

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO RULES
PERTAINING TO
PLUMBERS LICENSE FEE, EXPIRATION, RENEWAL,
JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER, MASTER PLUMBER AND RESTRICTED PLUMBER
QUALIFICATIONS**

This proposal removes the word regulation and replaces with rule as well adds or changes wording that addresses licensing reciprocation, licensing reinstatement, criminal background, temporary – provisional licensing and licensing consideration for military veterans and their spouses.

Definitions

- Added: Definitions for apprentice plumber, backflow testing & repair certifications.
- Added: Definition for Plumbing Inspector
- Added: a definition for “substantially similar”

Section VIII – Reinstatement of License

- Added: the licensing reinstatement shall not require apprenticeship, education or training as a prerequisite.
- Added the terms apprentice and restricted plumber throughout the section.

Section X – Reciprocal

- Added: Expanded language to allow for reciprocation as well as the requirements.

Section XII – Master, journeyman and Restricted Plumber Qualifications

- Changed: Paragraph B to approve of candidates for examination that have out-of-state licensing similar to Arkansas.
- Added: Language for licensing candidates that have no licensing backgrounds.
- Added: Pre-Licensure Criminal Background Check.

Section XVI – Revocation

- Added clean up language to cover all plumber licensing.

Section XVII – Temp Permits / Provisional Licensing

- Revised the language to be more specific regarding the criteria for temporary / provisional licensing.

Section XVIII – Licensing of Active Duty Service Members, Veterans, and Spouses

- Added this section to comply with laws regarding the detailed processes for the licensing of active duty service members, veterans, and spouses.