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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control: 720
Department or Agency: Alabama Plumbers and Gas Fitters Examining Board
Rule No.: 720-X-4-.01
Rule Title: Forms, Requirements, And Fee Schedule
Intended Action: Amend

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? No

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved? No

To what degree?: N/A

Is the increase in cost more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NA

Are all facets of the rule-making process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer

James M. Morgan
James M. Morgan

Date

Thursday, May 30, 2024

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MAY 30, 2024

LEGISLATIVE SVC AGENCY

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**ALABAMA PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS
EXAMINING BOARD**

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Plumbers and Gas Fitters Examining Board
RULE NO. & TITLE: 720-X-4-.01 Forms, Requirements, And Fee Schedule
INTENDED ACTION: Amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:
Amendment will create a fee for a new application that is necessary due to a 2022 change to section 34-37-6 (e) (2) of PGFB law.

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:
Views may be presented by email at input@pgfb.alabama.gov, in writing by sending a letter to 216 Aquarius Drive, Suite 319, Homewood, Alabama 35209, or in person at the public hearing held at the Board Office at 10:00 am August 29, 2024.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
Thursday, August 29, 2024

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:
James M. Morgan

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(Signature of officer authorized
to promulgate and adopt
rules or his or her deputy)

(1) All required forms shall be made available in hard copy at the Board's office as well as in downloadable form on the Board's website.

(2) Requirements for issuance of certificates:

(a) Apprentice:

1. No written exam to be taken.
2. Submit completed Apprentice Registration form.
3. Submit completed and executed form, "Declaration of U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Presence of an Alien".
4. Pay required fee(s).

(b) Journeyman Plumber:

1. Submit completed Application for Examination.
2. Provide verifiable proof of two (2) years of current work experience as an apprentice plumber OR of completion of a Board-approved apprentice training program.
3. Submit completed and executed form, "Declaration of U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Presence of an Alien".
4. Pay required fee(s).
5. Receive a passing score on the written examination.

(c) Journeyman Gas Fitter:

1. Submit completed Application for Examination.
2. Provide verifiable proof of two (2) years of current work experience as an apprentice gas fitter OR of completion of a Board-approved apprentice training program.
3. Submit completed and executed form, "Declaration of U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Presence of an Alien".
4. Pay required fee(s).
5. Receive a passing score on the written examination.

(d) Master Plumber:

1. Submit completed Application for Examination.
2. Provide verifiable proof of one (1) year of current work experience as a journeyman plumber.
3. Submit completed and executed form, "Declaration of U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Presence of an Alien".
4. Pay required fee(s).
5. Receive a passing score on the written examination.

(e) Master Gas Fitter:

1. Submit completed Application for Examination.
2. Provide verifiable proof of one (1) year of current work experience as a journeyman gas fitter.
3. Submit completed and executed form, "Declaration of U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Presence of an Alien".
4. Pay required fee(s).
5. Receive a passing score on the written examination.

(f) Medical Gas Pipe Fitter:

1. Provide verifiable proof of certification at any level by the Board in either plumbing or gas fitting.
2. Provide verifiable proof of certification as a Medical Gas Installer/Brazer from the National Inspection Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC) or equal certification from another Board-approved medical gas certification entity or agency.
3. Pay required fee(s).

(g) Reciprocal Certification under Code of Ala. 1975, §34-37-11:

1. Submit completed request for reciprocal certification.
2. Provide verifiable proof of current licensing/certification in good standing with a state with which the Board has a valid and current reciprocity agreement.
3. Submit completed and executed form, "Declaration of U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Presence of an Alien".
4. Pay required fee(s).

(3) Fees:

(a) Apprentice:

1. Initial Registration Fee: \$35.00
2. Annual Registration Renewal Fee: \$35.00
3. Late Annual Registration Penalty: \$35.00

(b) Journeyman Level:

1. Non-Refundable Examination Fee: \$110.00
2. Initial Application Processing Fee: \$50.00
3. Initial Certificate Fee: \$75.00
4. Annual Certificate Renewal Fee: \$75.00
5. Inactive Fee: \$0.00
6. Late Annual Certificate Renewal Penalty: \$75.00

(c) Master Level:

1. Non-Refundable Examination Fee: \$160.00
2. Initial Application Processing Fee: \$50.00
3. Initial Certificate Fee: \$175.00
4. Annual Certificate Renewal Fee: \$175.00
5. Inactive Fee: \$0.00
6. Late Annual Certificate Renewal Penalty: \$175.00

(d) Medical Gas Pipe Fitter:

1. Renewal Fee: \$25.00

(e) Business:

1. Initial Registration Fee: \$25.00
2. Annual Registration Renewal Fee: \$25.00
3. Late Annual Registration Renewal Penalty: \$25.00

(f) Miscellaneous Fees:

1. Records Request: \$15.00 + \$.25 per page
2. License Verification: \$15.00
3. Application for Alternative Assessment: \$15.00

(4) Fines: All violations not related to gas work shall carry a minimum fine of \$500.00. All violations related to gas work

shall carry a minimum fine of \$1000.00. Maximum fine limits shall be determined by state law.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, as amended, §§34-37-2, 34-37-6.

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effective .