

LOUISIANA STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS

TO: License holders and Building Officials
FROM: Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors
DATE: July 13, 2026
SUBJECT: Changes to Contractor Licensing Laws

The Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors provides notice of the following statutory changes.

- **Residential Roofing**

Effective August 1, 2026

For residential roofing, a building used primarily as a residence and containing up to four dwelling units in one structure is a residential roofing project. Subject to applicable exemptions, a person who advertises, solicits, quotes, bids, contracts, supervises, or performs roofing work with a project value of \$7,500 or more must hold the Residential Roofing or Residential Construction classification.

Authority: Act 757 of 2026; La. R.S. 37:2150.1 and 37:2156.4.

- **Liability Insurance**

Effective August 1, 2026

Residential construction, its subclassifications and specialties, mold remediation, and home improvement applicants and licensees must maintain at least \$500,000 in liability insurance or qualifying liability protection through an authorized liability trust fund. Proof must be submitted by the agent, broker, or insurer and must:

- identify the licensee, insurer, broker and broker's address, policy number, and coverage dates;
- cover at least six months and all licensed scopes, with no exclusions for those scopes; and
- list LSLBC as certificate holder.

Authority: Act 757 of 2026; La. R.S. 37:2156.1; LAC 46:XXIX.105.

Required workers' compensation and liability protection must remain continuously in effect while the license or registration is active.

- **Water Well and Environmental Well or Hole Work**

Effective July 1, 2026

Subject to applicable exemptions, a person who advertises, solicits, quotes, bids, supervises, directs, oversees, constructs, modifies, repairs, or maintains any part of a water well or environmental well or hole with a project value of \$1 or more must hold the appropriate LSLBC license and classification.

Covered work includes potable and nonpotable water wells and specialized borings used for environmental assessment, sampling, or analysis, including observation, monitor, piezometer, recovery, horizontal, cathodic-protection, and geotechnical boreholes. Contractors must pass the appropriate examination, register with LSLBC, remain in good standing with the Louisiana Department of Conservation and Energy, complete five hours of Board-approved continuing education annually, and maintain required well registration.

Beginning August 1, 2026, the residential subcontractor exemption does not apply to water-well work. A subcontractor performing water-well work for a residential construction license holder must hold the appropriate license and classification.

Authority: Acts 481 and 757 of 2026; La. R.S. 37:2150.1, 37:2156.5, and 37:2157(A)(17).

Please refer to Act 757 of the 2026 Louisiana Legislative Session for complete changes and details.

This memorandum is intended to provide general notice of statutory changes. The applicable statutes and regulations control in the event of any conflict or question of interpretation.

Verify a contractor through the Board's online Contractor Search. Questions may be directed to 225-765-2301 or www.lslbc.gov.