

1 Department of Health

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3 Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Plumbers

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5 Rules as Adopted

6 4715.3140 EXAMINATION AND LICENSING OF PLUMBERS.

7 Subpart 1. Examinations. An applicant for a plumber's  
 8 license must satisfactorily pass an examination given by the  
 9 commissioner of health. Examinations for journeyman and master  
 10 plumber licenses shall be held in March and September of each  
 11 year. Applications for the March examination must be filed not  
 12 later than February 15 and for the September examination not  
 13 later than August 15.

14 A. An applicant for the master plumber examination  
 15 must, in addition to the practical plumbing experience  
 16 requirement for a master plumber specified in subpart 2, have at  
 17 least one of the following:

18 (1) a current Minnesota journeyman plumber  
 19 license;

20 (2) a master plumber license from another state  
 21 where the requirements of the licensing jurisdiction are  
 22 equivalent to those of Minnesota, as determined by the  
 23 commissioner; or

24 (3) five years of verifiable experience in  
 25 business as a plumbing contractor in Minnesota.

26 B. An applicant for the journeyman examination must  
 27 be a registered apprentice in Minnesota and have satisfied the  
 28 practical plumbing experience requirement specified in subpart 2  
 29 for a journeyman plumber or must hold a current state journeyman  
 30 plumber's license from another state where the licensing  
 31 jurisdiction requires at least four years of practical plumbing  
 32 experience and an examination to qualify for licensure.

33 ~~C. To qualify for the journeyman's examination, a~~  
 34 ~~plumber's apprentice whose initial registration is on or after~~  
 35 ~~July 17, 1995, must, in addition to the required practical~~

~~1 plumbing-experience-for-an-apprentice, complete-at-least-500  
2 hours-of-classroom-or-correspondence-instruction-related-to  
3 plumbing-design-and-installation-through-a-curriculum-approved  
4 by-the-commissioner-of-health.---Course-curriculum-must-provide  
5 instruction-consistent-with-the-requirements-of-the-Minnesota  
6 Plumbing-Code, chapter-4715.~~

7 Subp. 2. **Experience.** An applicant for the journeyman  
8 plumber's license examination must have not less than four years  
9 of practical plumbing experience and the applicant for a master  
10 plumber's license examination must have not less than five years  
11 of practical plumbing experience.

12 A. One year of practical plumbing experience consists  
13 of at least 1,750 hours.

14 B. Not more than two years of the practical plumbing  
15 experience from a state other than Minnesota shall be credited  
16 unless the applicant first obtains a plumber's license in the  
17 other state.

18 C. The apprentice or applicant is responsible for  
19 verifying practical plumbing experience. The commissioner of  
20 health may require work records, time cards, pay records, or  
21 other documentation necessary to evaluate practical plumbing  
22 experience. The commissioner shall make the final determination  
23 about the adequacy and acceptability of an apprentice's or  
24 applicant's practical plumbing experience.

25 4715.3150 FEES.

26 Subpart 1. **Examination application fee.** Applications to  
27 take the journeyman or master plumber's examination must be  
28 submitted to the commissioner of health on forms prepared by the  
29 commissioner together with a fee of \$50. The fee must be  
30 submitted with the application and is not refundable.

31 Subp. 2. **Fees for license.** Any applicant who receives a  
32 passing grade on the examination may submit an application for  
33 license on forms prepared by the commissioner of health. The  
34 application must be accompanied by a fee of \$55 for a journeyman  
35 plumber's license or \$120 for a master plumber's license, except

1 that an application for initial licensure that is submitted  
2 during the last three months of a licensing year must be  
3 accompanied by a fee of \$27.50 for a journeyman plumber's  
4 license or \$60 for a master plumber's license.

5 4715.3160 EXPIRATION OF LICENSES.

6 [For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]

7 Subp. 2. License renewals. Applications for license  
8 renewal must be submitted to the commissioner of health on forms  
9 prepared by the commissioner no later than December 31 of the  
10 year preceding the year for which application is made. The  
11 application must be accompanied by a fee of \$55 for a journeyman  
12 plumber and \$120 for a master plumber. Journeyman and master  
13 plumbers who submit their license renewal applications after the  
14 time specified in subpart 1 but within two years after  
15 expiration of the previously issued license must pay all past  
16 due renewal fees plus an additional \$25.

17 [For text of subp 3, see M.R.]

18 4715.3170 REGISTRATION OF PLUMBER'S APPRENTICE.

19 Effective July 1, 1987, no person shall work as a plumber's  
20 apprentice until that person has submitted an application and  
21 fee for registration to the commissioner of health.

22 Registration must be renewed annually and shall be for the  
23 period from July 1 of each year to June 30 of the following  
24 year. Applications for initial and renewal registration must be  
25 submitted to the commissioner of health before July 1 of each  
26 registration period on forms provided by the commissioner, and  
27 must be accompanied by a fee of \$25. A plumber's apprentice who  
28 submits a registration application after July 1 in any year must  
29 pay the past due renewal fee plus an additional \$25 late fee.

30 A. A plumber's apprentice must be at least 18 years  
31 of age or be a high school graduate, except that an apprentice  
32 employed and supervised by the apprentice's parent must be at  
33 least 16 years of age.

34 B. At the time of registration, an apprentice must  
35 provide a name, address, date of birth, social security number,

1 and information about education~~7--training7~~ and practical  
2 plumbing experience on forms prepared by the commissioner of  
3 health.

4 C. The practical plumbing experience for an  
5 apprentice must include at least the following number of hours  
6 in the plumbing aspects specified in subitems (1) to (3). The  
7 remaining required hours of practical plumbing experience may be  
8 in any aspect of plumbing work included in the definition of  
9 plumbing in part 4715.0100, however, the type of work and  
10 corresponding number of hours must be specified:

11 (1) water distribution system installation, 2,000  
12 hours;

13 (2) drain, waste, and vent system installation,  
14 2,000 hours; and

15 (3) fixture installation, 1,000 hours.

16 D. All practical plumbing experience for an  
17 apprentice must be certified by the licensed plumber or plumbing  
18 contractor responsible for the work performed. A licensed  
19 plumber or plumbing contractor may only certify that part of the  
20 practical plumbing experience work done under the licensed  
21 plumber's or plumbing contractor's supervision.

22 E. Only practical plumbing experience gained in the  
23 12-month period immediately prior to registration or submission  
24 of the renewal application for registration shall be considered,  
25 except that late registration renewals may be accepted for a  
26 period not exceeding three months, with payment of a late fee.

27 F. The 1,750 hours necessary to gain one year of  
28 practical plumbing experience may be worked in more than one  
29 12-month registration period as a plumber's apprentice, however,  
30 not more than 1,750 hours shall be credited for one registration  
31 period.

32 4715.5900 FEES.

33 Subpart 1. Examination application fee. The fee for  
34 application for examination or reexamination is \$50 for a water  
35 conditioning installer, and \$50 for a water conditioning

1 contractor. The examination application fee is not refundable.

2 Subp. 2. License fee. The fee for a new license or for  
3 renewal of an existing license is as follows: water  
4 conditioning installer, \$35; water conditioning contractor, \$70,  
5 except that an application for initial licensure that is  
6 submitted during the last three months of the calendar year must  
7 be accompanied by a fee of \$17.50 for a water conditioning  
8 installer or \$35 for a water conditioning contractor.

9 [For text of subp 3, see M.R.]

10 4715.6000 RENEWAL.

11 A license expires on December 31 of the year for which it  
12 was issued. An application for renewal of a license must be  
13 received by the Minnesota Department of Health no later than  
14 December 31. Any person who submits an application for license  
15 renewal after December 31 must pay a penalty of \$25 in addition  
16 to the annual license fee. A person who does not renew a  
17 license issued pursuant to parts 4715.5000 to 4715.6000, within  
18 two years of the date on which the former license expired, is no  
19 longer entitled to a renewal license. The person must apply for  
20 reexamination and a new license.