



# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Construction Competency Board • Board of Electrical Examiners

Building Services Department  
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## APPLICATION FOR RECIPROCITY

### PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS:

- Completed application signed by applicant and notarized
- Copy of valid driver's license and/or other valid government-issued picture identification
- Payment of \$150.00 Application for Reciprocity fee (non-refundable)
- Letter of Reciprocity from current County; include a copy of the active County license
- Verification letter from testing company showing trade-specific and Business & Law scores
- Completed Experience Verification form signed by current and/or previous licensed contractor for whom you have worked for; signature must be notarized; **NO SELF VERIFICATION.**

**NOTE: BUSINESS & LAW PASSING TEST SCORE IS REQUIRED (EXCEPT JOURNEYMEN)**

### OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

**APPLICANTS MUST BE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE AND OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER** (as defined in [Florida Statutes 489.111\(3\)\(a\)](#) and [489.511\(3\)\(a\)](#); as "... a personal history of honesty, fairness, and respect for the rights of others and for laws of this state and nation."

Return your completed, notarized application with **ALL** supporting documentation to the following:

**By Mail:** Escambia County Building Services, 3363 West Park Place, Pensacola, Florida 32505  
**By Email:** [contractorlicense@myescambia.com](mailto:contractorlicense@myescambia.com)  
**By Fax:** (850)595-3401

Typically, the *Contractor Competency Board* (CCB) secretary may approve reciprocity applications with the discretion of the Building Official. However, some applications may need closer consideration by the CCB. If so, once the *Application for Reciprocity* fee has been processed, you will be placed on the next CCB meeting agenda. Applications received after the original deadline of the Thursday prior to the meeting will be placed on a subsequent CCB agenda once requirements are met and payment has been processed.

At the meeting, the CCB will review all of the applicant's submitted documentation and there will be a determining vote for reciprocity approval. Once approved and the *Initial Certificate of Competency* fee has been paid, the applicant may work as a licensed contractor; Journeymen licensing is \$25.00, per [F.S. 489.1455](#) & [489.5335](#). The applicant's license cannot be fully issued until the required insurances and state registration documents are received per Escambia County [Code of Ordinances](#). Once issued, the license is good for a year and renewal of the license is required prior to the expiration date to avoid delinquency and/or penalties.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS: (in accordance with Florida Statutes 489.111)**

Any person wishing to obtain a license shall apply in writing.

A person shall be eligible for licensure by examination and/or reciprocity if the person:

- a: is 18 years of age;
- b: is of good moral character; and
- c: meets eligibility requirements according to one of the following criteria:
  1. Has received a baccalaureate degree from an accredited four-year college in the appropriate field of engineering, architecture, or building construction and has one year of proven experience in the category in which the person seeks to qualify. For the purpose of this part, a minimum of 2,000 person-hours shall be used in determining full-time equivalency.
  2. Has a total of four years experience as a worker who has learned the trade by serving an apprenticeship as a skilled worker who is able to command the rate of mechanic in the particular trade or as a foreman who is in charge of a group of workers and usually is responsible to a superintendent or a contractor or his or her equivalent, provided, however that at least one year of active experience shall be as a foreman.
  3. Has a combination of not less than one year of experience as a foreman and not less than three years of credits for any accredited college-level courses; or has a combination of not less than two years of experience as a skilled worker, one year of experience as a foreman; and not less than one year of credits for any accredited college-level courses shall be considered accredited college-level courses.

## **EXPERIENCE FROM ANOTHER STATE:**

If your work experience is outside the State of Florida, you will need to provide the following:

1. If you were self-employed, we will need a copy of your license that covers a 4-year period;
2. If you were employed by someone who held a license, we will need a copy of their license that covers a 4-year period and the Verification of Experience form included in this packet signed by the license holder;
3. If no license was required for that particular trade, we will need a letter from a local government official where the experience was obtained, stating that no license was required for that specific type of work. The letter will need to be signed by a government official, on letterhead and notarized. **The letter must be an original document.**

## **Degree In Lieu of Experience**

In accordance with F.S. § 489.111, a four-year college degree may be substituted for three years experience **if the degree is in the field of engineering, architecture, or building construction.** Please provide a copy of the diploma and/or transcript with your application.



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## APPLICATION FOR RECIPROCITY

SPONSORSHIP FEE: \$150.00

*Please Make Check(s) Payable to Escambia County*

### PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORY

BUSINESS & LAW examination is required for trades (EXCEPT JOURNEYMEN)

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Conditioning "A" | <input type="checkbox"/> Marine                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Solar Water Heating             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Conditioning "B" | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Gas                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Structure Contractor  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Structures  | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plumber w/Gas          | <input type="checkbox"/> Sprinkler/Irrigation Contractor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Contractor  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical Contactor          | <input type="checkbox"/> Tower/Antenna Erector           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boiler/Piping        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pool Service                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Underground Utility Contractor  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Pool      | <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure Piping               | Other: _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demolition           | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Contractor        | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doors/Windows/Siding | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Pool              |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Contractor   | <input type="checkbox"/> Roofing                       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Journeyman Gas       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheet Metal Contractor        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Journeyman Plumber   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign Erector – Non Electrical |  |

### PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Applicant's Name (no nickname): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile #: \_\_\_\_\_ Business #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax#: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_ State Issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name Applying to be Qualified: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Business #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

List the numbers of all State of Florida registered/certified Contractor Licenses that you currently hold/held:

\_\_\_\_\_

**AFFIDAVIT**

The undersigned hereby makes application for licensure under the provisions of the Escambia County Code of Laws and Ordinances and vouches for the truth and accuracy and answers herein contained. Any willful falsification of any information contained in this application or attached forms are grounds for disqualification. If you are qualifying as an individual, only you need to sign below. If you are qualifying a Proprietorship, you and the Owner must sign. If a Corporation is being qualified, the signatures of the President, Vice-President and Secretary are also required. If it is a Partnership, each Partner must also attest the information is correct. List all license numbers held by these individuals in the spaces provided below.

Applicant's Signature	Licenses Held	Date
Signature of Partner/President/Sole Proprietor/Owner		Date
Signature of Partner/Vice-President		Date
Signature of Secretary/Treasurer		Date

Were you ever refused a local/state certificate of competency? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If yes, please explain, in detail, on a separate sheet of paper and attach. Are there any charges currently pending against you which would be grounds for disciplining your license(s)? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If yes, please explain, in detail, on a separate sheet of paper and attach.

**Financial Responsibility**

All applicants must answer the questions below. If you answer "yes" to any of the questions, a full explanation is required.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Have you or a Partnership in which you were a Partner/Authorized Agent ever:		
1. Been declared bankrupt or been a member of a firm adjudicated bankrupt or in bankruptcy proceedings?	___	___
2. Failed to complete a contract?	___	___
3. Failed or been a member of a firm which failed to pay subcontractors/material suppliers or employees?	___	___
4. Had liens, law suits, or judgments pending or filed as a result of construction operations?	___	___
5. Ever been convicted of acting in the capacity of a contractor without a license?	___	___
6. Had a contractor's license revoked, suspended, reprimanded, placed on probation, or other discipline?	___	___
7. Have any unpaid, past due bills over 90 days for claims of labor, material or services?	___	___
8. Ever been convicted of a crime, had adjudication withheld, or presently charged with a felony?	___	___

**NOTE: ANY APPLICANT WHO ANSWERS "YES" TO ANY QUESTION CONTAINED IN THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY SECTION OF THIS FORM MUST SUPPLY A COMPLETE EXPLANATION OF THE RESPONSE AND INCLUDE A STATEMENT DETAILING THE STEPS TAKEN BY THE APPLICANT TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE CONVICTION, DISCIPLINE, JUDGMENT, BANKRUPTCY, OR OTHER EVENT LEADING TO THE RESPONSE. INCLUDE ANY PROOF OF PAYMENT, SATISFACTION OF LIENS, JUDGMENTS, PROBATION REQUIREMENTS, AND BANKRUPTCY DISCHARGE PAPERS. A SEPARATE SHEET MAY BE ADDED FOR EXPLANATION(S).**

*I certify I will act for the firm, partnership, or corporation for which I am qualifying in all matters concerning business, and I will actively supervise all construction work and be responsible for ascertaining that all such work is completed according to approved plans, applicable codes, and good construction standards. If at any time during this certification, I cease to be able to act for this business organization, I will immediately notify the Escambia County Contractor Competency Board in writing.*

*All information contained herein including all supplementary pages and attachments shall become part of public records upon your signature, except for those items excluded by the Privacy Act. I affirm the information I have given in this application is true and accurate and I understand any willful falsification constitutes grounds for disqualification. If I am currently a licensee, I understand action may be taken against my license if untrue statements are made in this application.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

The applicant who name is \_\_\_\_\_

Personally appeared before me and is personally known and/or produced as identification \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Printed Name of Notary: \_\_\_\_\_



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## EXPERIENCE VERIFICATION FORM

INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT		
Applicant's Name:		
Applicant's Title/Position:		
Employer's Name:		
Employer's Address:		
City/State/Zip Code:		
Work Telephone :		
Dates of Employment	From:	To:
Supervisor's Name:		

INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED BY EMPLOYER		
Employing Agency/Company's Name:		
Company Address:		
Applicant's Position:		
Dates of Employment of Applicant	From:	To:
Please describe the applicant's duties, including any hands-on supervisory responsibilities:		

I attest the information provided above is true and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor License Number

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

**I CERTIFY THAT** \_\_\_\_\_ appeared before me and is personally known to me or produced as identification \_\_\_\_\_.  
**SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED** before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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## OUT-OF-STATE RESIDENCY

**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED IF YOU HAVE NOT LIVED AND/OR WORKED IN FLORIDA IN THE PAST TEN (10) YEARS.**

Previous place of residence:

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Businesses owned and/or employed with:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

License Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name license was issued in (specific business name, if applicable):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Issuing authority, including city/state and telephone number:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_