

Chapter H 61

APPRENTICESHIP AND LICENSING OF PLUMBERS

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History: Chapter H 61 as it existed on October 31, 1970, was repealed and a new chapter H 61 was created effective November 1, 1970.

H 61.01 Apprenticeship. (1) **REGISTRATION.** Every plumbing apprentice shall register with the department immediately. Registration forms will be furnished by the department which shall require the applicant to indicate his name, age, preliminary schooling, beginning date of indenture, name and address of employer and such other information as the department may require. Persons beginning an accredited plumbing trade school course may also register.

(2) **QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION.** All applicants for registration as apprentices must have reached the age of 16 years and have completed the 12th grade in school or its equivalent. Applicants who have not completed the 12th grade or its equivalent shall be required to attend part-time school 4 hours per week during the entire period of their apprenticeship. In each case where the applicant seeks to establish the equivalency of completion of the 12th grade the matter shall be referred to the department.

(3) **RESPONSIBILITY OF EMPLOYER.** (a) Registration as an apprentice shall not be accepted unless the particular shop in which the apprentice is to work and the employing master plumber are equipped and qualified to have an apprentice and that the requirements as to both shop and school training will be complied with. Master plumbers employing registered apprentices shall report to the department any changes made in relation to the continued employment of such apprentices. Such changes shall be subject to the joint approval of the state departments having jurisdiction.

(b) Employing master plumbers shall be owners or co-owners with a monetary interest in a firm or corporation engaged in the installation of plumbing. Master plumbers in the employ of state agencies are to be considered employing master plumbers for the purpose of this section. Master plumbers shall be licensed by this state.

(4) **SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION.** (a) Whenever an apprenticeship ceases to exist or whenever a registration has been accepted under such conditions as would not have warranted an acceptance if the facts had been presented, or when there has been willful noncompliance with the shop and school training requirements, the department shall suspend

such registration until the conditions shall have been remedied or cancel such registration if necessary.

(b) A registration which has lapsed either through suspension or cancellation may be renewed in the same manner as new registrations and the department may grant such credit toward completion of the 5-year apprenticeship as it may deem proper in each case.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1970, No. 178, eff. 11-1-70.

H 61.02 Practical training. (1) **INSTRUCTION AND EXPERIENCE.** The apprentice shall receive instruction and experience in all branches of plumbing.

(2) **FIRST THREE YEARS.** During the first 3 years the apprentice shall be given opportunity to install plumbing material as his skill will permit under the immediate supervision of a journeyman or master plumber licensed in Wisconsin.

(3) **FOURTH AND FIFTH YEARS.** During the 4th and 5th years any apprentice who is meeting the related instruction requirement may under general supervision of a licensed master plumber make plumbing installations as his acquired skill will permit. A graduate of a plumbing course of an accredited trade school having at least a 2-year course in plumbing may, upon registration as an apprentice perform the same class of work as a 4th and 5th year apprentice.

(4) **SCHOOL CREDITS.** Apprentice applicants who have attended the plumbing course in a recognized trade school in Wisconsin but who are not graduates of such school will be given credit for the work done in the trade school as a part of the required 5 years of experience. Any attendance of less than 3 months shall not receive recognition.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1970, No. 178, eff. 11-1-70.

H 61.03 Related instruction. (1) **TRADE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.** An apprentice who is not a graduate of an accredited trade school shall complete an approved day school course in plumbing of not less than 400 hours. In addition, an apprentice including graduates of a trade school shall complete an approved trade extension course of not less than 120 hours in night school.

(2) **FAILURE TO COMPLETE CONTRACT.** An indentured apprentice who fails to complete his contract or who has not transferred with approval to another shop shall not be entitled to continue his vocational school plumbing course.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1970, No. 178, eff. 11-1-70.

H 61.04 Engineering training. Graduates of a college engineering course related to plumbing and those completing not less than one year of such a course who have had in addition plumbing installation experience shall receive such credit up to one year for each year of college as may be determined by the department. Each such applicant shall be considered as a separate case.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1970, No. 178, eff. 11-1-70.

(30) RESPONSE. Upon receipt of notification of hearing from the department, the charged party may submit to the department a written response within 30 days of the date of service. Failure to respond within the prescribed time limit, or failure to appear at the scheduled hearing, may result in the allegations specified in the complaint being taken as true.

(31) HEARINGS. (a) *Subpoenas; witness fees.* Subpoenas may be signed and issued by the department or the clerk of any court of record. Witness fees and mileage of witnesses subpoenaed on behalf of the department will be paid at the rate prescribed for witnesses in circuit court.

(b) *Conduct of hearing.* All hearings will be conducted by persons selected by the department. Persons so designated may administer oaths or affirmations and may grant continuances and adjournments for cause shown. The respondent shall appear in person and may be represented by an attorney-at-law. Witnesses may be examined by persons designated by the department.

(32) FINDINGS. The department may make findings and enter its order on the basis of the facts revealed by its investigation. Any findings as a result of petition or hearing shall be in writing and shall be binding unless appealed to the secretary.

(33) APPEAL ARGUMENTS. Appeal arguments shall be submitted to the department in writing unless otherwise ordered.

(34) PETITION FOR RULES OR DECLARATORY RULINGS. Petitions for the adoption, repeal or amendment of rules and for declaratory rulings shall be in accordance with ch. 227, Stats.

(35) CERTIFICATION FEES. All applicants for certification as a certified inspector or independent inspection agency shall submit, with the application form, fees in accordance with the following:

(a) *Certified inspectors.* Persons applying for initial certification or recertification as a certified plumbing inspector shall submit fees in accordance with the following schedule:

Plumbing..... \$25.00

Inspectors shall renew their certification annually. Expiration date of certification shall be June 30 of each calendar year.

1. Examinations for certification. Upon determination of eligibility for the examination for certification, fees shall be collected in accordance with the following schedule:

a. Initial examination..... \$5.00

b. Examination retakes..... \$5.00

2. Educational and training seminars. Fees will be assessed on a per seminar basis for educational and training programs sponsored by the department of health and social services.

(b) *Independent inspection agencies.* Fees for the initial certification of independent inspection agencies shall be \$25.00. For recertification,

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\$25.00 annually. Expiration date of certification shall be June 30 of each calendar year.

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