

## RULES PROMULGATED TO EASE CONTRACTOR LICENSING PROCESS

The Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors recently promulgated rules to simplify and streamline the application, examination and renewal processes for licensed contractors and those seeking to become licensed contractors. Changes made in this regard include the following.

1. Insurance documents required for residential builders and residential specialty subcontractors, mold remediation contractors, and home improvement registrants will be collected at application and renewal time only, with contractors certifying that they will maintain continuous coverage while licensed/registered.
2. Residential building contractors will continue to be required to meet the continuing education requirement of 6 hours per year, but will no longer be required to submit continuing education certificates to this office. The contractor will maintain their education certificates for a five-year period and provide copies to this office if requested. Contractors will certify at application and renewal time that they have complied with this requirement.
3. Employees applying to be the Qualifying Party for a contractor will no longer be required to provide copies of payroll documents/payroll checks as evidence of employment. However, the Qualifier/Employee will be required to sign a legal affidavit, along with their employer, that they meet the 120-day mandated employment requirement.
4. Every licensed contractor must have a minimum of one qualifying party designated as the qualifier for the Business and Law examination. The Business and Law exam will be transitioned from an online “pass or fail” test to an online course which qualifiers will be required to complete. This transition for fairness and less burdensome for the applicant is scheduled for the first quarter of 2019.

If we can answer any questions or be of further assistance, please contact us [info@lslbc.louisiana.gov](mailto:info@lslbc.louisiana.gov).

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