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Meet our Executive Director

The Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board is pleased to announce that Mr. James “Jimmy” Morgan has filled the PGFB Executive Director position recently vacated by David Wilcox.

The Board appointed a committee to select the next Executive Director, and supported Jimmy as the committee’s selection for that position. He came highly recommended, and the Board is very excited to have him.

Jimmy comes to us from the Alabama Home Builders Licensure Board. He is an 18-year veteran in the regulatory industry, many of which were spent as Director and Deputy Director of the City of Madison Building Department. Jimmy has many years of experience as a plumbing and gas inspector and holds 8 ICC professional certifications. He is an experienced administrator who also has practical skills in the construction trades.

Jimmy will be the main public contact and spokesperson for the agency and will also represent the agency in all business capacities. He will also be overseeing all staff and day to day business.

Jimmy assumed the position of Executive Director on January 1, 2018. Take time to visit or give him a call 205-945-4857.

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Don't Miss the Deadline!!!

2019 Renewal Season is October 1 - December 31, 2018

REMINDER: 2019 certification renewals and annual business registrations must be completed online. You will still receive a renewal reminder in the mail, but we will not be accepting payments submitted directly to our office. Once you complete your online renewal, you will print out your certification. Medical Gas endorsements will continue to be renewed by submission of current NITC card to the Board along with the renewal fee. If you have any concerns about renewing online, please contact the Board office.

NOTE: Employers who renew certifications for their employees and are renewing 20 or more employees may submit payment to our office along with renewal slips if the company wishes to pay for these renewals with one check.

Pursuant to Alabama Admin Code 720-x-9-.01, renewals are required to be submitted no later than December 15, 2018, in order to ensure the renewal is processed prior to January 1, 2019. A late fee will not be assessed on any renewals received prior to January 1, however, there may be a delay in processing if not received prior to December 15.

Renewals will be available online until midnight on December 31, 2018. Any renewals that are not completed online prior to midnight on December 31 will be subject to a late fee. SEE PAGE 3 FOR INFO REGARDING CHANGES TO LATE FEES.

ANNUAL BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE BETWEEN OCTOBER 1 AND DECEMBER 31. IT IS A VIOLATION OF ALA. ADMIN. CODE r. 720-x-17-.01 NOT TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL BUSINESS REGISTRATION. FAILURE TO COMPLETE REGISTRATION MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION!

Board Rule Changes

The Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board amended several rules that were filed on June 14, 2018, and effective July 29, 2018.

The following sections of the Alabama Administrative Code were amended: 720-x-1-.01, 720-x-1-.02, 720-x-1-.03, 720-x-2-.01, 720-x-4-.01, 720-x-7-.01, 720-x-7-.01, 720-x-9-.01, 720-x-14-.01

The updated versions of our rules can be found by visiting www.pgfb.alabama.gov and clicking on “Rules” on the left side of the page. This will take you to a link to view a PDF document of the rules pertaining to the Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board.

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM RULE CHANGES THAT AFFECTS RENEWAL SEASON:

Pursuant to updates to Alabama Administrative Code 720-x-9-.01, the late fee will be assessed differently beginning January 1, 2019.

- Certifications that are renewed beginning January 1 through January 31 will be subject to a late penalty that is equal to 50% of the renewal rate of the respective certificate or registration.
- Certifications that are renewed after February 1 shall be subject to a late renewal penalty equal to the renewal rate of the respective certificate or registration.

This updates the previous rule that assessed a late penalty equal to the renewal rate of the respective certificate or registration fee beginning January 1.

Board News

On September 14, 2018, Calhoun County Judge Brian Howell issued a preliminary injunction against American Plumbing & Septic Services of Oxford, Alabama due to violations of the Deceptive Trade Practices Act. For additional information, you can find the full press release from the Alabama Attorney General's office regarding this case on our website or by visiting the Alabama Attorney General's Website.

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THANK YOU CERTIFIED CONTRACTORS

The Board appreciates the hard working certified contractors who are determined to deliver quality services to Alabama's consumers. These contractors spend a lot of time and money to meet the requirements necessary to maintain their certifications while unscrupulous contractors attempt to take business from the certified contractor by lowering prices and doing substandard work.

The Board often receives calls from certified contractors who are discouraged by the continued presence of uncertified contractors working without obtaining the proper certification.

The Board's officers attempt to find as many of these uncertified contractors as possible, however, when you see or know of a possible uncertified contractor working in your area, please notify the Board in order for our officers to check on the validity of these contractors.

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