Licensing requirements for contractors in Louisiana

Residential License

Residential construction or home improvement projects exceeding $75,000 must be bid or performed by a licensed Residential Building Contractor.

Residential subcontractors who bid or perform work in one of the specialty areas listed below must be licensed for that specialty when the work exceeds $7,500 (including labor and materials) on any new single family residential home, duplex, triplex, or fourplex.

- Residential pile driving
- Residential foundations (Including Forming; Steel Reinforcement Placement; and Concrete Placement and Finishing)
- Residential framing
- Residential roofing
- Residential masonry/stucco
- Residential swimming pools

Subcontractors performing work under any specialty classification above for homeowners who are building their own home must be licensed for that specialty.

Applications must include:
- A financial statement affidavit showing a minimum of $10,000 net worth, current within 12 months of application
- Completion of the Business and Law course
- Passing score on the trade exam, if applicable

Commercial License

Commercial projects with a value of $50,000 or more must be bid or performed by a properly licensed commercial contractor. Subcontracts with this value must be performed by a properly licensed subcontractor.

Exceptions:
- Electrical/Mechanical/Plumbing require a license for projects exceeding $10,000
- Asbestos, Hazardous Waste, Lead-Based Paint Abatement/Removal, Underground Storage Tanks require a license for projects with a value of one dollar or more

Applications must include:
- A financial statement affidavit showing a minimum of $10,000 net worth, current within 12 months of application
- Completion of the Business and Law course
- Passing score on the trade exam, if applicable

Home Improvement Registration

Home improvement projects with a value exceeding $7,500 but not in excess of $75,000 must be bid or performed by a home improvement registrant or a licensed contractor.

Applications must include:
- Proof of general liability insurance with a minimum amount of $100,000
- Proof of workers’ compensation coverage

Mold Remediation License

Mold remediation projects with a value of one dollar or more must be bid or performed by a licensed contractor.

Applications must include:
- A financial statement affidavit showing a minimum of $10,000 net worth, current within 12 months of application
- Completion of the Business and Law course
- Completion of 24 hours of approved mold remediation and mold assessment training
- Completion of four hours of instruction in Louisiana’s Unfair Trade and Consumer Protection Law
- Proof of general liability insurance with a minimum amount of $50,000
- Proof of workers’ compensation coverage
The Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors (LSLBC) was created in 1956 by Act 233, and is governed under Title 37:2150-2192 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, Chapter 24.

The LSLBC serves to protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public and promotes professionalism and integrity of the construction industry. Through its licensing, enforcement, and public awareness efforts, the LSLBC is also a resource that educates contractors and consumers alike.

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