

DRAIN CLEANER REGISTRATION – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Minimum requirements for Drain Cleaner Registration :

- Must have a **current** Plumber's Apprentice registration.
- Must have at least 4,000 hours of experience working at the trade as a Drain Cleaner-Restricted Registrant, under the general supervision of a Master Plumber, as verified by employers. Proof of experience must be submitted on the Board's "Employer's Certification Form".
- Must submit the Drain Cleaner Verification of Training Affidavit.
- Must submit Drain Cleaner Registration application and fee (\$18).

▶ Your initial registration as Drain Cleaner will be assigned an expiration date that coincides with your Plumber's Apprentice Registration expiration date. Your Plumber's Apprentice Registration must be current in order to apply for registration as a Drain Cleaner. Your Drain Cleaner registration number is the same as your Plumber's Apprentice Registration number. Your Drain Cleaner registration is held in addition to your Plumber's Apprentice registration. You will receive a new pocket card containing both your Plumber's Apprentice Registration and your Drain Cleaner Registration on the same card. You should be knowledgeable of the expiration date printed on the pocket card. Both registrations must be renewed each year by the expiration date. Approximately ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of your registrations, a renewal notice will be mailed to the address that you have provided to the Board. It is your responsibility to maintain a current address with the Board and renew your registration on time.

▶ **Effective January 1, 2010, you must complete at least 6 hours of Board approved Continuing Professional Education (CPE) in order to renew your Drain Cleaner-Restricted Registration.** A list of Board approved CPE providers are listed on the Board's website at www.tsbpe.state.tx.us.

▶ Scope of work permitted by an individual registered with the Board as a Plumber's Apprentice and a Drain Cleaner is limited to the following:

In addition to the work performed by a Registered Plumber's Apprentice, a Registered Drain Cleaner may install cleanouts and remove and reset p-traps for the purposes of eliminating obstructions in building drains and sewers, only under the supervision of Responsible Master Plumbers and only under contracts or agreements to perform plumbing work secured by Responsible Master Plumbers. While performing only the work permitted under the Drain Cleaner registration, the registered Drain Cleaner is not required to be under the direct, on-the-job supervision of a licensed plumber.

▶ Before an applicant may take an examination for a Tradesman Plumber-Limited license or Journeyman Plumber license, the applicant must complete classroom training provided by a board-approved instructor in a board-approved training program as required by Board Rule Section 363.12 for at least:

(1) 24 hours, if the applicant is applying to take a Tradesman Plumber-Limited License examination; or

(2) 48 hours, if the applicant is applying to take a Journeyman Plumber examination.

A list of providers of the 24 and 48 hour classroom training is posted on the Board's website.

▶ In accordance with the requirements of Sections 1301.002 and 1301.354, of the Plumbing License Law, a person may receive credit for on-the-job work hours required to qualify for a Tradesman Plumber-Limited or Journeyman Plumber examination, only while the person holds a valid (current and not expired) Plumber's Apprentice registration, or a valid Tradesman Plumber-Limited license.

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