

HVAC and Licensing Enforcement

General Information for HVAC License Applicants

This information is provided to help acquaint all applicants with the requirements and procedures necessary to obtain the proper licensure or registration as required by the Kentucky HVAC License Law and Regulations. (KRS 198B.650-689)

Apprentice: Individuals in the process of learning the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) trade. They must be under the supervision of a Master HVAC Contractor and must be under the direct-supervision of a Journeyman HVAC Mechanic. The application must show the signature of the Master HVAC Contractor. *No application fee required.*

NOTE: The Kentucky HVAC examinations are designed to test your knowledge of HVAC trade practices, the Kentucky Building Codes as related to the HVAC trade and Kentucky Law and Regulations. Regardless of your past experience, it is advisable to study the reference books thoroughly before any examination.

Limited Journeyman HVAC Duct Mechanic: Individuals with experience and career goals in a *limited capacity to install duct work* who may work independently as Journeymen within the range of the limited license, and under the supervision of a Master HVAC Contractor. The application must be certified to show not less than 18 years of age, regularly and principally employed or engaged in the HVAC trade for not less than two years and 3000 work hours under the direction and supervision of a Master HVAC Contractor. *License application fee is \$50.* The exam is open-book, three hours and contains 60 questions. Applicants must obtain a passing score.

Limited Journeyman HVAC Installer Mechanic: Individuals with experience and career goals in a *limited capacity to install HVAC systems*, who may work independently as Journeymen within the range of the limited license and under the supervision of a Master HVAC Contractor. The application must be certified to show not less than 18 years of age, regularly and principally employed or engaged in the HVAC trade for not less than two years and 3000 work hours under the direction and supervision of a

Master HVAC Contractor. *License application fee is \$50.* The exam is open-book, three hours and contains 50 questions. Applicants must obtain a passing score.

Journeyman HVAC Mechanic: Those individuals knowledgeable and skilled *to install, maintain, remodel and repair HVAC systems* meeting the requirements of the Kentucky HVAC Codes and Standards. A Journeyman Mechanic may work independently within the range of the license under the supervision of a Master HVAC Contractor. The application must be certified to show not less than 18 years of age, regularly and principally employed or engaged in the HVAC trade for not less than two years and 3000 work hours under the direction and supervision of a Master HVAC Contractor. *License application fee is \$50.* The exam is open-book, three hours and contains 60 questions. Applicants must obtain a passing score.

Master HVAC Contractor: Those individuals who desire *to contract for and engage in the business of HVAC contracting* and are familiar with the requirement of the Kentucky HVAC law, codes and regulations. The application must be certified to show not less than 18 years of age, regularly and principally employed or engaged in the HVAC trade for not less than two years under the direction and supervision of a Master HVAC Contractor. *License application fee is \$250.* The exam is a two-part exam, open book. Part One: technical exam, four-hour time limit with 100 questions. Part Two: Business and Law exam, 1-½ hour time limit with 30 questions. Passing score required on both examinations.

NOTICE: At the present time the Commonwealth of Kentucky does not have a reciprocal agreement with any state or municipality relating to HVAC licensing.

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