



PINELLAS COUNTY CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO NEW APPLICANTS

CERTAIN LICENSE CLASSIFICATIONS WILL BE ELIMINATED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Specialty licensing in Pinellas County is governed by chapter 75-489, Laws of Florida, as amended, also known as "The Special Act."

The Special Act requires a specialty license earned by meeting the application requirements and successfully passing two exams with a score of at least 70%.

Certain specialty licenses are due to be eliminated by order of the State of Florida under HB1383 effective July 1, 2024.

CONTRACTORS WORKING IN THE FOLLOWING TRADES REQUIRE A LICENSE UNTIL JUNE 30, 2024:

- Cabinet Specialty
- Finish Carpentry Specialty*
- Flatwork Masonry Specialty
- Non-electrical Sign Specialty
- Paving Specialty
- Tile & Marble Specialty

As a new applicant, you should know that a license issued by us in these specialties will only be valid until June 30, 2024.

It is our recommendation that you **proceed with priority** to take and pass the examination and complete any change of status to maximize your possibilities for working in compliance before the license is eliminated.

IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO PROCEED WITH YOUR APPLICATION, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT WORKING IN ANY OF THESE TRADES WITHOUT A LICENSE IS UNLICENSED CONTRACTING. FINES START AT \$500.00.

The Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board eliminated the requirement for painting specialty contractors to be licensed effective November 30, 2023. A Painting Specialty License is NO LONGER REQUIRED to work in Pinellas County.

**Some of the work allowed under the scope of the Finish Carpentry Specialty license will require a different specialty license after July 1, 2024. If you are intending to perform work that requires a building permit under the Florida Building Code (for example: interior/exterior windows and doors, certain stairs and handrails), you may require a continuing specialty license or a residential or building contractor's license. If you are unsure, please consult with one of our licensing specialists or your local building official.*

A list of building departments can be found online: <https://pinellas.gov/building-departments-in-pinellas-county>