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NEW CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY INSTRUCTIONS

The purpose of this application is to apply for a Monroe County Certificate of Competency by examination pursuant to MCC Sec 6-237. This application encompasses all Construction Trades categories. Please read instructions thoroughly prior to completing your application and make photocopies for your records, if desired. Be certain that the application is completely filled out; that all questions are answered truthfully, and that all information requested is furnished. If your application is incomplete, it may be returned, delaying the approval and licensing process.

Monroe County requires that *all* applicants, with the exception of journeyman and masters, take the administrative examination, and when required, the respective Trade examination.

MASTERS ARE NOT CONTRACTORS. Anyone holding a master (electrical, mechanical, or plumbing) certificate of competency **only** needs to take the administrative examination if they wish to act in the capacity of a contractor. If the administrative examination is not taken, the applicant is **PROHIBITED** from contracting, and the applicant shall only perform work in their trade while under the supervision and direction of a licensed contractor of same category.

JOURNEYMEN ARE NOT CONTRACTORS. Anyone holding a journeyman (electrical, mechanical, or plumbing) certificate of competency is **PROHIBITED** from contracting, and shall only perform work in their trade while under the supervision and direction of a licensed contractor of same category.

Monroe County certificate of competency holders are limited to certain local jurisdictions and only allowed to work in a county or municipality with which the county has a reciprocal agreement.

NOTICE: Contracting shall only be done under the qualified business name. This license does not belong to a Company and may not be renewed or used by another individual or company other than the license holder named herein for any construction purposes.

*****A certificate of competency is non-transferable*****

Applicant must have a minimum of 2-years of field experience for their desired trade/discipline and pass the administrative examination for the following categories:

- Acoustical Ceiling
- Aluminum, Vinyl, and Plastic
- Asphalt Seal and Coating
- Cabinet & Millwork
- Drilling Auger
- Fence Erector
- Flooring - All types of floors including carpet, except cementitious products, marble, or terrazzo
- Garage Door Opener/Installation
- Insulating
- Landscaping
- Landscaping Curb
- Masonry Specialty (includes Brick Pavers)
- Painting & Decorating
- Pavement Painting Only
- Plastering/Stucco
- Sign Painting
- Solar Window Tinting
- Steel Reinforcing and Iron
- Tile, Terrazzo, and Marble including brick pavers
- Thatched Roofing – Non-structural
- Waterproofing and Roof Painting

Applicant must have the minimum field experience for their desired trade / discipline as indicated below and pass the administrative and technical examination.

Certificate of competencies with one asterisk () at the end of each trade requires registration with Department of Business and Professional Regulation Construction Industry Licensing Board or the Electrical Construction Industry Board (DBPR) within 30 days after obtaining a certificate of competency *prior* to conducting business in the state pursuant to F.S. 489.117 or F.S. 489.513.

Certificate of competencies with two asterisks () at the end of each trade only need to take the administrative examination if applicant want to act in the capacity of a contractor. Masters are **NOT** contractors, and therefore, are prohibited from contracting, and shall only perform work in their trade while under the supervision and direction of a licensed contractor of same category/discipline.

Certificate of competencies with three asterisks () at the end of each trade need not take the administrative examination. Journeyman's are **NOT** contractors, and therefore, are prohibited from contracting, and shall only perform work in their trade while under the supervision and direction of a licensed contractor of same category/discipline.

Building Contractor*	5 Years
Burglar Alarm Contractor*	2 Years
Class A Air Conditioning*	6 Years
Class B Air Conditioning*	6 Years
Drywall Specialty Contractor	2 Years
Excavating & Grading Engineering Class II (e)	3 Years
Fire Alarm Contractor*	2 Years
General Contractor*	6 Years
Glazing Contractor	2 Years
Hydraulic Dredging Engineering Class II (g)	3 Years
Journeyman Electrical***	3 Years
Journeyman Mechanical***	3 Years
Journeyman Plumbing***	3 Years
Lawn Sprinkler Contractor	2 Years
Low Voltage Electrical Contractor (TV & Antenna)*	3 Years
Master Electrical**	6 Years
Master Mechanical**	6 Years
Master Plumbing**	6 Years
Master Sign Contractor, Electrical*	6 Years
Mechanical Contractor*	6 Years
Paving Engineering Class II (d)	3 Years
Pile Driving and Foundation Engineering Class II (b)	3 Years
Residential Contractor*	4 Years
Roofing Contractor*	4 Years
Seawall & Small Dock (Marine Const.) Eng. Class II (c)	3 Years
Sign Erection Contractor, Non-electrical	2 Years
Solar Products Contractor	2 Years
Structural Steel Erection Contractor	5 Years
Unlimited Swimming Pool Contractor (com/res)*	2 Years
Underground utility and excavation*	3 Years

CODES IN EFFECT AS OF 07/01/15:

Florida Building Code, Fifth Edition (2014)
 Florida Building Code Accessibility, Fifth Edition (2014)
 National Electrical Code, 2011
 Florida Fire Prevention Code, Fifth Edition (2014)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to apply for and be considered for a contractor license in Monroe County, applicant shall submit items 1-7:

1. Completed [Contractor Construction Trades Application](#); one trade per application.
2. Legible copy of a valid driver's license or some other form of valid government approved identification.
3. One (1) recent color photograph full frontal view of the face and 2x2 inches in size. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
4. Résumé must be submitted and it must account with years of employment and correspond with Affidavit of Trade Experience.
5. **Affidavit of Trade Experience**. This form must be furnished to substantiate the minimum experience required in the category for which the applicant is applying, and it is to be completed by past or present employer(s), or Contractors licensed in the appropriate construction service field verifying that applicant has the necessary experience in the area covered by the certificate of competency applicant is seeking. Proof of licensure by other jurisdictions, without additional experience verification, will not satisfy this requirement. Self-verifications alone are not accepted.
Please note should an affidavit not be possible due to conflict with previous employer, or other good cause shown, a W-2 form may be submitted in lieu of an affidavit.
6. Copy of contracting license corresponding to each Affidavit of Trade Experience must be provided.
7. **COMPLETED APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED 15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE NEXT AVAILABLE CEB MEETING.**
8. Applications and supporting materials may be mailed to or dropped off to one of the above listed addresses to the attention
Licensing. Our lobby hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, closed on holidays.
9. The date your application is received by our office will determine the date your application will go before the board. Incomplete applications will not be accepted delaying the review and approval process.
10. The next CEB meeting dates* are January 10, March 14, May 9, July 11, September 12 and November 14, 2017.

*Dates are subject to change. Please visit our calendar on our website for up-to-date information at www.monroecounty-fl.gov.
11. **YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING IS RECOMMENDED** as the board may have questions about your application. However, it is not required to attend unless you feel it necessary for the approval of your application.
12. Once your application is reviewed, you will be notified in writing by e-mail or by mail of approval or denial detailing the reason(s) for denial and correction action to be taken within **ten (10) working days** of meeting. If you wish to appeal the decision of the board, you may request a hearing in writing. The date your appeal is received will determine the date you will go before the board.
13. If you are approved, you will need to take the required examination(s) for your particular trade. Please refer to the first and second pages of this handout to locate your category and type of exam(s) you will need to take.
14. Pursuant to MCC Sec 6-237.(a)(1), an applicant has two years from the date the application is approved by the CEB to pass and obtain licensure. Otherwise, a new application packet will have to be re-submitted for approval and re-testing provided the code does not change.
15. Monroe County does not give these examination(s). The examination(s) is/are given through outside-approved vendors **Prometric** and Gainesville Independent Testing Services, LLC (**GITS, LLC**).
16. Monroe County considers a 70% or higher as passing.
17. Examination Fees: Administrative exam is \$100.00 and technical exam is \$155.00 payable to Monroe County Building Department. Check or money made payable to Monroe County Building Department must accompany the application. You must write your name and indicate the testing agency you are using on your check.

APPROVED EXAMINATION VENDORS

GITS, LLC

18. If you decide to test with GITS, LLC, you will need to send in appropriate payment. Once payment is received, we will send them an e-mail authorizing you to test. You will then be contacted directly. It will be the applicant's responsibility to schedule a testing date in accordance with their testing schedule.
19. GITS offers testing sites at various cities around the state including two testing locations in the Keys. Click here for [GITS Testing Sites](#).
20. To obtain Examination Information Sheets (EIS) for your discipline, go to www.gitsllc.com.org, "Examination, Information Sheets, Download EIS tab, [Monroe County/](#) folder." Or, click on the link [Monroe County/](#) to take you directly to all EIS.
21. Computer Based Testing and Spanish Business Procedures examinations are available. Please contact GITS at 1-800-997-2129.
22. There are additional fees that GITS will charge for the exam(s) you will need to take. These fees will vary depending on the license type. You may inquire about the fees that will apply to you by calling GITS at 1-800-997-2129, or by visiting their website at www.gitsllc.org. This fee is paid directly to GITS.
23. Proctor fees apply; this fee is paid directly to the proctoring company.
24. Online practice exams may be available for certain disciplines. Please contact GITS at 1-800-997-2129.
25. Test center regulations information available at www.gitsllc.org.
26. ADA accommodations available through GITS by calling 1-800-997-2129.

PROMETRIC

27. If you decide to test with Prometric, you will need to complete their registration form and return with appropriate fee. You can obtain this form by visiting [Prometric Exam References, Schedule, and Registration Form](#). You will need to complete and return **ONLY** page 2 (Exam Registration Form) to our office for authorization. Once we approve you, we will return page 2. Once you receive it, you will then need to complete page 3 (Application Payment by Credit Card) and submit to Prometric for processing.
28. You will be able to locate your Bulletin for your discipline according to the disciplines found on pages one (1) and two (2). You will need to choose your bulletin from the appropriate FLBC Column. For example, all Construction Trades are under FLBC-14 with the exception of some engineering licenses that will be under Common Column. Moreover, all Electrical Trades are under the NEC-11 Column. **(NOTICE: UPDATED REFERENCE MATERIALS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.)**
29. It will be the applicant's responsibility to schedule a testing date with Prometric in accordance with their testing schedule.
30. There are additional fees that Prometric will charge for the exam(s) you will need to take. These fees will vary depending on the license type. You may inquire about the fees that will apply to you by calling Prometric at 1-888-345-2778, or visiting their website at <http://www.prometric.com/default.htm>. This fee is paid directly to Prometric.
31. Online Construction Practice Exams may be available for certain disciplines. Please contact Prometric at 1-888-345-2778.
32. Test center regulations information available at [Prometric Test Sponsor](#)
33. ADA accommodations available through Prometric by calling 1-800-280-3926.

34. CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY CONTRACTOR LICENSURE FEE SCHEDULE

Pursuant to [MCC 6-240 - Fees](#), application, examination, certification, and renewal fees are as follows:

General contractor\$200.00
Building contractor\$150.00
Residential contractor\$150.00
Engineering contractor\$200.00
Engineering contractor II\$150.00
Engineering contractor III\$150.00
Mechanical, plumbing and electrical contractors\$150.00
All other contractors, including specialty contractors\$150.00
Master (plumbing, electrical and mechanical)\$100.00
Journeyman (plumbing, electrical and mechanical)\$70.00
Apprentice\$30.00

Examination fees:

Business and law exam\$100.00
All hour technical exams\$155.00

Renewal reinstatement request application\$200.00

ABOVE FEES ARE PRO-RATED FOR FOLLOWING PERIODS:

October 2 of the Odd Year to April 1 of the Even Year
April 2 of the Even Year to October 1 of the Even Year
October 2 of the Even Year to April 1 of the Odd Year
April 2 of the Odd Year to October 1 of the Odd Year

REDUCED INITIAL FEE BY:

0%
25%
50%
75%

***RETAIN FOR YOUR FUTURE REFERENCE**