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SOUTH CAROLINA RECIPROCITY/WAIVER AGREEMENTS

**THE SOUTH CAROLINA RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS ONLY WAIVE THE TECHNICAL PORTION OF THE EXAM
All eligible applicants that have passed a technical exam(s) listed on page 2 must do the following:**

1. Pass the SC Business Management and Law for Commercial Contractors exam through PSI (call 800-733-9267 or register online at www.psiexams.com).
2. Contact your state licensing board for a license verification that shows you took their exam, and your license is active and in good standing with the board.
3. See [Applying for a License by Waiver/Reciprocity](#) on how to apply for the license after passing the above exam and receiving your states' license verification form/letter.

RECIPROCAL STATES:

South Carolina only has reciprocity agreements with the states listed below, and the MASC (see page 2 for the complete list of reciprocal states and the technical exams we accept in each state).

- **Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Reading Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah.**
- **Municipal Association of SC (MASC):**
 - Master Electrical (if exam passed after 1/1/1990)
 - Master Plumbing (if exam passed after 1/1/1990)
 - Master Mechanical/HVAC (if exam passed after 9/6/2013)
- You must have taken one of the reciprocal technical exams listed on page 2. Licensees that were "grandfathered" or waived an exam in from another state do not qualify for waiver/reciprocity.
- Your license must be current and in good standing with the state's licensing board or MASC.
- If your state is not listed, or if your state is listed but the exam you took is not listed, you are not eligible for waiver/reciprocity. You will be required to take the SC exams (800-733-9267, www.psiexams.com).

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL WAIVER/RECIPROCAL APPLICANTS:

ALL applicants applying by waiver/reciprocity must pass the South Carolina's "BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND LAW FOR COMMERCIAL CONTRACTORS EXAM". Contact PSI at (800) 733-9267 to schedule the exam, or register online at www.psiexams.com.

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WAIVER/RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS

| RECIPROCAL STATES: | ACCEPTED TECHNICAL EXAMS: | CLASSIFICATIONS S.C. ISSUES <small>(see classification definitions on next page)</small> |
|--|---|---|
| <u>ALABAMA</u> | • Electrical | EL |
| <u>GEORGIA</u> | • Un-Restricted Electrical | EL |
| | • Un-Restricted Conditioned Air (if exam passed after 6/30/80)..... | AC, HT |
| <u>LOUISIANA</u> | • Building Construction..... | BD |
| | • Statewide Mechanical | AC, HT |
| | • Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction | AP, CP, GD, BR |
| | • Asphalt Hot & Cold Plant Mix, and Asphalt Surface Treatment (2 exams) | AP |
| | • Paved Highways, and Concrete & Soil Treatment (2 exams)..... | CP |
| | • Concrete, Steel, and Wood Bridges (3 exams)..... | BR |
| | • Heavy Construction General - Transmission Pipeline, Tunnels..... | BT, PL |
| | • Heavy Construction Mechanical - Industrial Piping..... | 2P |
| | • Transmission Pipeline | PL |
| | • Tunnels | BT |
| | • Earthwork, Drainage, and Levees (3 exams) | GD |
| | • Municipal & Public Works Construction..... | WL, WP |
| | • Sewer, and Storm Drains & Waterlines (2 exams)..... | WL |
| | • Filter Plants & Water Purification | WP |
| <u>MISSISSIPPI</u> | • Building..... | BD |
| | • Electrical | EL |
| <u>NORTH CAROLINA</u> | • Building..... | BD |
| | • Electrical - Limited | EL (Group Limits 1 & 2 only) |
| | • Electrical - Intermediate..... | EL (Group Limits 1-3 only) |
| | • Electrical - Unlimited..... | EL (Group Limits 1-5) |
| | • Grading | GD |
| | • Highway (if exam passed before 4/1/1999) | HY |
| | • Roofing | SR |
| | • Public Utilities | WL, WP |
| | • Public Utilities - Water & Sewer Lines..... | WL |
| | • Public Utilities - Water Purification & Sewage Disposal | WP |
| <u>OHIO</u> | • Electrical | EL |
| | • Plumbing..... | PB |
| | • HVAC..... | PK |
| <u>PENNSYLVANIA</u> | • Mechanical/Electrical (from Reading, PA only) | EL |
| <u>TENNESSEE</u> | • BC, BC-B, BC-A,B, BC-B,C | BD (Group Limits 1-5) |
| | • BC-C, BC-b, BC-A,b..... | BD (Group Limits 1-3 only) |
| | • CMC..... | AC, RG, PB |
| | • CMC-C..... | AC, RG |
| | • CMC-A..... | PB |
| | • CE..... | EL |
| <u>TEXAS</u> | • Class A Air Conditioning/Refrigeration, or, Class A Air Conditioning..... | AC, HT |
| | • Class B Air Conditioning, or, Class B Air Conditioning/Refrigeration..... | PK |
| | • Class A Air Refrigeration | RG |
| <u>UTAH</u> | • S350 HVAC | AC |
| | • B100 General Building | BD (Group Limits 1-5) |
| | • R100 Residential/Small Commercial | BD (Group Limits 1-3 only) |
| | • S200 Master Electrician | EL |
| | • S260 GC Concrete..... | CT |
| | • S280 General Roofing | GR |
| | • S240 Glass & Glazing..... | GG |
| | • S310 Excavation & Grading | GD |
| | • S353 Warm Air Heating | HT |
| | • S351 Refrigerated Air Conditioning | PK |
| | • S360 Refrigeration..... | RG |
| | • S320 Steel Erector..... | SF |
| | • S380 Swimming Pool & Spa | SP |
| | • S390 Sewer & Waste Water Pipeline | WL |
| MASC <i>(Submit copy of license card or passing exam certification letter)</i> | • Master Plumbing (if exam passed after 1/1/1990)..... | PB |
| | • Master Electrical (If exam passed after 1/1/1990)..... | EL |
| | • Master HVAC (if exam passed after 1/1/1990)..... | AC, HT, PK, RG |

*** Reminder: ALL WAIVER APPLICANTS MUST PASS THE S.C. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND LAW EXAM THROUGH PSI (800-733-9267) ***

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CLASSIFICATION ABBREVIATIONS and PROJECT \$ LIMITATIONS

The two-letter combo on a license indicates the classification(s) of work (i.e. BD3 = Building).

The number behind the two-letter classification indicates the monetary limitation per contract (i.e. BD3 = \$500,000).

| GENERAL CONTRACTOR classifications | MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR classifications |
|---|---|
| Asphalt Paving AP | Air ConditioningAC |
| Boiler Installation BL | Electrical.....EL |
| Boring & Tunneling (no technical exam)..... BT | Heating.....HT |
| Bridges BR | Lightning ProtectionLP |
| Building (BD, LB, UB) * BD | Packaged Equipment.....PK |
| Concrete..... CT | PlumbingPB |
| Concrete Paving..... CP | Pressure and Process Piping ****1P/2P |
| General Roofing GR | Refrigeration.....RG |
| Glass & Glazing..... GG | |
| Grading..... GD | |
| Highway ** HY | |
| Highway Incidental (no technical exam) HI | |
| Interior Renovation (no technical exam)..... IR | |
| Marine MR | |
| Masonry (no technical exam) MS | |
| Pipelines..... PL | |
| Pre-Engineered Metal Buildings..... MB | |
| Public Electrical Utility *** 1U/2U | |
| Railroad (no technical exam)..... RR | |
| Specialty Roofing SR | |
| Structural Framing..... SF | |
| Structural Shapes (no technical exam)..... SS | |
| Swimming Pools..... SP | |
| Water & Sewer Lines WL | |
| Water & Sewer Plants WP | |
| Wood Frame Structures WF | |

* **Building (BD)** classification: Includes **GR, IR, MB, MS, SS, WF**.

- **LB** qualifiers took the **Limited Building exam**; they can only apply for Groups 1-3, and cannot work over 3 stories.
- **UB** qualifiers took the **Unlimited Building exam** and do not have the LB restrictions.

** **Highway (HY)** classification: Includes **AP, CP, BR, GD, HI**. Given to licensees that have passed the AP, CP, BR, GD exams and submitted required experience for HI.

*** **Public Electrical Utility (1U vs. 2U)** classification: **1U** given to licensees tested prior to 4/1/99 - they can engage in stadium lighting work. **2U** given to licensees tested after 4/1/99 - they cannot engage in stadium lighting work.

**** **Pressure and Process Piping (1P vs. 2P)** classification: **1P** given to licensees tested prior to 4/1/99 - they can engage in boiler work. **2P** given to licensees tested after 4/1/99 - they cannot engage in boiler work.

GROUP LIMITATIONS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NET WORTH REQUIREMENTS / SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS

| GENERAL CONTRACTORS | | | | MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS | | | |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Group # | \$ LIMIT PER JOB | NET WORTH REQUIREMENT | SURETY BOND REQUIREMENT | Group # | \$ LIMIT PER JOB | NET WORTH REQUIREMENT | SURETY BOND REQUIREMENT |
| Group #1 | \$50,000 | \$10,000 | \$20,000 | Group #1 | \$17,500 | \$3,500 | \$7,000 |
| Group #2 | \$200,000 | \$40,000 | \$80,000 | Group #2 | \$50,000 | \$10,000 | \$20,000 |
| Group #3 | \$500,000 | \$100,000 | \$200,000 | Group #3 | \$100,000 | \$20,000 | \$40,000 |
| Group #4 | \$1,500,000 | \$175,000 | \$350,000 | Group #4 | \$200,000 | \$40,000 | \$80,000 |
| Group #5 | \$Unlimited | \$250,000 | \$500,000 | Group #5 | \$Unlimited | \$200,000 | \$400,000 |