

RULES AND REGULATIONS

PERTAINING

TO

PLUMBING AND/OR NATURAL GAS INSPECTOR

CERTIFICATION

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, issue restricted licenses limited to gas fitter, residential and governmental maintenance, service line installation, solar mechanic and hospital maintenance licenses providing that the licenses 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

To insure that the construction, installation and maintenance of plumbing and/or natural gas has in connection with all buildings in this State be safe, sanitary and such as to safeguard the public health.

SECTION III. DEFINITIONS

- (a) The State Board means the Arkansas State Board of Health.
- (b) The Department means that the Plumbing and Natural Gas Section of the Arkansas Department of Health.
- (c) Plumbing Inspector means a person qualified for testing and inspecting all aspects of sanitary plumbing and gas installation as defined under Act 200 of 1951 as amended.
- (d) Gas Inspector means a person qualified for testing and inspection all aspects of gas installation as defined under Act 200 of 1951 as amended.
- (e) State Committee of Plumbing Examiners means people designated by the Board of Health to determine the eligibility of applicants for various types of plumbing and gas licenses in accordance with Act 200 of 1951, as amended.

SECTION IV. ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTIFICATION

- (a) Any duly appointed plumbing inspector, assistant plumbing inspector, gas inspector, when such appointment is made by state, county, city, town, water district, water association,

sewer district, sewer association, or any water, or gas utility, shall be eligible for certification by the Department. Any other persons determined to be eligible for certification by the State Committee of Plumbing Examiners for the State of Arkansas.

SECTION V. QUALIFICATIONS

- (a) In order to be examined for a Certified Plumbing and/or Natural Gas Inspector an applicant must:
- (1) Be able to read and write.
 - (2) Be currently employed as a Plumbing Inspector by a city, town, county, or other municipality within the State of Arkansas that has adopted or is adopting the State Plumbing Code by regulation or ordinance.

SECTION VI. EXAMINATIONS

- (a) Examinations will be given on an as needed basis by the Department at various times and places. The examination will cover the Arkansas State Plumbing and Natural Gas Code, as amended, A score of 70% or greater is considered a passing score.

SECTION VII. TERMS OF CERTIFICATION AND RENEWALS

- (a) All certificates (licenses) for plumbing inspectors shall be renewed each year. Applications for renewal shall be accompanied by the proper fee and a proof of eight (8) hours of refresher training issued by the Department.
- (b) Training obtained other than from the Arkansas Inspector's Training School may be accepted toward original licensing for renewal with approval of the Department.

SECTION VIII. REVOCATION OF LICENSE

- (a) The State Committee of Plumbing Examiners may on its own motion make investigations and conduct hearing and may on its own motion or upon a complaint in writing and duly signed and verified by the complainant, suspend or revoke any plumbing and/or natural gas inspector's certificate for failing to provide inspections at least equal to the minimum requirements of the Department, any rule or order prescribed by the Board or has demonstrated incompetence to act as an inspector. The licensee shall be duly notified within thirty (30) days of the violation and full hearing under the Administrative Procedures Regulation of the Arkansas Department of Health.
- (b) The Department may suspend any plumbing and/or natural gas inspector certification for non-payment of the prescribed fees, or if the inspector fails to obtain annual training as prescribed by these regulations.

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 of the Department. **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.