Weathering the Storm

Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors

Licensed contractor . . . It's the Law!

"Hurricane season and other extreme weather events bring the potential for devastating property damage. Unlicensed contractors often solicit work after a storm to take advantage of consumers who need repairs. The Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors is here to help consumers recognize fraudulent contractors and take the necessary steps to protect themselves."
- Michael McDuff, Executive Director

For more information, visit our website at www.lacontractor.org.

Don’t Become a Victim “Twice”

Lightening never strikes twice in the same place . . .
or does it?

Check out your contractor!

Remember, a contractor must be licensed or registered to bid and/or perform work in the state of Louisiana!

Search online at www.lacontractor.org.

Download our new LSLBC mobile app here.

Hiring a Louisiana licensed or registered contractor?

- Get the name, business address, license number, or registration number of the contractor
- Verify the license or registration number with the **Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors** at www.lacontractor.org
- Get at least three bids for the project prior to selecting a contractor
- Require proof of general liability insurance and worker's compensation
- Require a written contract signed by both parties (consumer and contractor) and agree upon:
  - the estimated dates of start and completion of the project;
  - a description of the work to be performed; and
  - the total dollar amount to be paid to the contractor upon completion of work
- Never pay a down payment that exceeds 10% of total cost
- Never pay for construction not yet completed

When is a contractor's registration or license required?

Contractors must be registered and/or licensed in Louisiana before bidding and/or performing work in Louisiana.
All amounts include cost of materials and labor.

HOME IMPROVEMENT REGISTRATION

Required for home improvement projects with a value exceeding $7,500 but not in excess of $75,000; proof of general liability insurance and workers' compensation coverage required

RESIDENTIAL BUILDER LICENSE

Required for new residential construction projects or home improvement projects with a value exceeding $75,000

MOLD REMEDIATION LICENSE

Required for mold remediation projects with a value of $1.00 or more

COMMERCIAL LICENSE

Required on commercial projects with a value of $50,000 or more

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SPECIALTY TRADE/SUBCONTRACTOR LICENSE

- **Residential Specialty/Subcontractor Trade License** is required for residential projects with a value exceeding $7,500 for the following scopes of work: residential pile driving, residential foundations, residential framing, residential roofing, residential masonry/stucco, and residential swimming pools
- **Commercial Specialty/Subcontractor Trade License** is required for commercial projects with a value of $50,000 or more with the exception of electrical/mechanical/plumbing which requires license for projects with a value exceeding $10,000, and hazardous materials with a value of $1.00 or more

Avoid costly delays and legal issues

The **Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors** has the authority to place a **STOP WORK** order on your jobsite or project if you hire unlicensed contractors or subcontractors.

REMEMBER: Substantial monetary penalties can be levied against unlicensed, unregistered, and fraudulent contractors.

Our compliance team is ready. Are you?

Report complaints to 1-800-256-1392
or email us at:
complaints@lslbc.louisiana.gov

Obtain an application
for contracting in
Louisiana by
downloading the
appropriate form at:
www.lacontractor.org