



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Department of Public Safety

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PIPEFITTER LICENSE

No person shall engage in the business of a master pipefitter, or work as a journeyman or apprentice pipefitter unless they are lawfully licensed under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 146 s. 85.

Pipefitting is the installation, repair, replacement, maintenance, or alteration of any apparatus for piping appliances, devices or accessories for heating systems having a rating greater than seven hundred thousand British Thermal Units. This includes apparatus and piping for the general use of conveyance of steam and associated piping equipment but excluding sheet metal work, air conditioning and refrigeration systems and plumbing as defined under the rules and regulations of the board of state examiners of plumbing promulgated under sections four and thirteen of chapter one hundred and forty-two.

MASTER PIPEFITTER:

- A) Must provide proof that they have worked **2,000 hours** as a Massachusetts Journeyman pipefitter.
- B) Must provide documentation from an approved school indicating they have completed **100 hours** of advanced pipefitter theory.
- C) Must provide documentation from an approved school indicating that they have completed **100 hours** of A.S.M.E. code requirements.

JOURNEYMAN PIPEFITTER:

- A) Must provide proof that he has worked **6,000 hours** as a pipefitter apprentice or trainee.
- B) Must provide documentation from an approved school indicating that they have taken **350 hours** of A.S.M.E. code requirements

OR

- A) Must provide proof that they have worked **4,000 hours** as a pipefitter apprentice or trainee.
- B) Must provide documentation from an approved school indicating that they have taken **500 hours** of study in a pipefitter's course of which 250 hours being practical shop related work.
- C) Must provide documentation from an approved school indicating they have taken **200 hours** of A.S.M.E. code requirements

OR

- A) Must provide proof that they have worked **2,000** hours as a pipefitter apprentice or trainee.
- B) Must provide documentation from an approved school indicating that they have taken **1,000 hours** of study in a pipefitter's course of which 700 hours being practical shop related work.
- C) Must provide documentation from an approved school indicating they have taken **200 hours** of A.S.M.E. code requirements.

APPRENTICE PIPEFITTER:

- A) Must provide proof that they are working under the direct supervision of a licensed master or journeyman pipefitter.
- B) Must provide proof that they are in a registered apprenticeship program. Must be accompanied by the Division of Apprentice Training Approval Letter.

No Letter = No Apprentice License

INFORMATION RELATIVE TO MAKING AN APPLICATION FOR A PIPEFITTER

Examinations are held on a monthly basis. Applicants will be notified by mail in approximately four (4) to eight (8) weeks after the receipt of the application by the Department of Public Safety.

Examinations are based on rules and regulations of the Commonwealth as well as knowledge of the information as detailed in the range of examination.

RECOMMENDED LITERATURE:

528 CMR 10.00

ASME Codes, Section I, IX. These can be purchased by calling (212) 591-7000 OR (800) 843-2763.

522 CMR1.00 – 15.00 – Power Boilers, National Board Rules. These can be purchased at:

The State House Book Store:

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