

RULES OF THE ALABAMA PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS EXAMINING BOARD

720-x-1-.01 *Description of the Board.* The Board is a 7 member Board appointed by the Governor. The referenced statute describes the organization, general course, method of operation and method of public information. The public may make submission and request to the Board in writing through the mailing address:

Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board
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Birmingham, AL 35209

Author: Ed Lawrence
Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-2 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)
History: New Rule
Certified: January 7, 1991

720-x-2-.01 *Definition of Plumbing.* With respect to a building sewer, the building sewer begins at the connection with the building drain and is considered plumbing until it reaches a public sewer or an individual disposal system. With respect to water service, the water line from the meter to the building , is considered plumbing.

Author: Ed Lawrence
Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-2 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)
History: New Rule
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720-x-3-.01 *Exchange of Water Heaters.* Water heaters may be exchanged by a certified plumbing contractor or by a certified gas fitting contractor.

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History: New Rule
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720-x-4-.01 *Forms.* The following forms shall be available in the Board Office:

1. Master Plumber and/or Gas Fitter Registration
2. Application for Examination
3. Application for Waiver of Annual Penalties and Fees
4. Apprentice Registration
5. Complaint Form
6. Application for Temporary Revocable Certification as a Journeyman Plumber or Journeyman Gas Fitter
7. Application for Inactive Status

Author: Edgar S. Lawrence
Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-2 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)

History: Amended Rule
Certified: February 18, 2003

720-x-5-.01 Work Permitted by Journeyman Plumber. It shall be unlawful and a violation of Act No. 89-406 as amended for a journeyman plumber, certified in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board to perform any plumbing, as provided in Act No. 89-406 as amended or as may be further defined by the Board in rules passed by the Board, unless said journeyman plumber performs said work under the general supervision of a certified master plumber.

Author: Ed Lawrence
Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-2 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)
History: New Rule
Certified: September 16, 1992

720-x-6-.01 Work Permitted by Journeyman Gas Fitters. It shall be unlawful and a violation of Act No. 89-406 as amended for a journeyman gas fitter, certified in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board to perform any gas fitting work, as provided in Act No. 89-406 as amended or as may be further defined by the Board in rules passed by the Board, unless said journeyman gas fitter performs said work under the general supervision of a certified master gas fitter.

Author: Ed Lawrence
Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-2 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)
History: New Rule
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720-x-7-.01 Administration of Examinations. All examinations for which the Board has authority to require shall be administered by an independent examining agency as selected by the Board.

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Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-2 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)
History: New Rule
Certified: September 16, 1992

720-x-8-.01 Venting of Gas Heating Equipment. Any contractor certified by the Alabama Board of Heating and Air Conditioning Contractors may install vents on natural gas burning heating equipment without certification by this Board.

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Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-2 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)
History: New Rule
Certified: September 16, 1992

720-x-9-.01 Penalty for Late Renewal of Certificate. All certificates for Journeyman and Master Plumber and Gas Fitter expire on December 31 of each year. Certificate fees must be paid prior to January 1 of the year for which the certificate is to be effective. In the event the certificate is renewed after December 31, the late renewal penalty shall be equal to the renewal rate for the respective certificate. The late renewal penalty is due at the time the current year's certificate fee is paid.

In addition to the current year's certificate fee and late renewal penalty, the certificate fees for all unpaid back years shall be paid in accordance with Code of Ala. 1975, §34-37-9. The certificate fees for all unpaid back years are due at the time the current year's certificate fee and late renewal penalty are paid

Author: Ed Lawrence
Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-37-2
History: Amended Rule
Certified: May 12, 2003

720-x-10-.01 Waiver of First Year Certificate Fee for Journeyman and Master Plumbers and Gas Fitters. The Board shall be allowed to waive the first year fee for issuing a certificate for Journeyman and Master Plumbers and Gas Fitters who pay the examination fee and pass the examination for the respective classification.

Author: Ed Lawrence
Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-2 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)
History: New Rule
Certified: November 18, 1992

720-x-11-.01 Work Permitted by Apprentice Plumber/Gas Fitters. It shall be unlawful and a violation of Act No. 89-406, as amended, for an Apprentice Plumber/Gas Fitter, certified in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board to perform any plumbing/gas fitting work, as provided in Act No. 89-406, as amended, and as may be further defined by the Board in rules passed by the Board, unless said Apprentice Plumber/Gas Fitter performs said work under the direct supervision of a certified Journeyman Plumber, Journeyman Gas Fitter, Master Plumber or Master Gas Fitter who remains on the job/work site at all times while such work is being performed by the Apprentice Plumber/Gas Fitter. An Apprentice Plumber/Gas Fitter is a trainee, therefore it shall be unlawful, and a violation of Act No. 89-406, as amended, for any one Journeyman Plumber, Journeyman Gas Fitter, Master Plumber or Master Gas Fitter to directly supervise on any job site more than one Apprentice Plumber/Gas Fitter.

Author: Ed Lawrence
Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-2 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)
History: New Rule
Certified: August 4, 1995

720-x-12-.01 Responsibility of Master Plumber. It shall be unlawful and a violation of Act No. 89-406, as amended, for a Master Plumber, certified in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board as provided in Act No. 89-406, as amended, or as may be further defined by the Board in rules passed by the Board, to supervise or direct any person in the performance of plumbing or gas fitting work as defined in Section 34-37-1 (Code of Alabama 1975, as amended) where the person performing such work does not hold current certification with the Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board.

Author: Ed Lawrence
Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-2 & 17 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)
History: New Rule
Certified: August 4, 1995

720-x-13-.01 Responsibility of Master Gas Fitter. It shall be unlawful and a violation of Act No. 89-406, as amended, for a Master Gas Fitter, certified in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board as provided in Act No. 89-406, as amended, or as may be further

defined by the Board in rules passed by the Board, to supervise or direct any person in the performance of plumbing or gas fitting work as defined in Section 34-37-1 (Code of Alabama 1975, as amended) where the person performing such work does not hold current certification with the Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board.

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Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-2 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)

History: New Rule

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720-x-14-.01 *Definition of Medical Gas Piping Systems*. Due to the threat to human life, no one shall install any medical gas piping or breach the integrity of any medical gas piping system unless the person has first received an endorsement for medical gas piping from The Alabama Plumbers and Gas Fitters Examining Board and such endorsement is affixed to the current certificate of competency issued to said person and the certificate is in their possession. Replacing cylinders and filters, and performing routine and preventive maintenance that does not breach the integrity of the medical gas piping system and does not constitute the installation, repair or replacement of medical gas piping shall not require a medical gas piping endorsement.

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Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-1; 34-37-6 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)

History: New Rule

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