

# Alabama Plumbers and Gas Fitters Examining Board

## Proposed Rule Changes

Comments may be submitted in writing or orally at a public hearing to be held at 4:00 PM May 31, 2018, in the Board's office located at 216 Aquarius Dr. Ste. 319 Homewood, AL 35209. Comments will be accepted until 4:30 PM on May 31, 2018.

State of Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board

Rule Change

720-X-1-.01

**720-X-1-.01 Description Of The Board.**

The Board is a seven (7) member Board appointed by the Governor. The referenced statute describes the organization, general course, method of operation and method of public information. The public may make submissions and requests to the Board in writing through the mailing address:

Alabama Plumbers and Gas Fitters Examining Board

~~11 West Oxmoor, Suite 104~~

~~Birmingham, AL 35209~~

216 Aquarius Dr. Ste. 319

Homewood, Alabama 35209

Author: James M. Morgan

Statutory Authority: 34-37-2 (Code of Ala. 1975, as amended)

History: Rule Change

Certified:

State of Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board

New Rule

720-X-1-.02

**720-X-1-.02 Minimum Standards for Installation, Service, and Repair.** (1) In the absence of locally adopted codes, or minimum standards for the installation, service, and repair of plumbing, gas, and medical gas, the board, pursuant to its authority under Section 34-37-2 (a), Code of Ala. 1975, adopts the following minimum standards for the installation, service, and repair of plumbing, gas, and medical gas for all certified plumbing, gas, and medical gas contractors: (a) All certified plumbing and gas contractors shall comply with the minimum technical standards required by the 2015 International Residential Code for residential plumbing and gas installations, service, and repairs. Including: Appendix A: Sizing and Capacities of Gas Piping; Appendix B: Sizing of Venting Systems Serving Appliances Equipped with Draft Hoods, Category 1 Appliances and Appliances listed for use with Type B Vents; Appendix C: Exit Terminals of Mechanical Draft and Direct-vent Venting Systems; Appendix D: Recommended Procedure for Safety Inspection of an Existing Appliance Installation; Appendix N: Venting Methods. The administrative sections in Chapter 1 shall not be applicable. Where there is a conflict between this code and a locally adopted code, this code shall govern. (b) All certified plumbing contractors shall comply with the minimum standards of the 2015 International Plumbing Code for commercial plumbing installations, service, and repairs. (c) All certified gas contractors shall comply with the minimum standards of the 2015 International Fuel Gas Code for commercial gas installations, service, and repairs. (d) All certified medical gas contractors shall comply with the minimum standards of the 2015 International Plumbing Code for Nonflammable Medical Gases and the NFPA 99 for flammable medical gases. Requires certification from NITC or other board approved agency or entity.

Author: James M. Morgan

Statutory Authority: 34-37-2 (Code of Ala. 1975, as amended)

History: New Rule

Certified:

State of Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board

New Rule

720-X-1-.03

**720-X-1-.03 Compliance.**

The board may at any time conduct compliance checks via site visit, office visit, or by any other legal means as necessary to determine compliance with the Plumbers and Gas Fitter Examining Board's laws, and rules, and regulations. The board shall have the authority to inspect records, documents, personnel files, and any other documentation necessary to determine compliance with its laws, rules, and regulations.

Author: James M. Morgan

Statutory Authority: 34-37-2 (Code of Ala. 1975, as amended)

History: New Rule

Certified:

State of Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board

Rule Change

720-X-2-.01

**720-X-2-.01 Definition of Plumbing.** (1) With respect to the single-family residential dwelling domestic water supply, the water line from the meter to the building or from the outlet side of a well pump to the building is considered plumbing. With respect to the sewer, the building sewer begins at the connection with the building drain and is considered plumbing until it reaches the property line, an individual disposal system, or a point within an easement or right-of-way. (2) Non-residential domestic water supply and sewer represented by mechanical drawings signed and sealed by an engineer licensed in the State of Alabama shall be considered plumbing. Non-residential domestic water supply four inches in diameter and greater, and sewer lines six inches in diameter and greater, represented by civil drawings signed and sealed by an engineer licensed in the State of Alabama shall not be considered plumbing. (3) Sewage grinder pumps and sewage lift stations with discharge lines ~~four~~ six inches and greater, and force mains ~~four~~ six inches and larger shall not be considered plumbing. (4) Cutting, boring, and removal of concrete shall not be considered plumbing.

Author: James M. Morgan

Statutory Authority: 34-37-2 (Code of Ala. 1975, as amended)

History: Rule Change

Certified:

# State of Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board

## Rule Change

720-X-4-.01

### **720-X-4-.01 Forms, Requirements, and Fee Schedule.**

The following forms shall be available in the Board office as well as on the Board website:

1. Information Update Form
2. Application for Examination
3. Application for Waiver of Annual Penalties and Fees
4. Apprentice Registration
5. Complaint Form
6. Application for Inactive Status
7. Application for Active Status
8. Proof of Citizenship or Lawful Presence of Non-Citizen Forms
- ~~9. Replacement Card Request~~
10. Reciprocity Request
11. Registration of Legal Entity (Company Registration Form)
12. Work Experience Affidavit

| <b>Requirements</b>  | <b>Renewal Fees</b>                                     | <b>Non-Refundable Exam Fees</b> |
|--|---|---------------------------------|
| Apprentice   | \$25.00 (Initial w/ Registration)<br>\$25.00 (Annually) |                                 |
| No Written Exam Required. Complete Registration Form and include a copy of Proof of Citizenship or Lawful Presence of Non-Citizen Form.  |   |                                 |
| Journeyman Plumber   | \$50.00   | \$110.00                        |
| Requires 2 years current work experience as Apprentice, completed Board Approved Apprentice Training Program, <u>or other experience that, in the opinion of the board, qualifies the applicant to take required exam.</u> |   |                                 |
| Journeyman Gas Fitter  | \$50.00   | \$110.00                        |
| Requires 2 years current work experience as Apprentice, completed Board Approved Apprentice Training Program, <u>or other experience that, in the opinion of the board, qualifies the applicant to take required exam.</u> |   |                                 |
| Master Plumber   | \$150.00  | \$160.00                        |
| Requires one year current work experience as Journeyman Plumber to take required exam.   |   |                                 |
| Master Gas Fitter  | \$150.00  | \$160.00                        |
| Requires one year current work experience as Journeyman Gas Fitter to take required exam.  |   |                                 |
| Medical Gas \$25.00  |   |                                 |
| Requires certification from the National Institute of Testing & Certification <u>or certification from any other agency or entity approved by the Board.</u>   |   |                                 |
| <del>Replacement Card \$25.00</del>  |   |                                 |

Prorated amounts for first year fees after July 1 of the calendar year, as outlined in r. 720-X-10-.01, will be as follows: \$12 for Apprentice, \$25 for Journeyman Plumber or Gas Fitter, and \$75 for Master Plumber or Gas Fitter. Persons who hold a current license/ certification in good standing in another state may request reciprocity on forms provided by the Board in accordance with Ala. Code §34-37-11, and upon payment of all prescribed fees. Requires approved application, a current out-of-state Apprentice, Journeyman, or Master plumber and/or gas fitter license/certification, and payment of the current year's fee for the requested classification. ~~Lost, misplaced or damaged cards can be replaced; a written statement consisting of the Replacement Card Request Form and \$25.00 will be required from the card holder. Replacement cards requested for non-receipt of initial cards issued will also require a written statement. No charge will be assessed in this instance. There will be a 30 day waiting period from the initial issue date before replacement cards will be provided in this instance.~~

Author: James M. Morgan

Statutory Authority: 34-37-2 (Code of Ala. 1975, as amended)

History: Rule Change

Certified:

State of Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board

Rule Change

720-X-7-.01

**720-X-7-.01 Administration of Examinations.**

All examinations for which the Board has authority to require shall be administered by an independent examining agency as selected by the Board.

(a) Examinations shall be based on the 2015 International Plumbing Code and the 2015 International Fuel Gas Code.

Author: James M. Morgan

Statutory Authority: 34-37-2 (Code of Ala. 1975, as amended)

History: Rule Change

Certified:



State of Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board

Rule Change

720-X-9-.01

**720-X-9-.01 Penalty for Late Renewal of Certificate or Registration.**

(1) All certificates and registrations expire on December 31 of each year. Certificate and registration fees must be paid prior to ~~January 1~~ December 15 of the current year to be effective and otherwise in good standing the following calendar year. ~~for which the certificate or registration is to be effective.~~ In the event the certificate or registration is renewed after December 31, but prior to February 1, the late renewal penalty shall be equal to 50% of the renewal rate for the respective certificate or registration. Late renewals received after February 1 shall be subject to a late renewal penalty equal to the renewal rate for the respective certificate or registration. The late renewal penalty is due at the time the current year's certificate or registration fee is paid.

(2) In addition to the current year's certificate or registration fee and late renewal penalty, the certificate fees for all unpaid back years shall be paid in accordance with Code of Ala. 1975, §34-37-9. The certificate or registration fees for all unpaid back years are due at the time the current year's certificate or registration fee and late renewal penalty are paid.

Author: James M. Morgan

Statutory Authority: 34-37-2 (Code of Ala. 1975, as amended)

History: Rule Change

Certified:

State of Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board

Rule Change

720-X-14-.01

**720-X-14-.01 Definition of Medical Gas Piping Systems.**

Due to the threat to human life, no one shall install any medical gas piping or breach the integrity of any medical gas piping system unless the person has first received an endorsement for medical gas piping from the Alabama Plumbers and Gas Fitters Examining Board and such endorsement is affixed to the current certificate for competency issued to said person and the certificate is in their possession. No endorsement from the Alabama Plumbers and Gas Fitters Examining Board shall be issued or shall be valid unless said certificate holder also holds a current National Inspection Testing Certification (NITC), or other board approved agency or entity in medical gas fitting and is in possession of a valid NITC card, or card from another board approved agency or entity evidencing current certification. Annual renewal of the medical gas fitter endorsement requires submission to the Board of the medical gas fitters NITC, or other board approved agency or entity card evidencing a current, valid NITC certification, or other board approved agency or entity certification. Replacing cylinders and filters, and performing routine and preventive maintenance that does not breach the integrity of the medical gas piping system and does not constitute the installation, repair, or replacement of medical gas piping shall not require a medical gas piping endorsement.

Author: James M. Morgan

Statutory Authority: 34-37-2 (Code of Ala. 1975, as amended)

History: Rule Change

Certified: