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**RULE ADOPTION**  
LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF MASTER PLUMBERS  
EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Adopted Repeal and New Rule: N.J.A.C. 13:32-2.2

Proposed: December 3, 2001 at 33 N.J.R. 4059(a).

Adopted: February 28, 2002 by the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers, Ralph Wetzel, President.

Filed: March 22, 2002 as R.2002 d.122, without change.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:14C-7 and 45:14C-15.

Effective Date: April 15, 2002.

Expiration Date: October 8, 2002.

**Summary of Public Comment and Agency Response:**

The official comment period ended February 1, 2002. The Board received no comments.

**Federal Standards Statement**

A Federal standards analysis is not required because the adopted repeal and new rule do not involve any Federal standards or requirements; the new rule does require, however, that an apprenticeship program must be approved by the United States Department of Labor and a Federally certified state agency.

Full text of the adoption follows:

<< **NJ ADC 13:32-2.2** >>

**13:32-2.2 Experience requirements**

(a) For purposes of this section, "practical hands-on experience" means experience in the installation, maintenance, extension, alteration, repair and removal of piping, plumbing fixtures, plumbing appliances and plumbing apparatus as defined in N.J.S.A. 45:14C-2(g). Practical hands-on experience does not include time spent in performing managerial tasks such as supervising, engineering, estimating, or time spent performing tasks which do not constitute the practice of plumbing as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:32-1.3.

(b) Applicants for examination for a license as a master plumber shall present proof to the Board that he or she:

1. Has completed a four year apprenticeship program approved by both the United States Department of Labor and a Federally certified state agency, and has completed one year of practical hands-on experience as a journeyman plumber; or
2. Has been awarded a bachelor's degree in mechanical, plumbing or sanitary engineering from a college or university accredited by a regional accreditation agency recognized by the Council on Post Secondary Accreditation or the United States Department of Education, and has completed one year of practical hands-on experience as a journeyman

plumber.

(c) An applicant for licensure who has, prior to November 1, 2002, performed plumbing for four years under the supervision of a licensee shall be eligible to take the licensing examination if the applicant has completed one additional year of practical hands-on experience as a journeyman plumber.

(d) An applicant for licensure who has, prior to November 1, 2002, three years of practical hands-on experience under the supervision of a licensee shall be eligible to take the licensing examination if the applicant has completed a one year course concerning the plumbing subcode of the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.15 and the plumbing component of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), N.J.S.A. 34:6A-25 et seq., in a four year apprenticeship program approved by both the United States Department of Labor and a Federally certified state agency, and has completed one additional year of practical hands-on experience as a journeyman plumber.

(e) An applicant for licensure who has, prior to November 1, 2002, two years of practical hands-on experience under the supervision of a licensee shall be eligible to take the licensing examination if the applicant has completed the first two years of a four year apprenticeship program approved by both the United States Department of Labor and a Federally certified state agency and has completed one additional year of practical hands-on experience as a journeyman plumber.

(f) An applicant for licensure who has, prior to November 1, 2002, one year of practical hands-on experience under the supervision of a licensee shall be eligible to take the licensing examination if the applicant has completed the first three years of a four year apprenticeship program approved by both the United States Department of Labor and a Federally certified state agency and has completed one additional year of practical hands-on experience as a journeyman plumber.

(g) Subsections (c) through (f) above shall expire on November 1, 2002.

34 N.J.R. 1551(a)

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