



PINELLAS COUNTY CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS REGARDING HB 735 SIGNED INTO LAW JUNE 30, 2021

House Bill 735, The Pre-emption of Local Occupational Licensing, eliminates local construction licensing in certain specialty trades effective July 1, 2023.

Effective July 1, 2023, the PCCLB and all Pinellas County municipal and County Building Departments will no longer require contractors to register, test or maintain competency certificates or licenses in column A shown below. Use the table below to see how this change affects your license. References to "building permits" means permits required under the Florida Building Code as interpreted by the building official in the jurisdiction having authority.

A – PCCLB Specialty Classification	Class Code	B - State License required to pull building permits and work in Pinellas County effective 7/1/2023
Awning Specialty Contractor <i>Est. 3/18/2008</i>	89	General, Building, Residential, Specialty Structure Contractor license/registration required.
Cabinet Specialty <i>Est. 1/21/2003</i>	78	License no longer required unless work requires a building permit. Permitted work requires General, Building or Residential Contractor license/registration.
Carpentry Specialty <i>Est. 7/9/1991</i>	39	License no longer required unless work requires a building permit. Permitted work requires General, Building or Residential Contractor license/registration.
Fence Erection Specialty <i>Est. 3/21/1995</i>	54	License no longer required unless work requires a building permit. Permitted work requires General, Building or Residential Contractor license/registration. Zoning or right-of-way permits or clearances do not require a license.
Finish Carpentry Specialty <i>Est. 1/21/2003</i>	77	License no longer required unless work requires a building permit. Permitted work requires General, Building or Residential Contractor license/registration.
Flatwork Masonry Specialty <i>Est. 5/16/1989</i>	32	License no longer required unless work requires a building permit. Permitted work requires General, Building or Residential Contractor license/registration. Zoning or right-of-way permits or clearances do not require a license.
Garage Door Specialty <i>Est. 3/21/1995</i>	86	General, Building, Residential, Specialty Structure Contractor license/registration required.
Natural Gas Contractor <i>Est. 7/9/1991</i>	40	Plumbing, Mechanical Contractor license/registration required.
Non Elec Sign Spec Contractor <i>Est. 3/21/1995</i>	56	General, Building Contractor license/registration required.
Painting Specialty <i>Est. 3/21/1989</i>	30	License no longer required.
Paving Specialty <i>Est. 3/21/1995</i>	50	License no longer required. Zoning or right-of-way permits or clearances do not require a license.
Pile Driving Specialty <i>Est. 3/21/1995</i>	59	General, Building, Residential, Contractor license/registration required. Marine Specialty Contractor required if over water.
Plaster, Stucco, Lath <i>Est. 3/21/1995</i>	48	License no longer required unless work requires a building permit. Permitted work requires General, Building or Residential Contractor license/registration.
Shutter/Open Protection Specialty <i>Est. 3/21/1995</i>	52	General, Building, Residential, Specialty Structure Contractor license/registration required.

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Structural Masonry <i>Est. 5/16/1989</i>	33	General, Building, Residential Contractor license/registration required.
Structural Steel Specialty <i>Est. 3/21/1995</i>	58	General, Building, Residential Contractor license/registration required.
Tile & Marble Specialty <i>Est. 7/9/1991</i>	38	License no longer required unless work requires a building permit. Permitted work requires General, Building or Residential Contractor license/registration.
Veneer Specialty <i>Est. 3/15/1988</i>	28	General, Building, Residential, Specialty Structure Contractor license/registration required.

Effective July 1, 2023, 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. **NOTE: Electrical specialty trade classifications are not affected by HB735.**

B – PCCLB Specialty Classifications that substantially correspond to State Specialty Contractor Category	Class Code	Scope of Work
Demolition Contractor <i>Est. 3/21/1995</i>	53	Scope of work is the demolition and removal of structures and foundations, residential and commercial, and incidental grubbing and clearing.
Sign - Electrical Specialty Contractor <i>Est. 3/21/1995 / Rev. 7/15/2008</i>	72	<p>1. The “Sign – Electrical Specialty Contractor” is a specialty contractor whose services are limited to the execution of contracts requiring the experience, knowledge and skill necessary to paint, install, repair, alter, add to, change, maintain, and replace electric and non-electric signs.</p> <p>2. The scope of such work shall include any installation or alteration of the display of characters, letters, illustrations or ornamentations including electrical signs and the changing of any electrical wires, apparatus, raceways, conduits or any part thereof. This work also includes the installation of panels, facing, frames, structures, movable or fixed, freestanding or attached to a building or other structure which is to be used for sign purposes. The scope of work does not include the provision of, or any work beyond, the last disconnecting means or terminal point. This scope is not intended to include signage required by any regulation. The scope of such work shall comply with all plans, specifications and applicable codes, laws and regulations.</p> <p>3. The “Sign – Electrical Specialty Contractor” shall be allowed to subcontract with licensed electrical contractors for work directly related to and incidental to the work including but limited to the removal and/or installation of receptacles, lights, switches and wiring to the sign. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to limit or infringe upon the scope of the work of any other specialty contractor licensed by the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board.</p> <p><i>Locally licensed Sign – Electrical Specialty Contractors must register with the ECLB/DBPR within 30 days of receiving their license.</i></p>
Glass & Glazing Specialty Contractor <i>Est. 3/21/1995. Rev. 5/15/2007 Eff. 10/1/2007</i>	49	1. The “Glass & Glazing Specialty Contractor” is a specialty contractor whose services are limited to the execution of contracts requiring the experience, knowledge and skill necessary for the fabrication, assembling, handling, erection, installation, dismantling, adjustments, alteration, repair and

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		<p>servicing involving glass, glazing and allied construction products.</p> <p>2. The scope of such work shall include all types of windows and glass, whether fixed or movable; the installation of swinging or sliding glass doors to existing walls, floors, columns or other structural members of the building; the installation of glass holding or supporting mullions or horizontal bars which are attached to existing building walls, floors, columns, or other structural members of the building, and the cutting and installation of glass and mirrors. A glass and glazing specialty contractor may also install prefabricated glass, metal or plastic curtain walls or panels, caulking, shower & tub enclosures, and install or replace wind borne debris protection devices incidental to such work and assembly. The scope of such work shall comply with all plans, specifications and applicable codes, laws and regulations.</p> <p>3. The “Glass and Glazing Specialty Contractor” shall not contract for any other work of another trade that is included within the scope of any other licensed contractor. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to limit or infringe upon the scope of the work of any other specialty contractor licensed by the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board.</p>
Gypsum Drywall Specialty renamed to Drywall Specialty Contractor <i>Est. 5/16/1989. Rev 9/16/2008</i>	31	<p>1. The “Drywall Specialty Contractor” is a specialty contractor whose services are limited to the execution of contracts requiring the experience, knowledge and skill necessary to install, repair, maintain, and replace drywall.</p> <p>2. The scope of such work shall include the installation of all necessary and incidental metal accessories, including metal studs, runners, hanger channels, drywall metal suspension accessories, ceiling materials, insulation, and the preparation of the surface over which drywall or other cementitious board product is to be applied. This work also includes the application of base and finish coats specifically designed for the drywall products. The scope of such work shall comply with all plans, specifications and applicable codes, laws and regulations.</p> <p>3. The “Drywall Contractor” shall not contract for any other work of another trade that is included within the scope of any other licensed contractor. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to limit or infringe upon the scope of the work of any other specialty contractor licensed by the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board.</p>
Irrigation System Specialty Contractor <i>Est. 7/9/1991</i>	37	<p>“Irrigation System Specialty Contractor” means a contractor whose work is limited to irrigation systems and who has the experience, knowledge, and skill to install, repair, alter, extend, or design, when not prohibited by law, all piping and sprinkler heads or the irrigation of lawns, including connections to a water pump.</p>
Limited Energy System Specialty <i>(Low Voltage and Communication System Specialty Contractor categories originally established 11/18/1986. Rev. CILB definition adopted by reference 7/1/2011)</i>	13	<p>The scope of certification of a limited energy systems specialty contractor includes the installation, repair, fabrication, erection, alteration, addition to, or design of electrical wiring, fixtures, appliances, thermostats, apparatus, raceways, conduit, and fiber optics (transmission of light over stranded glass) or any part thereof not to exceed 98 volts, when those items are for the purpose of transmitting data, proprietary video (satellite systems which are not part of a community antenna television, cable television, or radio distribution system), radio frequency,</p>

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		<p>central vacuum, or electric locks, data distribution networks, home theater systems, surround sound systems, public address systems or telephone systems.</p> <p><i>Locally licensed Limited Energy Systems Specialty contractors must register with the ECLB/DBPR within 30 days of receiving their license.</i></p>
Marine Specialty Contractor <i>Est. 5/16/1989 Rev. 9/18/2007</i>	35	<p>“Marine Specialty Contractor” means a contractor whose services are limited to construct, maintain, alter, or repair seawalls, bulkheads, revetments, docks, piers, wharves, groins, and other marine structures, to include pile driving.</p>
Specialty Structure Contractor <i>Est. 9/16/2003</i>	8	<p>“Specialty Structure Contractor” is a contractor whose services are limited to the execution of contracts requiring the experience, knowledge and skill necessary for the fabrication, assembling, handling, erection, installation, replacement, dismantling, adjustment, alteration, repair, servicing and design work when not prohibited by law, in accordance with accepted engineering data and/or according to manufacturers specifications in the aluminum, metal, canvas, vinyl and fiberglass screening, doors and windows, hurricane protection devices and allied construction materials. 2. The scope of such work shall include and be limited to fabric coverings on metal substructures, screened porches, screened enclosures, pool enclosures, preformed panel-post and beam roofs, roof-overs, vinyl or acrylic panel window enclosures, guardrails, handrails, aluminum and vinyl fences, the installation or replacement of windstorm protective devices, single story self-contained aluminum utility storage structures (not to exceed 720 sq. ft.), residential glass window and door enclosures, sunrooms, siding, soffit, fascia and gutters. The installation or replacement of window and door assemblies certified in accordance with AAMA 101/ I.S.2 or Miami Dade TAS 201. 202. 203 as specified by the Florida Building Code in Group R occupancy buildings, as defined by the Florida Building Code, up to three stories or thirty feet in height. The installation or replacement of windstorm protective devices, except for impact resistant glazing, shall be unlimited. Division I Contractors shall be permitted to subcontract with Specialty Structure Contractors for the installation or replacement of window and door assemblies certified in accordance with AAMA 101/ I.S.2 or Miami Dade TAS 201, 202, 203 as specified by the Florida Building Code in buildings of Group R occupancy, as defined by the Florida Building Code, of any height. The scope of such work shall include wood work incidental to the aluminum and allied materials construction work. It shall be limited to the construction of wood framing for the walls of uninhabitable utility storage structures, raised wood decks for enclosures, and the repair and/or replacement of wood incidental to the installation of glass windows and doors, installation of siding, soffit, fascia, gutters and preformed panel-post and beam roofs. The scope of such work shall comply with all plans, specifications, codes, laws and regulations applicable. 3. The scope of such work shall include masonry concrete work and be limited to foundations, slabs and block kneewalls incidental to the aluminum and allied construction materials construction work. The specialty structure contractor, whose services are</p>

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		limited, shall not perform any work that alters the structural integrity of the building including but not limited to roof trusses, lintels, load bearing walls and foundations. 4. The specialty structure contractor shall subcontract, with a licensed qualified contractor in the field concerned, all other work incidental to that which is defined herein but which is the work of a trade other than that of a specialty structure contractor. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to limit or infringe upon the scope of work of any specialty contractor certified pursuant to Sections 489.105(3) and 489.113(6), F.S.

Previously retired specialty classifications:

C – PCCLB Specialty Classification	Class Code	D – 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)
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).