

CHAPTER 37

AN ACT concerning apprentice and journeymen plumbers and amending P.L.1968, c.362.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Section 15 of P.L.1968, c.362 (C.45:14C-15) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:14C-15 Qualifications.

15. Not less than 30 days and no more than 60 days prior to the date set for the examination for a master plumber's State license, every person, except as herein provided, desiring to apply for a State license, who shall meet the qualifications as set forth herein, shall deliver to the State board, personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, a certified check or money order payable to the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey in the required amount as set forth herein, together with such written application as shall be required by the State board, completed as therein described, and together with proof of qualifications as described hereunder.

The qualifications which shall be met and satisfied shall be as follows:

a. The person shall be 21 or more years of age and a citizen or legal resident of the United States; and

b. (1) The person shall have been engaged or employed in the plumbing trade for a period of five years preceding the date of his application for a State license. One of the five years shall have been spent while engaged or employed as a journeyman plumber. Four years of the five years shall have been spent in a plumbing apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the United States Department of Labor, with proof of passage and successful completion of this program while actively engaged or employed as a plumbing apprentice. For a period of four years following the effective date of P.L.1998, c.96, each year of employment in the plumbing trade or enrollment in a formal plumbing apprenticeship program shall be accepted by the State board in lieu of one year's enrollment in a plumbing apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the United States Department of Labor, up to a maximum total credit of four years; or

(2) The person shall have been awarded a bachelor's degree in mechanical, plumbing or sanitary engineering from an accredited college or university in the United States which the board finds acceptable and in addition shall have been engaged or employed in the practical work of installing plumbing systems for one year as an apprentice or journeyman plumber.

Proof of compliance with such qualifications or those in lieu thereof shall be submitted to the State board in writing, sworn to by the applicant, and such written proof shall be accompanied by two recent photographs of the applicant.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved March 23, 2001.