

# CLASSIFICATION ABBREVIATIONS and GROUP DOLLAR LIMITATIONS

All licenses display 2-letter classifications followed by a number. The number indicates the licensee's dollar limit per job, i.e. **BD3** = Building work up to \$500,000 per job/contract; **EL4** = Electrical work up to \$200,000 per job/contract.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR Classifications	MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR Classifications
Asphalt Paving <sup>2</sup> ..... AP	Air Conditioning <sup>5</sup> ..... AC
Boiler Installation ..... BL	Electrical ..... EL
Boring & Tunneling (no technical exam) ..... BT	Heating <sup>6</sup> ..... HT
Bridges <sup>2</sup> ..... BR	Lightning Protection ..... LP
Building (BD, LB, UB) <sup>1</sup> ..... BD	Packaged Equipment ..... PK
Concrete ..... CT	Plumbing ..... PB
Concrete Paving <sup>2</sup> ..... CP	Pressure and Process Piping <sup>7</sup> ..... 1P/2P
General Roofing ..... GR	Refrigeration ..... RG
Glass & Glazing ..... GG	
Grading <sup>2</sup> ..... GD	
Highway <sup>2</sup> ..... 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 <sup>3</sup> ..... 1U/2U	
Railroad (no technical exam) ..... RR	
Specialty Roofing ..... SR	
Structural Framing <sup>4</sup> ..... SF	
Structural Shapes (no technical exam) ..... SS	
Swimming Pools ..... SP	
Water & Sewer Lines ..... WL	
Water & Sewer Plants ..... WP	
Wood Frame Structures ..... WF	

(Classifications with "no technical exam" still require passing the S.C. Business Management & Law for Commercial Contractors exam)

## CLASSIFICATION DEFINITIONS: SEE SECTION 40-11-410 OF THE [S.C. Code of Laws for Contractors](#)

1. **Building (BD/LB/UB):** includes GR, IR, MB, MS, SS, and WF.  
 "LB" - Limited Building exam passed. **Limited to 3 stories in height.** Can only apply for Group #1, #2, or #3 below.  
 "UB" - Unlimited Building exam passed. Not limited in building/story height.
2. **Highway (HY):** includes AP, CP, BR, GD, and HI. **Asphalt Paving (AP)** and **Concrete Paving (CP):** includes GD. **Grading (GD):** includes HI. **Bridges (BR):** includes BT, CT, MR, and RR.
3. **Public Electrical Utility (1U/2U):**  
 "1U" - the qualifier examined prior to 4/1/1999 - the licensee **can** engage in **stadium lighting** work.  
 "2U" - the qualifier examined after 4/1/1999 - the licensee **cannot** engage in **stadium lighting** work.
4. **Structural Framing (SF):** includes SS.
5. **Air Conditioning (AC):** includes RG.
6. **Heating (HT):** the licensee **can** engage in **boiler** work. See [October 2020 Board Meeting Minutes, page 5](#)
7. **Pressure and Process Piping (1P/2P):**  
 "1P" - the qualifier examined prior to 4/1/1999 - the licensee **can** engage in **boiler** work.  
 "2P" - the qualifier examined after 4/1/1999 - the licensee **cannot** engage in **boiler** work.

## \*\*\* GROUP DOLLAR LIMITATIONS. NET WORTH and SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS \*\*\*

GENERAL CONTRACTORS				MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS			
Group#	\$ Limit per Job	Net Worth (Total Equity)	Surety Bond Amount	Group #	\$ Limit per Job	Net Worth (Total Equity)	Surety Bond Amount
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