LOUISIANA STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS

TO: License Holders and Building Officials
FROM: Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors
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SUBJECT: Changes to Contractor Licensing Laws

The Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors (LSLBC) provides this summary of selected changes to Louisiana's licensing laws.

Plumbing — Act 908 of 2026
Effective January 1, 2027

Licensing and regulatory responsibilities will transfer from the State Plumbing Board to LSLBC. A new Plumbing Contractors Subcommittee will oversee plumbing licensing, continuing education, and enforcement.

Existing apprentice, journeyman, and master plumber license holders will receive equivalent licenses under LSLBC. An individual plumber's license and a plumbing contractor license serve different purposes. Businesses offering plumbing services must hold the appropriate contractor license. Additional transition information will be provided as rules and procedures are finalized.

Manufactured and Modular Housing — Act 765 of 2026
Effective January 1, 2027

LSLBC's Residential Contractors Subcommittee will assume responsibility for the transferred manufactured-housing licensing and regulatory functions. The law addresses manufacturers, dealers, developers, installers, and transporters, as well as warranties, installation requirements, and enforcement. Manufactured and modular homes remain subject to different construction standards.

Contractor Requirements — Act 757 of 2026
Effective August 1, 2026

- Minimum liability coverage increases from $100,000 to $500,000 for residential construction and its subclassifications, mold remediation, and home improvement applicants. An authorized liability trust fund may satisfy this requirement.
- Residential roofing requirements include structures used as residences with no more than two dwelling units in one building in most cases.
- The law prohibits certain assignments of property insurance benefits and adds violations involving permit misrepresentations, property damage intended to obtain

a contract, and failure to pay for materials or services after receiving sufficient funds.

Licensing and Business Practices — Act 422 of 2025
Generally effective August 1, 2025; residential roofing requirements began January 1, 2026

- Required net worth is $50,000 for residential and commercial licenses and most related classifications, and $25,000 for home improvement, mold remediation, and labor-only classifications. An irrevocable letter of credit may satisfy the requirement.
- Contractors must conduct business in the name shown on their license or registration.
- Residential roofing projects valued at $7,500 or more require the Residential Roofing or Residential Construction classification.
- Deceptive examination practices result in a three-year restriction on serving as a qualifying party.

Louisiana Uniform Construction Code Commission — Act 881 of 2026

The Commission replaces the former Construction Code Council and oversees state construction-code adoption and inspector licensing. Local authorities continue to enforce applicable codes.

Beginning January 1, 2027, a $10 Commission fee applies to designated categories of locally issued permits. Permit offices should follow the Commission's collection and reporting guidance.

Water Wells and Environmental Wells or Holes — Act 481 of 2026
Effective July 1, 2026

Covered projects valued at $1 or more require the appropriate license and classification. Requirements include an examination, LSLBC registration, good standing and required well registration with the Department of Conservation and Energy, and five hours of Board-approved continuing education annually.

This summary does not replace applicable laws or regulations. For licensing information or to verify a contractor, visit **www.lslbc.gov** or call **225-765-2301**.