

RULES AND REGULATIONS
PERTAINING
TO
RESTRICTED PLUMBERS LICENSE
SOLAR MECHANIC

SECTION I. AUTHORITY

The following regulation is duly adopted and promulgated by the Arkansas State Board of Health pursuant to the authority expressly conferred by the laws of the State of Arkansas in Act 200 of 1951 as amended and Act 96 of 1913 as amended. The Department may exercise such powers as are reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of Act 200 of 1951 as amended. It may, among other things, issued restricted licenses limited to gas fitter, residential and governmental maintenance, service line installation, solar mechanic and hospital maintenance licenses providing that the licensee has demonstrated competency for the particular phase of plumbing for which the person is licensed and providing that the Board has adopted regulations defining restrictions in the type of work allowed, geographical area served, and term of that type of restricted license.

SECTION II. PURPOSE

- a. No person shall engage in work as a Master Plumber, Journeyman Plumber, Apprentice Plumber or restricted license holder called for under Act 200 of 1951 as amended unless first licensed or registered to do so by the Department of Health.

SECTION III. DEFINITIONS

- a. The State Board means the Arkansas Board of Health.
- b. The Department means the Plumbing and Natural Gas Section of the Arkansas Department of Health.
- c. Supervising Solar Mechanic means any person skilled in the planning superintending and practical installation and/or maintenance for the particular phase of solar and hydronic heating and for the purpose of solar heating of domestic hot water.
- d. Solar Mechanic means a person qualified to perform the installation and/or maintenance for the particular phase of solar and hydronic heating, and for the purpose of solar heating of domestic hot water.
- e. Solar Mechanic Trainee means any person who is engaged in learning, acquiring experience and assisting the Solar Mechanics in order to become a Solar Mechanic.
- f. Domestic hot water means potable water that has been heated for domestic use.

SECTION IV. RESTRICTIONS

- a. Persons holding a Restricted Solar Mechanic Plumber's License for the particular phase of Restricted Solar Mechanic plumbing shall not perform any plumbing service other than the restricted phase for which he is licensed.

- b. Persons holding a Restricted Solar Mechanic Plumber's License shall not be eligible to use experience gained under such license to obtain credit toward other forms of licenses issued by the Department.
- c. Persons holding a Restricted Solar Mechanic Plumber's License shall not transfer a license from one phase of plumbing to any other phase or move from one restricted area to another without first resubmitting a new application to the Department.

SECTION V. QUALIFICATIONS

- a. The applicant for a Restricted Solar Mechanic Plumber's License shall produce evidence of his training and experience in the phase of plumbing for which he is requesting a license.
- b. Applicants for a Restricted Supervisor Solar Mechanic Plumber's License shall have a minimum of five (5) years solar mechanic plumbing experience or its equivalent, with a least one (1) year as a licensed Restricted Solar Mechanic Plumber.
- c. Applicants for a Restricted Solar Mechanic Plumber's License shall have served four (4) years as a registered Restricted Solar mechanic Apprentice.
- d. Restricted Solar Mechanic Trainees shall register with the Department in order to record the training and experience gained under the Restricted Supervising Solar Mechanic Plumber's License.

SECTION VI. APPLICATIONS AND EXAMINATIONS

- a. Information for a Restricted Solar Mechanic Plumber's License shall be on an application form showing the education experience and background of the applicant.
- b. The application form for a Restricted Solar Mechanic Plumber's License shall have a space to show the restriction requested and the restriction shall be indicated before consideration by the Committee of Examiners.
- c. All applicants shall be examined by the Department to determine competency to perform as a Restricted Solar Mechanic Plumber and on the regulations that may affect his operation.

SECTION VII. TERMS OF LICENSE AND RENEWALS

- a. All holders of Restricted Solar Mechanic Licenses issued under the provision of this regulation may apply for renewal annually within thirty (30) days after the expiration date of the license. The Department may renew a license after the thirty (30) day period providing there is sufficient reason for not renewing such license in the time specified and upon payment of penalties as prescribed by regulation.
- b. The use of a Restricted Solar Mechanic Plumber's License to do plumbing other than permitted by the license shall be ground for automatic suspension and/or revocation of such license by the Committee of Examiners providing the licensee is duly notified within thirty (30) days of the violation and pending a full hearing under the Administrative Procedures Regulation of the Arkansas Department of Health.

SECTION IX. HEARINGS

In the case of each final order issued by the Department, any affected party may within thirty (30) days of such order submit a written request for a hearing to the Director. **NOTICE:** All hearings will be scheduled within a reasonable time and held after reasonable notice has been provided to all known affected parties.

SECTION X. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of these Regulations, or the application thereof to any person is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of these

Regulations which can give effect without the invalid provisions of applications, and to this end the provision hereto are declared to be severable.

SECTION XI. REPEAL

All Regulations and parts of Regulations in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.