

Residential contractor licensing changes coming

Independent registration of qualifying persons

A key change in the restructured licensing system is the ability of individuals who passed a residential contractor exam to register as a qualifying person and then independently report and track their continuing education hours even though they are not associated with an active, licensed residential contractor. These individuals will be able to renew their registration every two years.

This change eliminates multiple reporting of continuing education (CE) attendance for individuals affiliated with multiple contractor licenses. It also enables individuals who “put their license on ice” to maintain their eligibility to obtain a license in the future by having their CE hours reported and logged.

Effective Oct. 1, 2011, individuals who pass a contractor exam may register with the department. They may maintain this registration indefinitely if they complete the required continuing education and renew their registration every two years.

Greater clarity with certificates of exemption

The restructured licensing system will bring greater clarity and transparency to the issuance and use of certificates of exemption in residential construction. State law exempts contractors who do not exceed \$15,000 in gross annual

receipts derived from residential building contracting, residential remodeling or residential roofing activities during a 12-month period from being licensed as residential building contractors, residential remodelers or residential roofers. In conjunction with the license restructuring that takes effect Jan. 1, 2012, the following changes are scheduled:

- Certificates of exemption will be administered separate and distinct from licensed residential contractors.
- Certificates of exemption will have clearly identifiable certificate numbers that start with “X”.
- Certificates of exemption will be issued for up to one year and may be renewed annually.
- Certificates of exemption will clearly indicate on the certificate that the holder is not licensed; did not contribute to the Contractor Recovery Fund; and is exempt from licensure provided the certificate is immediately surrendered when annual gross receipts exceed \$15,000 during the registration period.
- Certificates of exemption applicants must pay an annual \$15 registration fee to cover DLI administrative costs.

Payment of the registration fee will start with all new certificates of exemption received by the department starting Jan. 1, 2012.

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CE change allows for quicker license renewals

Effective Oct. 1, 2012, a uniform continuing education program will be implemented. A key improvement for residential contractor licensing will be the ability of CE sponsors to directly report individual qualifying person’s course attendance to the department.

Attendance will be logged into DLI’s licensing system and will automatically update a qualifying person’s CE status. This change will eliminate submitting copies of CE certificates with license renewals and enable quicker license renewals provided timely completion of CE requirements by qualifying persons.



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