



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Professional Licensure Office of Public Safety and Inspections

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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 lawfully licensed under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law (MGL) c.146, §85.

Pipefitting is the installation, repair, replacement, maintenance or alteration of any apparatus for piping appliances, devices or accessories for eating systems having a rating greater than 700,000 British Thermal Units, including apparatus and piping for the general use of conveyance of steam and associated pumping equipment, vacuum and pneumatic systems, oil and petroleum products, ice making machinery, air conditioning equipment, piping systems used for the conveyance and storage of Category M liquids, as defined in ASME-B31.3, Process Piping Manual and high pressure systems over 150 pound-force per square inch guage or hazardous industrial type gases used in processes, biopharma or semi-conductor manufacturing, but excluding sheet metal work, refrigeration systems, boilers and plumbing as defined under the rules and regulations of the Board of State Examiners of Plumbers promulgated under sections 4 and 13 of Chapter 142.

PROOF OF ALL HOURS MUST BE DOCUMENTED & ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION.

All applications must be complete and include:

- 2" x 2" photo or passport photo (*unless use of RMV photograph is authorized*).
- Copy of high school diploma or equivalency certification.
- Appropriate *non-refundable* application processing fee (*see license types and associated fees below*).

Master Pipefitter fee is \$100.00 and applications must include:

- Proof that the applicant has worked **2,000 hours** as a Massachusetts Journeyman Pipefitter.
- Documentation from an **approved school** indicating that the applicant has completed **100 hours** of additional pipefitter theory.
- Documentation from an **approved school** indicating that the applicant has completed **100 hours** of additional ASME code requirement training.

Journeyman Pipefitter fee is \$75.00 and applications must include:

- Proof that the applicant has worked **6,000 hours** in Massachusetts as a Pipefitter Apprentice.
- Documentation from an **approved school** indicating that the applicant has completed **350 hours** of ASME code requirement training.

OR

- Proof that the applicant has worked **4,000 hours** as a Massachusetts Pipefitter Apprentice.
- Documentation from an **approved school** indicating that an applicant has completed **500 hours** of study in a pipefitters course of which **250 hours** relate to practical shop work.

- Documentation from an **approved school** indicating that the applicant has completed **200 hours** of ASME code requirement training.

OR

- Proof that the applicant has worked **2,000 hours** in Massachusetts as a Pipefitter Apprentice.
- Documentation from an **approved school** indicating that an applicant has completed **1,000 hours** of study in a pipefitters course of which 700 hours relate to practical shop work.
- Documentation from an **approved school** indicating that the applicant has completed **200 hours** of ASME code requirement training.

OR

- Copy of a journeyman pipefitter license, master pipefitter license or equivalent license from another jurisdiction.
- Documentation from employer listing work experience equivalent to the pipefitter license prerequisites listed above, in accordance with 528 CMR 11.02.

Apprentice Pipefitter fee is \$40.00 and applications must include:

- Proof that the applicant is enrolled in a registered apprenticeship program (*must be accompanied by a copy of the **Division of Apprentice Standards (DAS) ID Card***).
- **Please note that applicants must be at least 18 years of age and applicants will be limited to two (2) renewals of their Pipefitter Apprentice License unless otherwise approved by the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians and Sprinkler Fitters.**

No DAS ID Card = No Pipefitter Apprentice License

INFORMATION RELATIVE TO MAKING APPLICATION FOR PIPEFITTER LICENSE

Examinations are held on a monthly basis as applications are received (*first come, first served*). Applicants will be notified by mail @ their last known address approximately four (4) to eight (8) weeks after receipt of application by the Office of Public Safety & Inspections (OPSI). Please do not call OPSI unless it has exceeded eight (8) weeks since an application has been filed. However, please notify the OPSI in writing if your address has changed since submitted an application.

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 – Bureau of Pipefitters & Refrigeration Technicians *
- 522 CMR – Board of Boiler Rules *
- ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code – Sections I, IV and IX *
- ANSI\ASME Piping Codes – B31.1, B31.3, B31.4, B31.5, and B31.9 *
- IPT Pipe Trades Handbook, Authored by Lee – ISBN-13: 978-092085518 *

* May be purchased from the State House Bookstore
Boston @ (617) 727-2834 or Springfield @ (413) 784-1376.

Also please visit the OPSI website @

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/engineering-division>

Please forward completed application packages to:

Office of Public Safety and Inspections

Pipefitter License Application

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