



PINELLAS COUNTY CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS REGARDING HB 735 SIGNED INTO LAW JUNE 30, 2021 HB1383 AMENDS HB735 – HB1383 SIGNED INTO LAW JUNE 20, 2023

Updated June 20, 2023

House Bill 735, The Pre-emption of Local Occupational Licensing, was signed into law by the State of Florida in June 2021. HB 735 was due to eliminate local construction licensing in certain specialty trades effective July 1, 2023.

In May 2023, the State of Florida passed HB 1383 amending the impacts of HB 735. HB 1383 was signed by the Governor on June 20, 2023.

HB 1383 extends the effective date of HB 735 from July 1, 2023 to July 1, 2024.

Effective immediately, ALL specialty licenses continue until July 1, 2024.

The legislation requires DBPR to create new state specialty license classifications. **This will positively impact locally licensed specialty contractors and allow those licenses to continue.** See section B below.

We have been actively engaged in discussions with State legislators. Our goal is to keep contractors working in Pinellas County. **Watch this space for updates.**

HB 1383 Impact – The following license classifications will be eliminated effective July 1, 2024.

There may be additional impacts on those contractors required to pull building permits under the Florida Building Code.

All specialty contractors MUST complete 14 continuing education units and renew their license by September 30, 2023. License fees have been reduced. License renewals will expire June 30, 2024 unless extended by law.

A - PCCLB Specialty Classification	Class Code
Awning Specialty Contractor <i>Est. 3/18/2008</i>	89
Cabinet Specialty <i>Est. 1/21/2003</i>	78
Finish Carpentry Specialty <i>*Scope of work requires review</i> <i>Est. 1/21/2003</i>	77
Flatwork Masonry Specialty <i>Est. 5/16/1989</i>	32
Non Elec Sign Spec Contractor <i>Est. 3/21/1995</i>	56
Painting Specialty <i>Est. 3/21/1989</i>	30
Paving Specialty <i>Est. 3/21/1995</i>	50

A - PCCLB Specialty Classification	Class Code
Pile Driving Specialty <i>Est. 3/21/1995</i>	59
Tile & Marble Specialty <i>Est. 7/9/1991</i>	38

HB 1383 Impact – The following license classifications continue to July 1, 2024 and will likely continue after that date as the following job scopes substantially correspond to one of the new specialty contractor categories to be established by DBPR.

All specialty contractors in these classifications MUST complete 14 continuing education units and renew their license by September 30, 2023. License fees have been reduced. License renewals will expire June 30, 2024 unless extended by law.

B - PCCLB Specialty Classification	Class Code
Carpentry Specialty <i>Est. 7/9/1991</i>	39
Garage Door Specialty <i>Est. 3/21/1995</i>	86
Plaster, Stucco, Lath <i>*Scope of work requires review</i> <i>Est. 3/21/1995</i>	48
Shutter/Open Protection Specialty <i>Est. 3/21/1995</i>	52
Structural Masonry <i>Est. 5/16/1989</i>	33
Structural Steel Specialty <i>Est. 3/21/1995</i>	58

HB 1383 Impact – The following license classifications shall continue in full force and effect in compliance with HB 1383.

All specialty contractors in these classifications MUST complete 14 continuing education units and renew their license by September 30, 2023. The annual renewal fee (and any late fees or penalties) apply as usual. Contractors must renew every year by September 30.

C – PCCLB Specialty Classification	Class Code
Fence Erection Specialty <i>Est. 3/21/1995</i>	54
Veneer Specialty <i>Est. 3/15/1988</i>	28

As previously announced:

The following specialty license classifications will continue in full force and effect in Pinellas County. As per HB735, the following job scopes substantially correspond to one of the certified specialty contractor categories licensed by the State and continue without interruption.

All specialty contractors in these classifications MUST complete 14 continuing education units and renew their license by September 30, 2023. The annual renewal fee (and any late fees or penalties) apply as usual. Contractors must renew every year by September 30.

D – PCCLB Specialty Classifications that substantially correspond to State Specialty Contractor Category	Class Code
Demolition Contractor <i>Est. 3/21/1995</i>	53
Sign - Electrical Specialty Contractor <i>Est. 3/21/1995 / Rev. 7/15/2008</i>	72
Glass & Glazing Specialty Contractor <i>Est. 3/21/1995. Rev. 5/15/2007 Eff. 10/1/2007</i>	49
Gypsum Drywall Specialty renamed to Drywall Specialty Contractor <i>Est. 5/16/1989. Rev 9/16/2008</i>	31
Irrigation System Specialty Contractor <i>Est. 7/9/1991</i>	37
Limited Energy System Specialty (<i>Low Voltage and Communication System Specialty Contractor categories originally established 11/18/1986. Rev. CLB definition adopted by reference 7/1/2011</i>)	13
Marine Specialty Contractor <i>Est. 5/16/1989 Rev. 9/18/2007</i>	35
Natural Gas Contractor <i>Est. 7/9/1991</i>	40
Specialty Structure Contractor <i>Est. 9/16/2003</i>	8

Previously retired specialty classifications:

E – PCCLB Specialty Classification	Class Code	E – For reference
Air Conditioning C Contractor	5	See Air Conditioning A or Air Conditioning B Contractor, retired at DBPR October 1, 1988.
Alarm Limited Contractor	7	See Alarm System Contractor I (class code 6) or Alarm System Contractor II (class code 9).
Alarm Systems I	41	See Alarm System Contractor I (class code 6) or Alarm System Contractor II (class code 9).
Carpentry/Glass & Glazing	11	See Carpentry Specialty (class code 39) and Glass & Glazing Specialty Contractor (class code 49) classifications.
Commercial Pool/Spa	73	See Commercial Pool/Spa Contractor (class code 66).
Communication System Limited	71	See Limited Energy System Specialty (class code 13).
Drywall/Plaster & Stucco Contractor	55	See Gypsum Drywall (Drywall) (class code 31) and Plaster, Stucco and Lath Specialty Contractor (class code 48)
Electrical Residential	43	See Residential Electrical Specialty (class code 69)
Limited Specialty Structure	83	See Specialty Structure Contractor (class code 8).
Mobile Home Set up Specialty	51	License no longer required.
Outdoor Sign Specialty Contractor	45	See Non-Electric Sign Specialty Contractor (class code 56) or Electrical Sign Specialty Contractor (class code 72)

E – PCCLB Specialty Classification	Class Code	E – For reference
Painting Limited Specialty <i>Est. 3/23/2004 / Ret. 1/1/2021</i>	76	License no longer required.
Prestressed Precast Concrete Specialty <i>Est. 3/21/1995 / Ret. 1/1/2021</i>	75	Requires General, Building, Residential, or Specialty Structure Contractor license/registration.
Reinforcing Steel Specialty Contractor <i>Est. 3/21/1995 / Ret. 1/1/2021</i>	57	Requires General, Building, Residential, or Specialty Structure Contractor license/registration.
Solar Energy Specialty Contractor	85	See Solar Contractor (class code 70) or Solar Water Heater Contractor (class code 46).
Solar Energy System Specialty	80	See Solar Contractor (class code 70) or Solar Water Heater Contractor (class code 46).
Swimming Pool Swim Specialty	94	See appropriate Swimming Pool/Spa classification (class codes 66, 22, 26, 87, 88, 90, 91, 92, 93, 95)
Temporary Roofing Contractor	79	See Roofing Contractor (class code 24).