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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. 146 § 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 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 gauge 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 DOCUMENTATED AND ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION.**

#### **Must be attached with application:**

- A completed Pipefitter License Application.
- Attach 2" x 2" photo. (*Unless Authorization for Release of RMV Photo Information Signed-Off*)
- Non-refundable application processing fee.

#### **MASTER PIPEFITTER \$100.00**

- Must provide proof that they have worked **2,000 hours** as a Massachusetts Journeyman pipefitter.
- Must provide documentation from an **approved school** indicating they have completed 100 hours of additional pipefitter theory.
- Must provide documentation from an **approved school** indicating that they have completed 100 hours of additional ASME code requirements.

#### **JOURNEYMAN PIPEFITTER \$75.00**

#### **❖ EVERY APPLICANT MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENCY CERTIFICATION ❖**

- Must provide proof that applicant has worked **6,000 hours** in Massachusetts as a Pipefitter Apprentice.
- Must provide documentation from an **approved school** indicating that applicant has completed 350 hours of ASME code requirements.

**OR**

- ❑ Must provide proof that applicant has worked **4,000 hours** in Massachusetts as a Pipefitter Apprentice.
- ❑ Must provide documentation from an **approved school** indicating that applicant has completed **500 hours** of study in a pipefitter's course of which 250 hours being practical shop related work.
- ❑ Must provide documentation from an **approved school** indicating that applicant has completed **200 hours** of ASME code requirements.

**OR**

- ❑ Must provide proof that applicant has worked **2,000 hours** in Massachusetts as a Pipefitter Apprentice.
- ❑ Must provide documentation from an **approved school** indicating that applicant has completed **1,000 hours** of study in a pipefitter's course of which 700 hours being practical shop related work.
- ❑ Must provide documentation from an **approved school** indicating that applicant has completed **200 hours** of ASME code requirements.

**OR**

- ❑ Copy of a journeymen pipefitter license, master pipefitter license or equivalent license from another jurisdiction.
- ❑ Must provide documentation from employer listing work experience equivalent to the Pipefitter license prerequisites listed above, in accordance with 528 CMR 11.02.

**APPRENTICE PIPEFITTER \$40.00**

*Note: 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*

- ❑ Copy of high school diploma or equivalency certification.
- ❑ Must provide proof that they are in a registered apprenticeship program, accompanied by a copy of the **Division of Apprentice Standards (DAS) ID Card**.

## **No DAS ID Card = No Pipefitter Apprentice License**

### **INFORMATION RELATIVE TO MAKING AN APPLICATION FOR A PIPEFITTER LICENSE**

**Examinations are held on a monthly basis. Applicants will be notified by mail† of their scheduled exam date and location. Please do not call the Department unless you have not received an exam notification by mail† (8) weeks after submitting the Pipefitter License 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.

† *If your mailing address changed since submitting your Pipefitter License Application, please notify the Department of this change in writing. Notifications will be mailed to last known mailing address unless written notice of new mailing address is provided.*

### **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, B31.9 \*\*
- IPT Pipe Trades Handbook, Author: Lee **ISBN-13: 978-092085518**

**\* THIS INFORMATION CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE STATE HOUSE BOOKSTORE.**

*Boston (617) 727-2834*

*Springfield (413) 784-1376*

*Fall River (508) 646-1374*

**\*\* THESE CODES CAN BE PURCHASED FROM ASME: <https://www.asme.org/>**