



PINELLAS COUNTY CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS REGARDING SPECIALTY LICENSING IN PINELLAS COUNTY

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

Senate Bill 1142, passed unanimously in the 2024 legislative session and currently awaiting signature of the Governor, extends the effective date of HB 1383 to July 1, 2025.

The Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board, under authority granted to it under Chapter 75-489, Laws of Florida, as amended, and subsequent proposed legislation under HB 1483 (2024), also passed unanimously and awaiting presentation to the Governor for signature, declares the following:

The following specialty licenses will be eliminated effective July 1, 2024:

A1 - 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>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
Paving Specialty <i>Est. 3/21/1995</i>	50
Tile & Marble Specialty <i>Est. 7/9/1991</i>	38

A contractor in any of the specialties above may not perform work that requires a license, even if previously allowed within the scope of their specialty license, unless licensed in the trade authorized to perform that work.

The following specialty license continues until July 1, 2025: (unless otherwise extended by state statute):

A2 - PCCLB Specialty Classification	Class Code
Pile Driving Specialty <i>Est. 3/21/1995</i>	59

A license is required to work in Pinellas County in all of the specialty trades shown in tables B, C, and D below. Contractors in these classifications must renew their license by September 30 every year.

The following license classifications continue in full force and effect in compliance with HB 1383:

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

The following license classifications continue as the job scopes substantially correspond to one of the new specialty contractor categories to be established by the Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB) by July 1, 2025:

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

A local government may not require a license for a job scope that does not substantially correspond to one of the contractor categories defined in Chapter 489.105(3)(a) – (o) or one the continuing specialty classifications.

As previously announced:

The following specialty license classifications continue in full force and effect in Pinellas County.

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

D – PCCLB Specialty Classifications that substantially correspond to State Specialty Contractor Category	Class Code
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 (Low Voltage and Communication System Specialty Contractor categories originally established 11/18/1986. Rev. CILB definition adopted by reference 7/1/2011)	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)
Painting Specialty Contractor <i>Est. 3/21/1989 / Ret. 11/30/2023</i>	30	License no longer required.
Painting Limited Specialty <i>Est. 3/23/2004 / Ret. 1/1/2021</i>	76	License no longer required.

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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).