

South Dakota

## **Statutes and Rules**

[Statutes](#) (SDCL 36-25) and [Rules](#) (20:53)

## **Licensing Requirements**

### **Plumbing Contractor/Journeyman Plumber/Apprentice**

Plumbing Contractors, Journeyman Plumbers and Apprentice Plumbers may engage in the furnishing and/or the use of materials and fixtures in the installation, extension, and alteration of all piping, fixtures, appliances and appurtenances in connection with sanitary drainage or storm drainage facilities, the venting system and the public water supply systems, within or adjacent to any building, structure, or conveyance; and including the installation, extension, or alteration of the storm water, liquid waste, or sewerage and water supply systems of any premises to their connection with any point of public disposal, or other regulated terminal.

1. Applicants for a plumbing contractor license shall show evidence of 6 years experience as a plumbing contractor, plumber, or plumber's apprentice with at least 2 of those years as a plumbing contractor or plumber.
2. During the 6 years, the applicant must have spent at least 1900 hours per year as a plumbing contractor, plumber, or plumber's apprentice.
3. Applicants for a plumbing contractors license must fill out an [application](#) and pay an examination and license fee of \$260.
4. Applicants for a journeyman plumbers license shall show evidence of 4 years experience as an apprentice plumber.
5. During the 4 years, the applicant must have spent at least 1900 hours per year as an apprentice.
6. Credit for military plumbing is given at the rate of 1 year credit for each 2 years in the military up to a maximum of 5 years of credit.
7. Applicants for a journeyman plumbers license must fill out an [application](#) and pay an examination and license fee of \$130.
8. If the commission finds the individuals have the required experience, they shall be tested.
9. Applicants for a plumber apprentice license must fill out an [application](#) showing the plumber under which the applicant is working.
10. The license is without charge for the first 4 years.
11. Apprentice plumbers who have had 2 years (3800) hours experience in learning and assisting in the installation, alteration, and repair of plumbing under a plumbing contractor may work during their third year and fourth year on single family dwellings only without supervision upon satisfactorily

passing a state administered examination.

### **Sewer and Water Contractor/Installer/Apprentice**

Sewer and Water Contractors, Installers, and Apprentices may engage in the setting up of building sewer and water service, the repair of existing building sewer and water services, the setting up of building storm sewer, the repair of existing building storm sewer, and the setting up of water treatment plant piping and equipment designed to purify water, chemical treatment piping, and sewer treatment plant piping and equipment designed to treat sewage, and the repair of the piping and equipment.

1. Applicants for a sewer and water contractor shall show evidence of one year of experience as a sewer and water installer.
2. Applicants for a sewer and water installer shall show evidence of two years experience as a sewer and water apprentice.
3. If the commission finds the individuals have the required experience, they shall be tested.
4. Applicants must fill out an [application](#) form.
5. A sewer and water contractor shall pay an examination and license fee of \$225.
6. A sewer and water installer shall pay an examination and license fee of \$100.
7. All applicants for a sewer and water apprentice license shall fill out an [application](#) showing the sewer and water installer under which the applicant is working. The license fee is without charge for two years and then the fee is \$50.

### **Appliance Contractor/Installer/Apprentice**

Appliance Contractors, Installers and Apprentices may engage in the making of local connections to water and waste systems of all miscellaneous and commercial equipment designed to use electricity or gas or both as a basic source of energy; maintenance and service of this equipment, including operation, adjustment, repair, removal, and renovation; but not connection and repair of household and commercial plumbing fixtures that are designed for sanitary use or water conditioning.

1. Applicants for a appliance contractor license shall show evidence of one year of experience as an appliance installer.
2. Applicants for an appliance installer license shall show evidence of two years experience as an appliance apprentice.
3. If the commission finds the individuals have the required experience, they shall be tested.
4. Applicants must fill out an [application](#) form.
5. An appliance contractor shall pay an examination and license fee of \$175.

6. An appliance installer shall pay an examination and license fee of \$100.
7. All applicants for an appliance apprentice shall fill out an [application](#) showing the appliance installer under which the applicant is working. The license is without charge for two years and then the fee is \$50.

### **Water Conditioning Contractor/Installer/Apprentice**

Water Conditioning Contractors, Installers and Apprentices may engage in the treatment of water and the installation of appliances, appurtenances, fixtures, and plumbing necessary thereto, all designed to treat water to alter, modify, add, or remove mineral, chemical, or bacterial content and to repair such equipment to a water distribution system. Water Conditioning installation, repair, and treatment do not mean the exchange of appliances, appurtenances, and fixtures when the plumbing has previously been installed or adapted for such appliances, appurtenances, and fixtures, and no substantial change in the plumbing system is required.

1. Applicants for a water conditioning contractor shall show evidence of one year of experience as a water conditioning installer.
2. Applicants for a water conditioning installer shall show evidence of two years experience as a water conditioning apprentice.
3. If the commission finds the individuals have the required experience, they shall be tested.
4. Applicants must fill out an [application](#) form.
5. A water conditioning contractor shall pay an examination and license fee of \$175.
6. A water conditioning installer shall pay an examination and license fee of \$100.
7. All applicants for a water conditioning apprentice shall fill out an [application](#) showing the water conditioning installer under which the applicant is working. The license fee is without charge for two years and then the fee is \$50.

### **Mobile Home Contractor/Installer/Apprentice**

Mobile Home Contractors, Installers and Apprentices may engage in the connection to local water and waste systems from manufactured and mobile homes only, including maintenance and service which include the operation, adjustment, repair, removal and renovation of such connections.

1. Applicants for a mobile home contractor license shall show evidence of one year of experience as a mobile home installer.
2. Applicants for a mobile home installer license shall show evidence of two years experience as a mobile home apprentice.
3. If the commission finds the individuals have the required experience, they shall be tested.

4. Applicants must fill out an [application](#) form.
5. A mobile home contractor shall pay an examination and license fee of \$175.
6. A mobile home installer shall pay an examination and license fee of \$100.
7. All applicants for a mobile home apprentice shall fill out an [application](#) showing the mobile home installer under which the applicant is working. The license is without charge for two years and then the fee is \$50.

### **Underground Irrigation Contractor/Installer/Apprentice**

Underground Irrigation Contractors, Installers and Apprentices may engage in the practice of and the furnishing or the use of materials and devices for the purpose of installing underground irrigation systems and connecting them to the local source of potable water, including maintenance and service which includes the operation, adjustment, repair, removal, and renovation of such connections and devices.

1. Applicants for an underground irrigation contractor shall show evidence of one year of experience as an underground irrigation installer.
2. Applicants for an underground irrigation installer shall show evidence of two years experience as an underground irrigation apprentice.
3. If the commission finds the individuals have the required experience, they shall be tested.
4. Applicants must fill out an [application](#) form.
5. An underground irrigation contractor shall pay an examination and license fee of \$175.
6. An underground irrigation installer shall pay an examination and license fee of \$100.
7. All applicants for an underground irrigation apprentice shall fill out an [application](#) showing the underground irrigation installer under which the applicant is working. The license is without charge for two years and then the fee is \$50.

### **Licensure Information and Fee Schedule**

The State Plumbing Commission administers and establishes educational, training and examination requirements for Plumbing Contractor, Journeyman and Apprentices; Sewer and Water Contractor, Installer and Apprentices; Appliance Contractor, Installer and Apprentices; Water Conditioning Contractor, Installer and Apprentices; Mobile Home Contractor, Installer and Apprentices; and Underground Irrigation Contractor, Installer and Apprentices. Plumbing Apprentices must serve a four year apprenticeship. All other apprentices must serve a two year apprenticeship. Journeyman Plumbers must work for two years to become a Plumbing Contractor. All Installers must work for one year to

become a Contractor. [SDCL 36-25-14](#)

Exams are held in Pierre, SD at any time by advance appointment. Exams are also held in Sioux Falls, SD and Rapid City, SD but not on specific pre-set dates. They are held in these locations when the office has received enough applicants to warrant travel to those sites (8-10 applicants is minimum to warrant travel to those sites).

### **Fee Schedule (First Time Exam)**

	<b>FEE</b>
Appliance Installation Contractor	\$175.00
Appliance Installation Installer	\$100.00
Irrigation Contractor	\$175.00
Irrigation Installer	\$100.00
Journeyman Plumber	\$130.00
Mobile Home Contractor	\$175.00
Mobile Home Installer	\$100.00
Plumbing Contractor	\$260.00
Restricted Plumbing Contractor	\$130.00
Restricted Journeyman Plumber	\$90.00
Restricted Sewer & Water Contractor	\$130.00
Restricted Sewer & Water Installer	\$90.00
Sewer & Water Contractor	\$225.00
Sewer & Water Installer	\$100.00
Temporary Permit	\$50.00
Water Conditioning Contractor	\$175.00
Water Conditioning Installer	\$100.00

All Exam retakes are \$50.00.

### **Forms and Publications**

Applications for licensure may be obtained from the State Plumbing Commission at no cost. The Uniform Plumbing Code may be obtained for \$95.00; the Study Guide for \$50.00; the Utility Contractor Handbook for \$50.00.

The State Plumbing Commission has converted its forms to the ADOBE .PDF format (Portable Document Format) which is both device and resolution independent. The printed version of these PDF documents will be similar regardless of the device used to print. In order to view or print the Adobe Acrobat forms, you must download the free [ADOBE Acrobat Reader](#) for Windows, DOS or for Macintosh. For best viewing results, we recommend using Adobe Acrobat Reader 7.0.

[Application Form for Licensure](#)

## **Reciprocity Information**

The State Plumbing Commission may register by reciprocity, without examination, upon payment of the required fee, nonresident applicants registered under the laws of other states having requirements for regulating plumbers which the commission determines are substantially equivalent to the requirements of South Dakota. [SDCL 36-25-21](#)

## **ADA Policy**

The State Plumbing Commission is interested in ensuring that no individual with a disability is deprived of the opportunity to take an examination solely by reason of that disability. The State Plumbing Commission will provide reasonable accommodations for applicants with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Wheelchair access is available at the Office of the State Plumbing Commission as well as other designated exam sites. Applicants must advise the State Plumbing Commission prior to testing that wheelchair access is necessary.

Applicants with visual, sensory or physical disabilities that would prevent them from taking the examination under standard conditions may request special accommodations and arrangements.

If you have a disability and may require an accommodation to take the examination, you must submit acceptable documentation of your disability and a proposal for accommodation to the Commission for consideration. This material must be received in the Commission office prior to testing.

1. Current statement verifying disability:
  - A. Documentation from a physician, mental health professional, or other professional must be appropriate to the disability.
  - B. Statement must be on professional's letterhead and include

the address and phone number of the professional.

- C. The following application sheet or a photocopy of the sheet, completed fully, must be submitted by the professional along with the letter or statement verifying a disability.
2. State a specific proposal for accommodation as it relates to the disability. Please include information regarding any accommodations for the disability which you may have received in the past.

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[Application for Disability Accommodations](#)