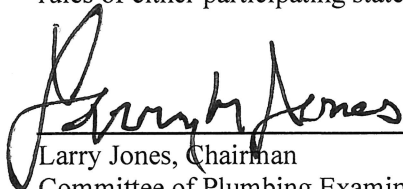
1. Based upon each participating state's records disposition requirement a record shall be maintained of applicants subject to this agreement that provide evidence that applicant meets the conditions of the agreement. In instances where the qualifying state is unable to provide evidence that the applicant meets the conditions of this agreement, the applicant is not eligible for a license under this agreement.
2. Participating states shall respond to a request for verification of an applicant's qualification in a timely manner.

VI. Definitions

1. **Application State:** means the state participating in this agreement in which the applicant licensed by the qualifying state makes application for their license to be reciprocated under this agreement.
2. **Journeyman Plumber:** means an individual who has shown proof of experience and or training and has acquired a state journeyman license through examination that is unrestricted and unlimited in scope of work. For the purpose of this agreement, participating states agree that the journeyman license of each state are deemed substantially the same or equivalent.
3. **Participating State** means a state participating in this agreement.
4. **Qualifying State:** means the state participating in this agreement through which the applicant has acquired and is maintaining in good standing through the reciprocal process a license obtained through qualification and examination.

VII. Other Laws and Regulations

This agreement does not exempt any applicant or licensee with compliance with other applicable laws and rules of either participating state.




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