

248 CMR 11.00: Education and Experience Standards and Requirements for Licensure

(b) Apprentice Plumber Licensed on or after September 1, 2008. An applicant who is a licensed apprentice plumber and the apprentice license was issued on or after September 1, 2008 in accordance with M.G.L. c. 142, § 3A not otherwise meeting the criteria outlined in 248 CMR 11.02(1)(a) shall be required to fill out a Board approved application and complete the following education and experience criteria to be eligible for admission to the journeyman plumber examination:

1. Experience. The applicant shall furnish documentary proof satisfactory to the Board of having completed practical work experience that totals no less than 8,500 clock hours as a licensed apprentice working as an employee under the direct supervision of a Commonwealth of Massachusetts licensed master plumber or under the direct supervision of a Commonwealth of Massachusetts licensed journeyman plumber who is in the employ of a master plumber. Experience installing HVAC components for the installation of heating systems, steam piping and hydronic heat piping shall not be considered qualifying experience.

2. Education.

a. The applicant shall furnish documentary proof of having received a high school diploma or the equivalent; and

b. The applicant shall furnish documentary proof of having successfully completed 550 clock hours of plumbing and gasfitting theory culminating in a school or instructor designed examination to ensure competency. This education must take place over a period of no less than five years and must meet the Board administrated requirements of 248 CMR 11.00. For each calendar year, no more than 110 hours of education may be credited for licensure purposes.

c. Apprentices licensed on or after September 1, 2008 shall begin their education program within nine months of the initial issuance of that apprentice license.

3. Education and work experience must be contemporaneous. Absent special Board approval, an applicant will not receive credit for work experience and education unless they were completed in conjunction with one another as measured by calendar years. For each year in which an apprentice obtains 110 clock hours of education, that apprentice must accrue 1700 clock hours of qualifying work experience.

4. Public Comprehensive High School Career/Vocational Technical School Program. An applicant who successfully completes a Public Comprehensive High School Career/Vocational Technical School Program following the CVTE (Career Vocational Technical Education) educational standard framework and who otherwise meets the requirements of 248 CMR 11.00 may be granted a maximum of 330 hours of educational theory credit and 1,700 hours of experience credit from that program. Such applicants must also:

a. present documentation demonstrating that he or she has been licensed as an apprentice for a period of no less than four years and completed no less than 6,800 clock hours of practical experience, working as an employee, as a licensed apprentice under the direct supervision of a master plumber or under a journeyman plumber who is in the employ of a master plumber in accordance with M.G.L. c. 142, § 3 in order to be eligible for admission to the journeyman plumber examination; and

b. present documentation demonstrating that he or she has completed 220 clock hours comprising Tier Four and Tier Five of the education outlined in these regulations.

(c) Limitation on Examination Attempts. A licensed apprentice shall not be permitted to attempt the journeyman license examination more than six times without special Board approval demonstrating good cause.