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Drinking Water Program Updates

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This week's program director email has these topics of interest:

- 1. Massachusetts Covid-19 Information
- 2. MassDEP Public Water Supply Information
- 3. MassDEP COVID19 Conference Calls
- 4. How to connect with MassDEP and the Drinking Water Program
- 5. Calling All Certified Operators!
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- 8. Training
 - a. Free AIWA Webinar 5 TCH
 - b. Cyanobacteria Webinar
 - c. Free Private Well Classes

Massachusetts Covid19 Information

For all information go to https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-state-of-emergency

Text COVIDMA to-888-777 to sign up for text messages alerts about the latest information in Massachusetts concerning COVID-19.

MassDEP Public Water Supply Information

MassDEP is coordinating with the water supply industries, agencies, and organizations to provide information about the impacts of COVID-19 in Massachusetts.

- Recorded weekly meetings with Commissioner Suuberg: <u>Water Suppliers Meetings on</u> <u>COVID-19</u>
- Recorded weekly meetings with Commissioner Suuberg: <u>Wastewater Treatment System</u>
 Operators Meetings on COVID-19
- Questions from drinking water operators answered by Mass: DEP Water Supplier FAQs
- Questions from wastewater operators answered by MassDEP: <u>Wastewater Operator FAQs</u>

MassDEP COVID19 Conference Calls

MassDEP's Commissioner Suuberg is holding weekly Zoom conference calls to all operators and interested parties. Here is a link to MassDEP's webpage, where recordings of Commissioner Suuberg's calls with the operators as well as FAQs for both water supply and wastewater are published: https://www.mass.gov/lists/covid-19-information-for-drinking-water-and-wastewater-operators. MassDEP will continue to populate this webpage with other relevant information related to the COVID-19 crisis.

The next call with Commissioner Suuberg is scheduled for <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>April 7</u>, <u>at 2</u> <u>PM</u>. Please email any questions you have to <u>jpederson@masswaterworks.org</u> by noon on Tuesday.

Topic: MassDEP call with Public Water Systems re: COVID-19 Time: Apr 7, 2020 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/550814507

By Phone: +1 929 436 2866 US (New York)

With Computer Audio: https://zoom.us/i/716180953 (please turn your video off!)

Meeting ID: 550 814 507

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Find your local number: https://zoom.us/u/anAJCjR7G

How to Connect with MassDEP and the Drinking Water Program

Currently, MassDEP offices are closed and staff are working remotely until May 4, 2020. There are several ways to contact the Drinking Water Program for your daily work.

We encourage you to use phone, or email to contact staff. You may continue to contact your regional program. See <u>Water Supplier FAQs</u>. You may also send questions to MassDEP's Drinking Water Program by emailing <u>Program.Director-DWP@mass.gov</u> or calling the main DWP phone number at 617-292-5770. Staff are checking messages throughout the day. For emergencies, call MassDEP at 888-304-1133.

Be sure to sign up for these MassDEP Drinking Water Program Updates by emailing your name, email address, PWS ID # and PWS name to Program.Director-dwp@mass.gov and use the subject line: Add My Email.

Calling All Certified Operators! Training

Division of Professional Licensure (DPL) webinar for renewing expired certified operator licenses. When: Friday April 10th 2020 at 11 am via Webex

Agenda:

Introduction and Purpose

Walk through the job-aid (Attached)

Q&A

Instructions for joining the meeting:

To join the online presentation visit https://statema.webex.com/ and enter the meeting ID 618 091 880, and password "Water2020" to join.

Also **see attached excerpt** from DPL Creating an ePLACE Portal Account; Linking a License and Renewing a License via ePLACE Portal. This document provides step-by-step instructions on how to register and create an account on the ePLACE Portal, linking your ePLACE Portal account to your license, and renewing your license via the ePLACE Portal.

What are some steps PWS could take to find replacements for Covid-19 impacted operators? The Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply Facilities are currently authorized by regulation to issue temporary emergency certifications that can last for up to six months.

Steps

- 1. Identify individuals who can run your system.
- 2. Reach out to recently retired operators (preferably with valid licenses and appropriate grades) who are familiar with the system.
- 3. Reach out to operators whose licenses have recently expired (12/31/19). Encourage operators with expired licenses to renew online with DPL. Note: due to high volume of on-line licensing inquiries from operators, response time from DPL may be longer than normal. Operators with expired licenses are eligible to receive Temporary Certification as described below.
- 4. Reach out to other professionals (such as licensed professional engineers and others) who are familiar with operating a public water system and can assist the PWS in providing a clean source of drinking water to the public.
- 5. Upon identifying new operators, the PWS should complete the "Temporary Emergency Certification Application" found at:

https://www.mass.gov/doc/temporary-emergency-certification-application-o/download on the DPL website. Complete a hard copy and send to DPL address listed on the form. In order to expedite this process also send completed form via email to drinkingwaterboard@mass.gov with a cc to: michael.maynard@mass.gov and program.director-dwp@mass.gov. All applications will be reviewed by DPL and the Board of Certification and a determination will be made. PWS will be notified ASAP.

DPL and MassDEP are working collectively to assist PWS with identifying qualified individuals that can assist with providing a clean source of drinking water to the public.

Useful Web Links

- MA Department of Public Health: https://www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19
- Mass Water Works Association: https://mwwa.memberclicks.net/
- New England Water Works Association: https://www.newwa.org/About/COVID-19Information.aspx

- Join the MA WARN Water Agency Response Network: http://portal.mawarn.org/
- American Water Works Association: https://www.awwa.org/Resources-Tools/Resources-Tools/Resources-Topics/Coronavirus
- US EPA: https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-drinking-water-and-wastewater
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Information: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/water.html
- World Health Organization: https://www.who.int/publications-detail/water-sanitation-hygiene-and-waste-management-for-covid-19
- Department of Homeland Security: https://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce
- Water ISAC

Security & Resilience Update



https://www.waterisac.org/

Please go to Water ISAC's site for a wealth of information including such things as FEMA Resilience Tools, Perils of your Zoom meeting being hacked, and Corona Pandemic Information.

Alerts, reports, best practices and much more can be found on their site.

SRF Grant Deadlines

The Trust and MassDEP have issued a joint statement to extended key SRF deadlines in response to the COVID-19 Emergency. The full text of the statement is at https://www.mass.gov/alerts/covid-19-guidance-for-state-revolving-loan-srf-borrowers#undefined. It also appears at the following link: https://www.mass.gov/state-revolving-fund-srf-loan-program.

Training

When you need training please look at the training calendar located at:

http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/drinking/drinking-water-training-class-schedules.html for upcoming trainings.

If you need a refresher on recently given trainings, you can review several training videos located at: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJn2AKOcYr7lutGJB-UfDKtQPF o 249m

or click here: VouTube

Upcoming Trainings AWIA – Free online Training

MassDEP has worked with EPA to redesign the April 22, 2020 training on AWIA sections 2013 and 2018 into a webinar option due to the ongoing pandemic. This online training is now open to all community PWSs serving greater than or equal to 3,300 customers, and will prepare PWSs for conducting their Risk and Resilience Assessments, updating Emergency Response Plans, the certification process, and a brief overview of section 2018, which includes revisions to the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA). A total of five Training Contact Hours (TCHs) have been approved for this online training, provided you register and complete the questions both throughout and at the end of the training. Please see the attached agenda and below information for training details:

WHEN: April 22, 2020

TIME: 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM ET WHERE: Online Webinar

Registration is <u>required</u>. Use this link to

register: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4518660042831080961

Cyanobacteria in Drinking Water

There is an EPA webinar on **April 28**th (2-3:30 EST) on Treatment Options for HABs Impacted Waters and Water Treatment Plant Evaluation Protocol for HABs.

https://www.epa.gov/water-research/small-systems-monthly-webinar-series

Private Well Class

Is My Water Safe to Drink? - Common Questions about Private Wells

Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 1PM CT Hosted by PrivateWellClass.org

http://privatewellclass.org/101

Groundwater and Well Construction 101

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 1PM CT Hosted by PrivateWellClass.org http://privatewellclass.org/construction-webinar

MassDEP is sending this important drinking water information to all PWS responsible persons who are listed on the state database. If you are no longer the correct responsible person for the PWS please reply with the correct contact information. MassDEP needs one responsible contact person from each PWS.

Operators, consultants, and others who are interested in Drinking Water Program updates are encouraged to request to be subscribed to this email list. You may also request to be unsubscribed by replying to this email.

This MassDEP Program Director technical assistance email is funded by the Safe Drinking Water Act Assessment (Section 70) Program. The Assessment is paid by all consumers of public water in Massachusetts and is collected by public water systems. For more information about the Assessment Program, go to

http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/news/advisory-committees/safe-drinking-water-act-assessment-advisory-committee.html.

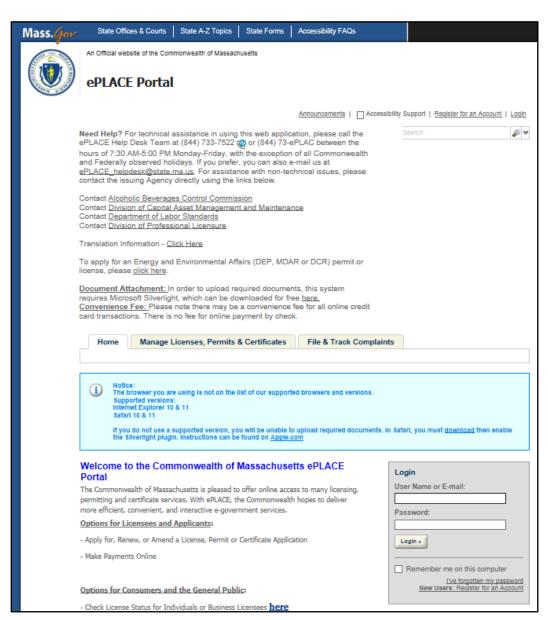
Creating an ePLACE Portal Account; Linking a License and Renewing a License via ePLACE Portal

Overview

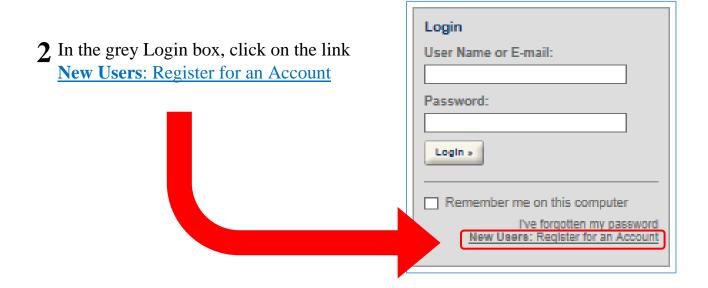
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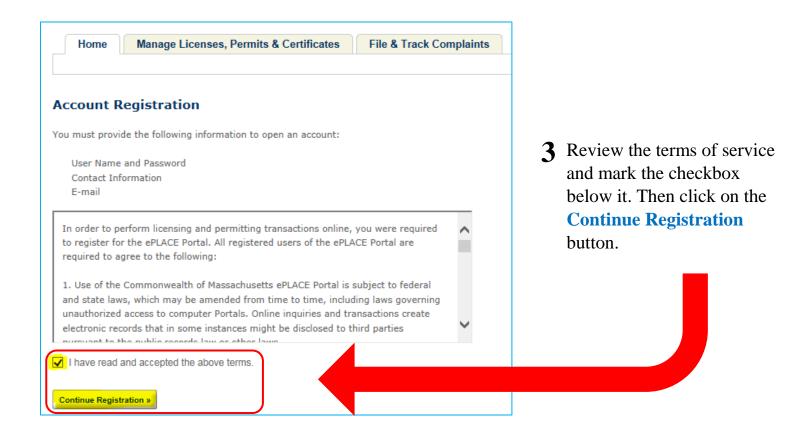
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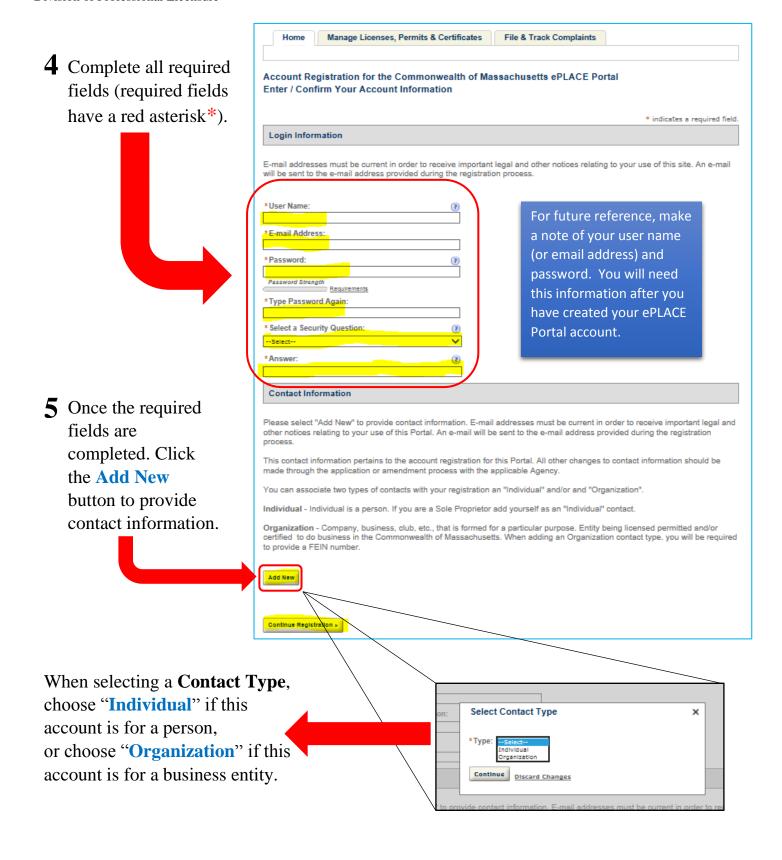
1 Navigate to the ePLACE Portal webpage: https://elicensing.state.ma.us/CitizenAccess/



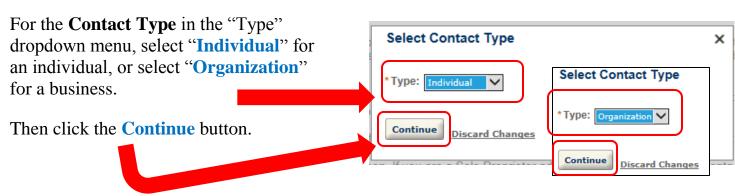




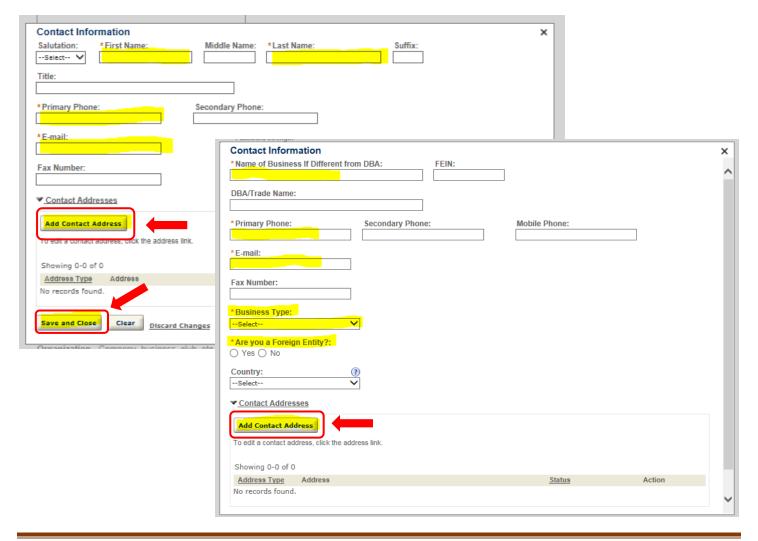




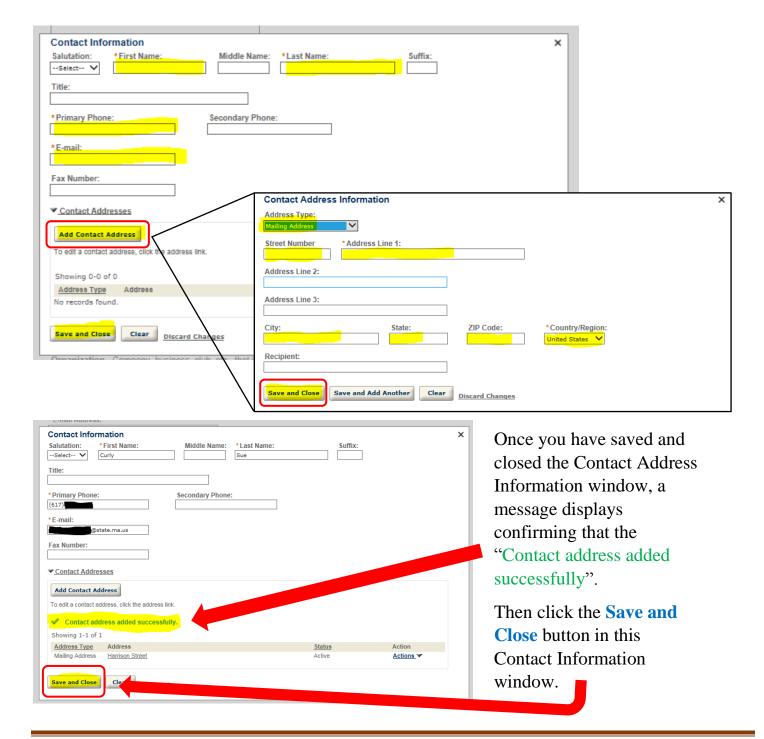
6 Creating a **Contact Type**



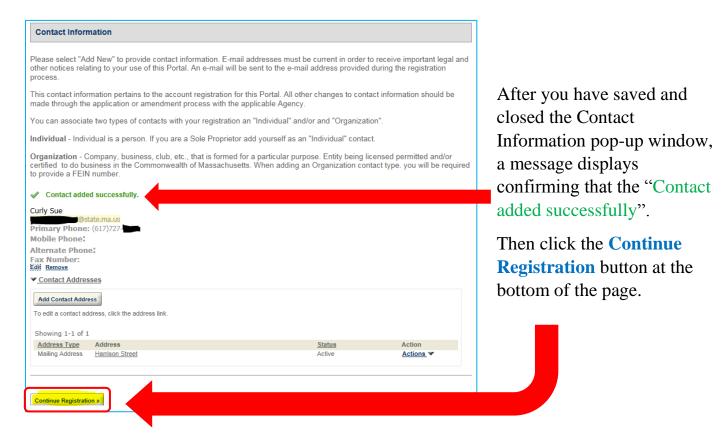
In the Contact Information pop-up window that appears, complete all the required fields. The required fields may vary depending on the Contact Type you selected.



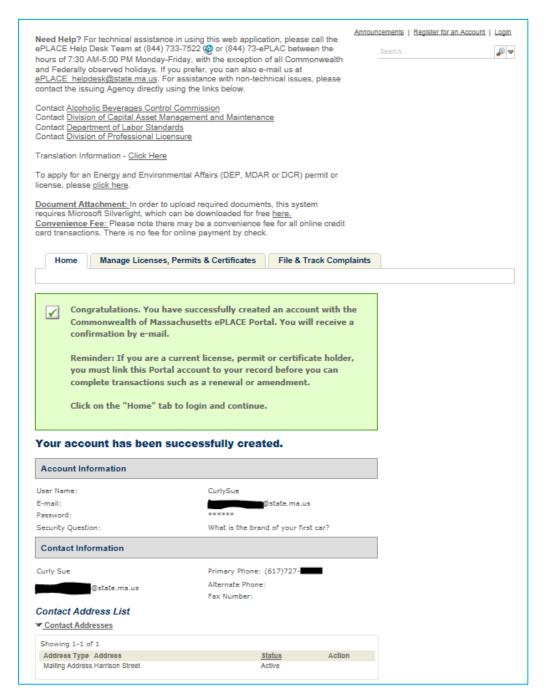
After you have completed the required fields in the Contact Information window, click on the **Add Contact Address** button. The Contact Address Information popup window will appear. Complete the required fields and then click on the **Save and Close** button.



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Upon completing account registration, a message appears confirming that your ePLACE Portal account has been successfully created!

If you wish to renew or amend your license, you must now follow the steps to link your license.

Proceed for directions on linking your license to your ePLACE Portal account.

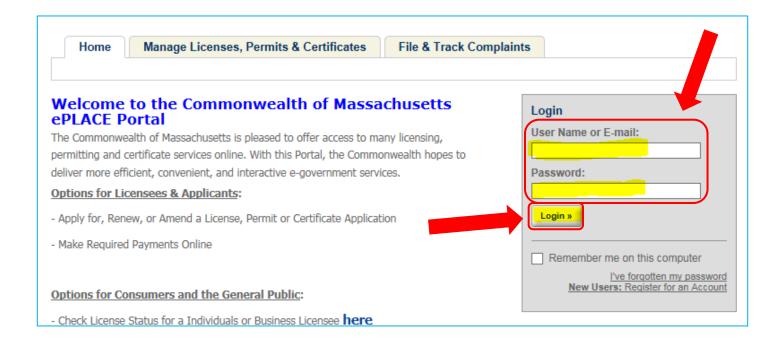
7 Linking a License to Your ePLACE Portal Account (for Licensed Individuals and Businesses)

7A To link your license to your ePLACE Portal account, you will need your license Record Identification code and Authorization Code. This information is provided in the paper renewal form you may have received in the mail or you can contact your licensing Board and request it.

Immediately after you create your ePLACE Portal account and click on any of the tabs (Home, Manage Licenses, or File & Track Complaints), you will be automatically signed out and required to login using the User Name (or email address) and Password you used to create your ePLACE Portal account.

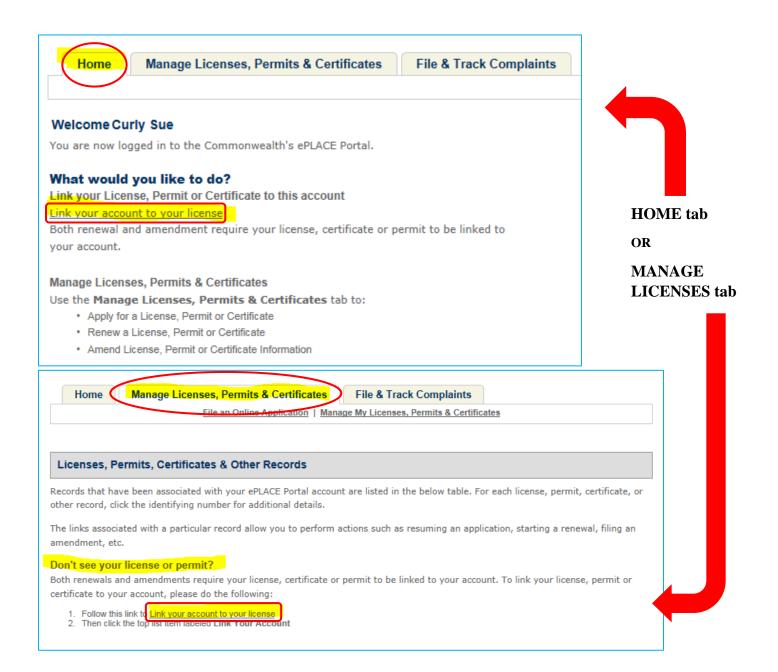
Simply type in your User Name (or email address) and Password. Then click on the **Login** button.

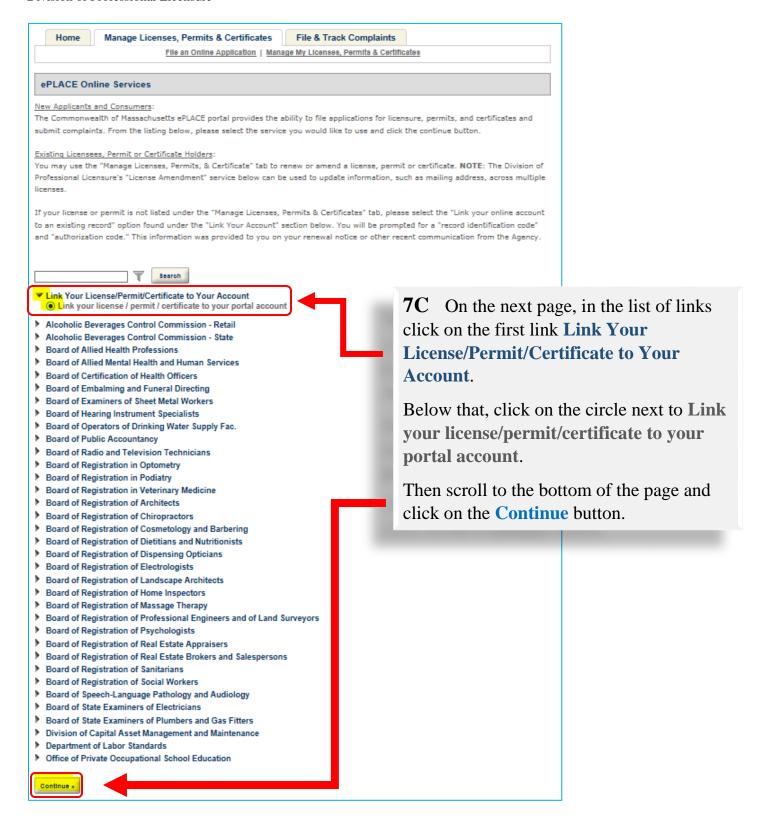
You must follow these steps for each and every license you have under DPL that you wish to link to your ePLACE Portal account.



7B If you are on the HOME tab, under the "What would you like to do?" section, click on the <u>Link your account to your license</u> link.

Or, if you are on the MANAGE LICENSES, PERMITS & CERTIFICATES tab, under the "Don't see your license or permit?" section, click on the Link your account to your license link.

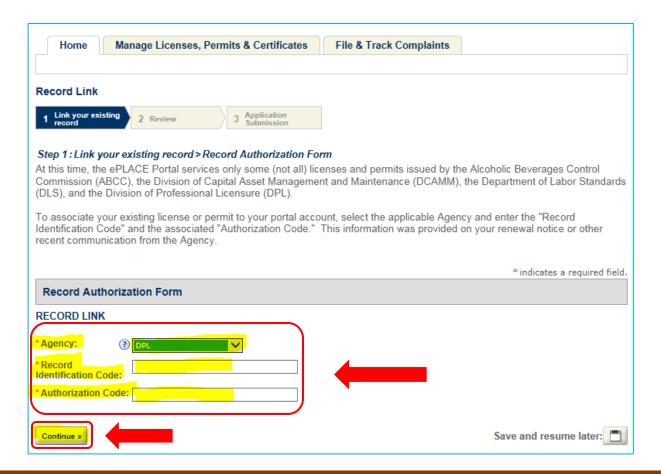


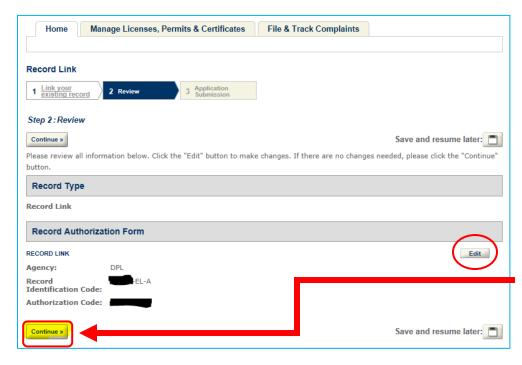


- **7D** You are then directed to step 1 of the Record Link page.
 - For **Agency**, select <u>DPL</u>.
 - For Record Identification Code, type in your license record ID which is your license number (hyphen) Board code (hypen) Type class (Example: 123455-EL-A)
 - For **Authorization Code**, type in your Authorization Code provided on your paper renewal form or obtain this information by *contacting the Board staff. (<u>Example:</u> 123654788)

Then click the **Continue** button.

*If you contact the Board staff, you will need to provide your name, license information, date of birth, and last four digits of your Social Security Number for purposes of identification and authentication.





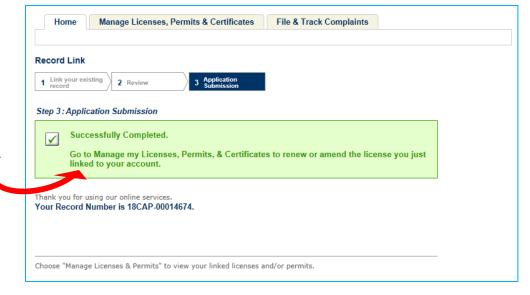
7E You are then directed to step 2 of the Record Link page.

Review the information you entered for accuracy. Should you need to edit anything, click on the Edit button shown on the right.

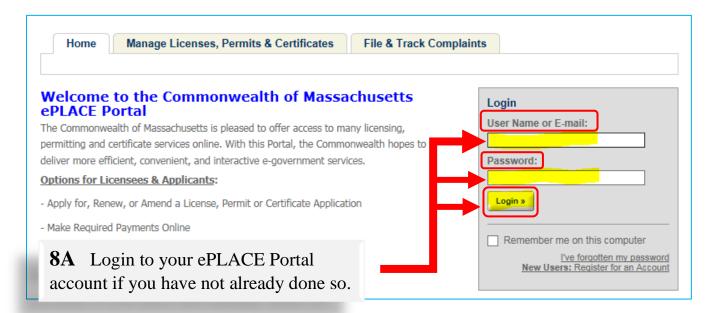
If the information displayed is correct, click the **Continue** button.

At this point, you are directed to step 3 of the Record Link page and a message appears confirming that your license has been successfully linked to your ePLACE Portal account!

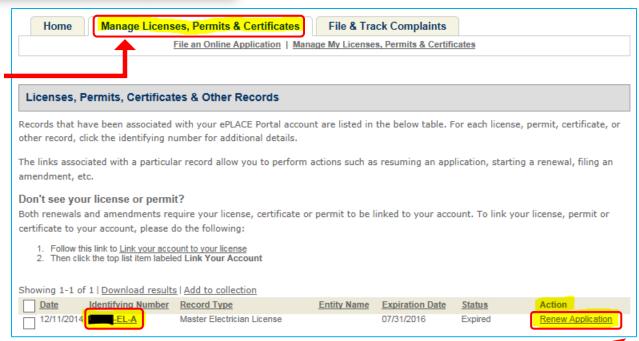
Now, follow those same steps for each and every license you have under DPL that you wish to link to your ePLACE Portal account.



8 Renewing a License Via ePLACE Portal

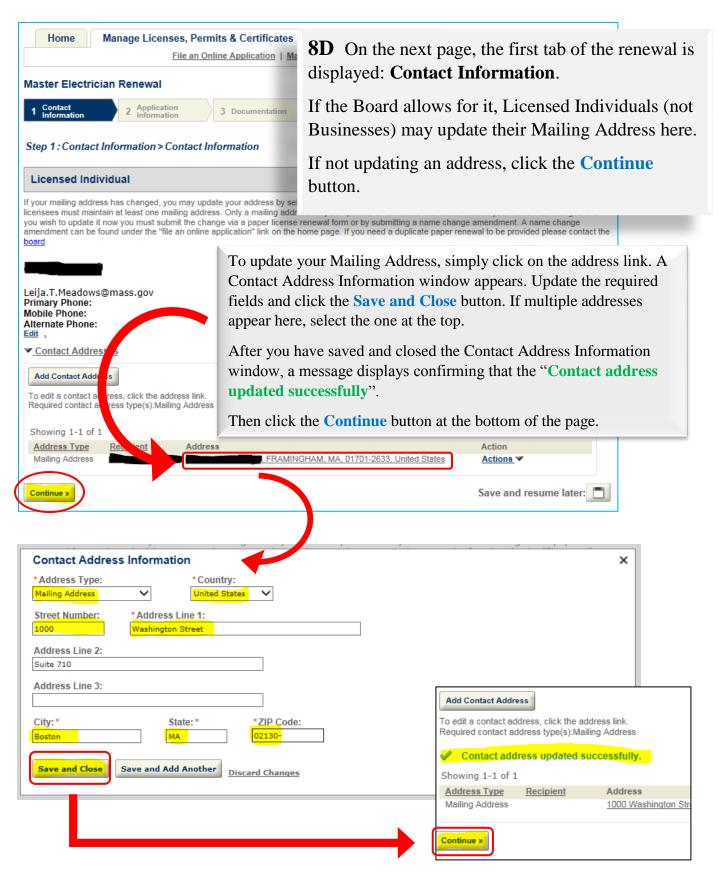


8B Click on the Manage Licenses, Permits & Certificates tab.



8C The license you linked will be listed there with a link to renew if you are eligible for license renewal.

Click on the Renew Application link.

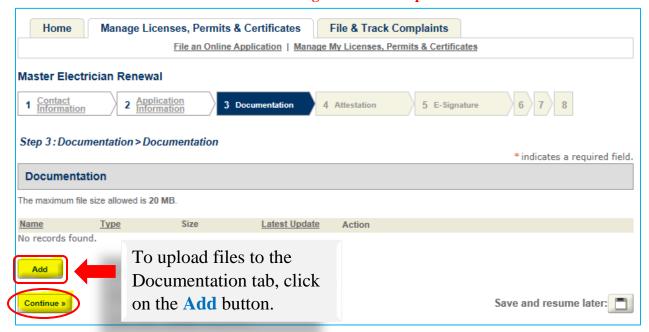


8E On the following page, the next tab of the online license renewal is displayed. On this and all subsequent tabs, update information where applicable, answer all required questions, and proceed through the rest of the online renewal. Proceed by clicking on the **Continue** button.

When additional information is required as part of your license renewal, instructional text is provided on the page to explain what information is captured there and how to update the renewal record with that information.

8F On the Documentation tab of the online renewal, you are able to **upload any saved or scanned files from your hard drive. If you do not need to upload files, click on the **Continue** button to proceed.

**NOTE: Users will need to install Microsoft Silverlight in order to upload files to the Documentation tab.



Follow the prompts to select the chosen file. Select the type of file from the **Type** dropdown menu, and type a description of the file in the **Description** field.

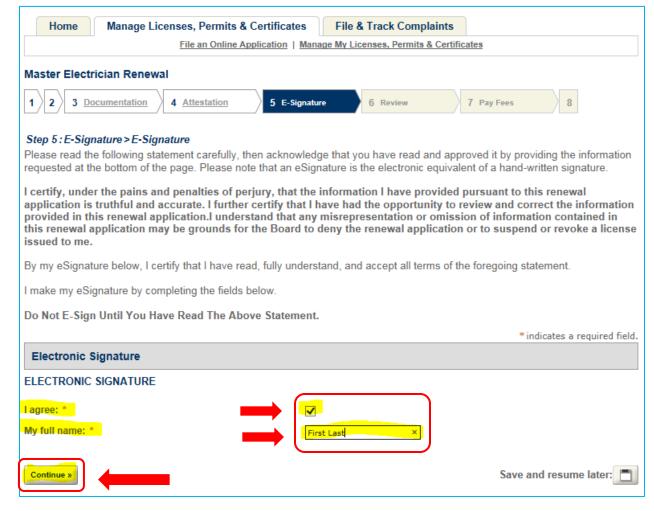
Click the **Add** button to upload another file. Click the **Save** button to save your changes. Click the **Continue** button when finished.

8G On the Attestation tab of the online renewal, review the attestation statements and respond **Yes** or **No** by clicking on the circle next to your response. If you are prompted to provide an explanation, type your explanation in the Explanation text box that appears.

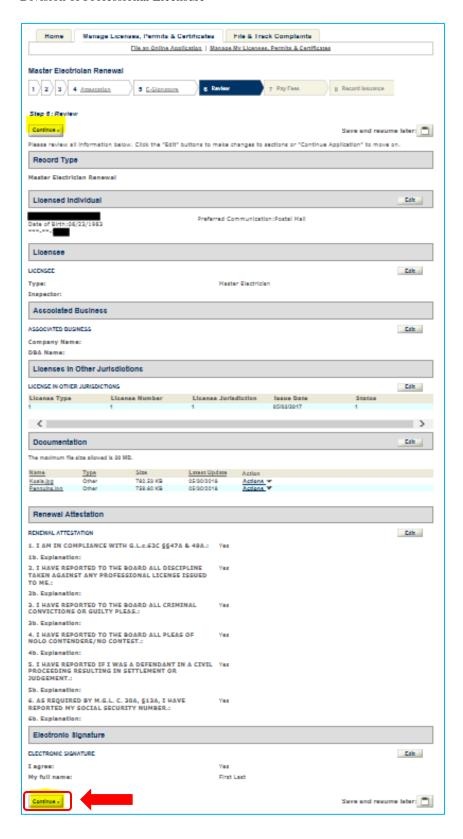
After you have responded to all the attestations, click the **Continue** button.

8H On the E-Signature tab of the online renewal, review the electronic signature statement. Then mark the checkbox for "I agree" and type your full name in the field corresponding to "My full name". Click the **Continue** button.





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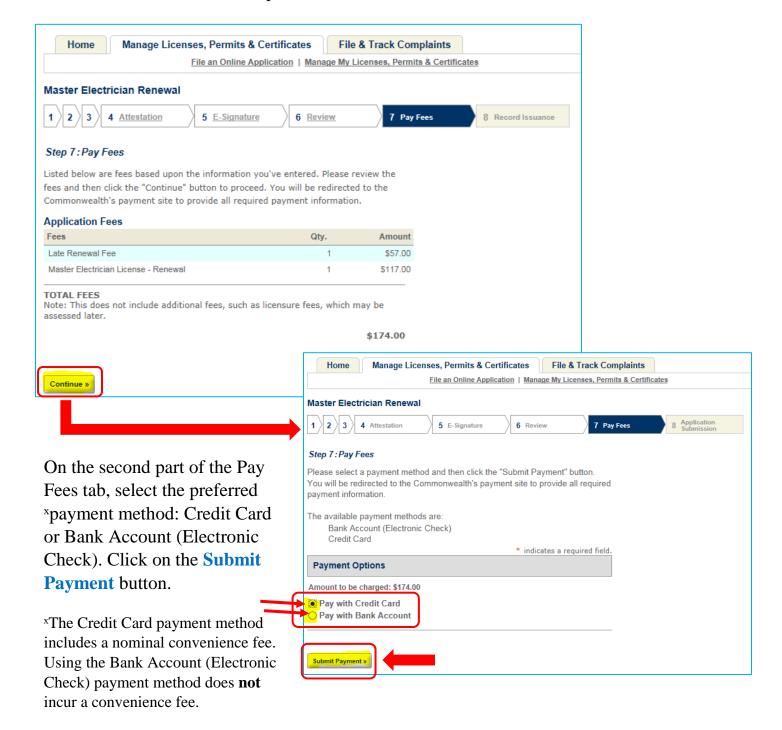
8I On the final tab of the online renewal, the Review tab, you have the opportunity to glance over the information you provided.

To edit any of the information you provided, click **Edit** button and update the information accordingly.

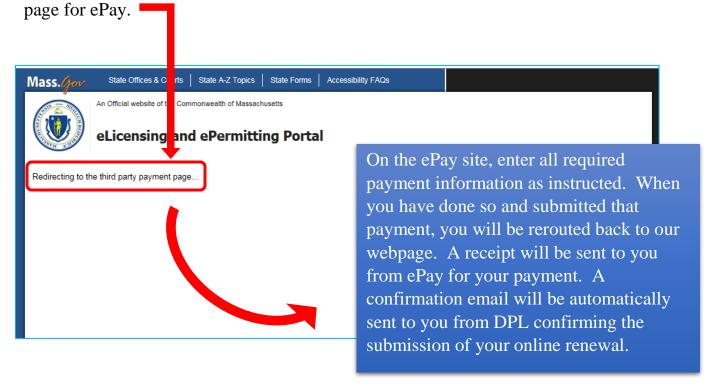
When you are ready to complete your online renewal and pay, click on the **Continue** button.

8J On Pay Fees tab, the renewal fee (and a late fee if applicable) will be displayed.

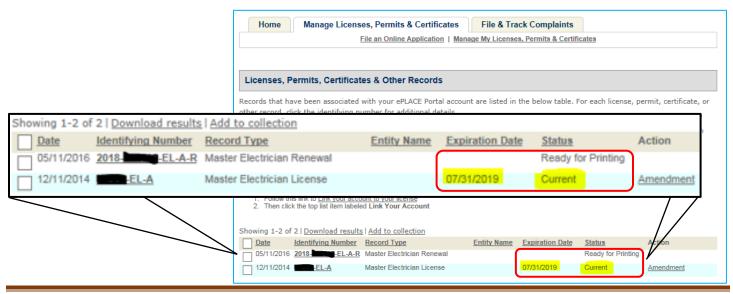
Click the **Continue** button to proceed.



8K Upon clicking the Submit Payment button, you will be directed to our third party payment



8L After the payment piece is completed and you are returned to the ePLACE Portal, navigate to the **Manage Licenses**, **Permits & Certificates** tab to view your updated license information (expiration date will change and status will reflect as Current). The renewal record you just submitted will also appear with a status of Ready for Printing. You should receive your new license card approximately 4-6 weeks from the time you renewed.



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