



## *Palm Beach County* *Regulated Trades*

**Notice:** Pursuant to Chapter 67-1876, Special Act as amended, Laws of Florida it is required that a CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY be held in order to advertise, bid, or contract any work in the following:

### **CONSTRUCTION TRADES:**

GENERAL  
BUILDING  
RESIDENTIAL  
ELECTRICAL  
PLUMBING  
\*JOURNEYMAN-ELECTRICAL  
\*JOURNEYMAN-PLUMBER  
HARV-HEATING, A/C, REFRIGERATION &  
VENTILATION

\* Disclaimer - Journeyman are not allowed to contract, must perform work under a Master Electrician or/a Master Plumber.

### **SPECIALTY TRADES:**

1. ALUMINUM SPECIALTIES
2. CARPENTRY
3. CONCRETE FORMING & PLACING
4. DEMOLITION
5. DRYWALL
6. FENCE
7. GARAGE DOORS
8. GLASS AND GLAZING
9. GUNITE
10. HURRICANE SHUTTER/AWNING
11. IRRIGATION SPRINKLER
12. LOW VOLTAGE
13. MARINE
14. MASONRY
15. PLASTERING
16. RE-SCREENER/SCREEN REPAIR
17. ROOFING
18. SIGN CONTRACTOR/ELECTRICAL
19. STRUCTURAL STEEL ERECTION
20. SWIMMING POOL CONSTRUCTION
21. SWIMMING POOL  
MAINTENANCE/REPAIR
22. UNDERGROUND UTILITIES
23. WINDOW AND DOOR

For further specification on the different trades refer to the Standards for Certified Categories

Questions or additional information, please call Contractor Regulations office at (561) 233-5525. Application and information also provided via website at: [www.pbcgov.com/pzb/contractors](http://www.pbcgov.com/pzb/contractors)

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**CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD  
OF PALM BEACH COUNTY**

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**STANDARDS FOR CERTIFIED CATEGORIES  
per Chapter 67-1876, Special Act, Laws of Florida, as amended (7/1/25)**

**GENERAL CONTRACTOR** shall be unlimited as to height, area and complexity of construction undertaken. A general contractor shall have the knowledge gained by 5 years of experience in a supervisory capacity under a general contractor or building contractor, or have been a licensed building contractor for 1 year or a residential building contractor for 2 years or shall have an education and experience equivalent thereto, as defined in this section. A general contractor shall subcontract to a qualified contractor all work which is the exclusive work of plumbing, electrical or HARV contractors, unless such contractor also holds a certificate of competency of the respective trade category, provided, that on new site development work, site redevelopment work, mobile home parks, commercial properties, and utility work within public rights-of-way and designated easements, the obligation to subcontract shall not prohibit the general contractor from constructing the main sanitary sewer collection system and the main water distribution system including the continuation of utility lines from the mains to a designated termination point in the right-of-way or easement, after which utility lines shall be constructed by plumbing contractors. As to mobile home parks, the continuations of utility lines from the mains are to be considered a part of the main sewer collection and main water distribution systems. A general contractor may do, contract for, and take out permits for installing room air conditioners, metal decking and siding, pile driving, telephone booths, transport assembly installation, curtain walls, window walls and for the work of any specialty contractor, as defined herein, except that of air conditioning contractors, refrigeration contractors, and elevator contractors.

**BUILDING CONTRACTORS** are those whose services are limited to construction, remodeling, demolition, repair, or improvement of commercial buildings and single or multiple dwelling residential buildings, neither to exceed three stories in height, or 36 feet, and accessory use structures in connection therewith, or those whose services are limited to remodeling, repair, or improvement of any size building if the services do not affect the structural members of the building. A building contractor shall have the knowledge gained by not less than 4 years experience in a supervisory capacity under a general contractor or have been a licensed residential building contractor for not less than 1 year. A building contractor shall subcontract to a qualified contractor all work, which is the exclusive work of plumbing, electrical, or HARV contractors, unless such contractor also holds a certificate of competency of the respective trade category. A building contractor may do, contract for and take out permits for installing room air conditioners, metal decking and siding, pile driving, telephone booths, curtain walls, window walls and for the work of any specialty contractor within the limits of work of a building contractor, except that of air conditioning contractors, refrigeration contractors, or elevator contractors.

**RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS** are those whose services are limited to construction, remodeling, demolition, repair or improvement of one, two or three family unit residences not exceeding two stories in height and accessory use structures in connection therewith. A residential building contractor shall have the experience, knowledge and skill gained by not less than 3 years experience in a supervisory capacity under a general, building or residential contractor or education equivalent thereto, as defined in this section. A residential building contractor shall subcontract to a qualified contractor all work, which is the exclusive work of plumbing, electrical or HARV contractors, unless such contractor also holds a certificate of competency of the respective trade category. A residential building contractor may do, contract for and take out permits for installing room air conditioners, metal decking and siding, and for the work of any specialty contractor within the limits of work of a residential building contractor except that of air conditioning contractors, refrigeration contractors, or elevator contractors.

**PLUMBING CONTRACTORS** are those who can qualify as a master plumber with a minimum of 7 years experience, 4 of which shall be as a journeyman plumber in a supervisory capacity with educational equivalency not to exceed 2 years of the total, who can assume responsible charge and direction of other persons in the installation of plumbing, which shall mean all work done in connection with the testing, installation, maintenance, extension and alteration of all piping fixtures, solar water heating systems, appliances, backflow prevention devices (with additional state certification as required) appurtenances thereto and apparatus or equipment used in connection with a water supply and sewage disposal system and who can install, maintain, repair, alter or extend any system of piping, tubing, vessels, containers, pumps, apparatus and appurtenances in connection with such pressure piping used for the circulating, transporting, holding or processing of any vapor, fluid, liquid, semi-liquid or solids, inside of, or attached to, any building, lot or premises. A plumbing contractor shall subcontract to a qualified contractor all other work incidental to the work, which is specified herein as being the work of a trade other than that of a plumbing contractor.

**ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS** are those who can qualify as a master electrician with at least 7 years experience, 4 of which shall be as a journeyman electrician in a supervisory capacity with educational equivalency not to exceed 2 years of the total and who can assume responsible charge and direction of other persons in the installation, maintenance, extension and alteration of a system for electrical wiring for lights, heat or power, lightning protection systems and all appurtenances thereto and all apparatus or equipment used in connection therewith including that of room air conditioning units only, and all electrical specialties. An electrical contractor shall subcontract to a qualified contractor all other work of a trade other than that of an electrical contractor.

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**HARV(heating, air conditioning, refrigeration and ventilation) CONTRACTORS** are those who can qualify with a minimum of 7 years experience in a supervisory capacity, or who have an education and experience equivalent thereto, with the educational equivalency not to exceed 2 years of the total, to perform the following: install, maintain, repair, alter or extend air conditioning, refrigeration, heating, ventilation, unlimited in horsepower or tons, including all duct systems, sheet metal, incinerators, boilers and unfired pressure vessel systems, solar heating and cooling systems and all appurtenances, apparatus or equipment used in connection therewith, also piping, duct work, insulation of pipes, vessels and ducts. A HARV contractor shall subcontract to a qualified contractor all other work incidental to the work, which is herein specified as being the work of a trade other than that of a HARV contractor.

**JOURNEYMEN ELECTRICIANS** are those who can qualify with the minimum year's experience, or experience and education as defined below, under the employment of an electrical contractor, and who only performs work in the electrical trade while employed by and under the supervision of a certified electrical contractor.

1. Graduation from a registered four (4) year apprenticeship program, which includes four (4) years work experience; or
2. Completion of two (2) years' attendance in a registered apprenticeship program which includes two (2) years' work experience and an additional 3 years' practical work experience under the direct supervision of a state licensed or county certified contractor; or
3. Six (6) years' practical work experience under the direct supervision of a state licensed or county certified contractor.

**JOURNEYMEN PLUMBERS** are those who can qualify with the minimum of experience, or experience and education as defined below, under the employment of a plumbing contractor, and who only perform work in the plumbing trade while employed by and under the supervision of a certified plumbing contractor:

1. Completion of three (3) full years of a registered apprenticeship program, which includes three (3) years' work experience; or
2. Four (4) years of full-time practical work experience under the direct supervision of a state licensed or county certified contractor.

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**SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR STANDARDS**

"Specialty Contractors" are those who can qualify with a minimum of three years experience, 1-1/2 years of which must be in a supervisory capacity, who specialize in one or more of the crafts of the building construction and related contracting trades. A certified specialty contractor shall be able to subcontract any work incidental to the work of their specialty certification.

**Incidental-** A certified specialty contractor can only subcontract work that is incidental to the scope of work within their specialty certification. The ability to subcontract incidental work does not provide a licensure or certification exemption for the subcontractor to whom the work was subcontracted. Incidental work may not substantially contribute to the project's overall scope. Subcontracted incidental work is restricted to unavoidable tasks that are necessary for the primary service's delivery and must not effectively extend the specialty contractor's scope into the capacity of a residential, building, or general contractor. (Rev. 6/24/24)

**1. ALUMINUM SPECIALTIES CONTRACTORS**

- a. are those whose services are limited to the execution of contracts requiring the experience, knowledge and skill necessary for the fabrication, assembling, handling, erection, installation, 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, vinyl and fiberglass screening material construction trade. (Rev. 1/13)
- b. The scope of such work shall include and be limited to screened porches, screened enclosures, pool enclosures, preformed panel-post and beam roofs, mobile home panel roof-overs, residential glass window enclosures, vinyl panel window enclosures, single story self-contained aluminum utility storage structures (not to exceed 500 sq. ft.), siding, soffit, fascia, gutters, hurricane shutters, awnings, railings, and aluminum fences. (Certification not required for gutters on single family dwellings) (Rev. 1/13, 7/1/25)
- c. The scope of such work shall include masonry and concrete work and to be limited to foundations, slabs, block kneewalls, and walls not to exceed six (6) feet on a zero lot line property, confined or limited to the aluminum and allied materials construction work. The aluminum specialties contractor, whose services are 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. Aluminum specialties contractors shall subcontract to a licensed qualified contractor in the field concerned all other work specified herein that is to be the exclusive work of a plumbing, electrical and mechanical contractor. (Rev. 6/1/14)

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2. **CARPENTRY CONTRACTORS** are those who have the knowledge and skill to install, maintain, repair, alter or extend any wood products and their replacement products in or on a building including, but not limited to, rough framing, structural and nonstructural trusses, conventional rafters, metal framing, and wooden fencing. (Eff. 10/02 - Rev. 6/1/14, 7/1/25)
3. **CONCRETE FORMING AND PLACING CONTRACTORS** are those who are qualified to install, maintain, repair, alter or extend, batch and mix aggregates, cement and water to agreed specifications, to construct forms and framework for the casting and shaping of concrete and pressure injected footings; and to place and erect reinforcing steel and miscellaneous embedded steel; and to place and finish concrete. also includes concrete coating and staining (Rev. 1/13)
4. **DEMOLITION CONTRACTORS** are those who are qualified to demolish and remove structures, such as dwellings, commercial buildings and foundations.
5. **DRYWALL CONTRACTORS** are those who are qualified to install drywall products to wood and metal studs, wood and steel joists, and metal runners in buildings of an unlimited area and height. The scope of work shall include the preparation of the surface over which the drywall product is to be applied, including the placing of wood, metal studs, runners, all necessary trim, joint compound, taping, spraying of drywall products, knock-down and popcorn finishes. (Rev. 6/1/14)
6. **FENCE CONTRACTORS** are those who are qualified to construct, install, maintain, alter, extend or repair fencing, including wood, pre-cast concrete, pre-fabricated fences childproof barrier (kiddies) fences for pools, mechanical swimming pool covers and gates, in compliance with safety, zoning and building codes. Electrical installation may be included in the contract for work, but must be subcontracted to a Certified Electrical Contractor. (Rev. 6/1/14)
7. **GARAGE DOOR CONTRACTORS** are those who are qualified to install, maintain, repair, alter or extend residential or commercial type garage doors, including all hardware and operating devices. 120 volt electrical installation required for the door operating devices may be included in the contract for work but must be subcontracted to a Certified Electrical Contractor. (Rev. 6/01)
8. **GLASS AND GLAZING CONTRACTORS** are those who are qualified to select, cut, assemble and install all makes and kinds of glass and glass work, glass curtain walls, window walls and the glazing frames, panels, sash and door and holding metal frames, including the work of the window and door contractor. (Rev. 1/13)
9. **GUNITE CONTRACTORS:** are those who are qualified to mix materials and apply gunite or shotcrete.

10. **HURRICANE SHUTTER/AWNING CONTRACTORS** are those who are qualified to install, maintain, repair or replace shutters and awnings that are designed to protect residential and commercial buildings from hurricane and storm force winds and windborne debris. This contractor can brace existing garage doors to comply with the Building Code but shall not install new garage doors. Any electrical work connected with the installation of the shutters or awnings may be included in the contract but must be subcontracted to a Certified Electrical Contractor. (Rev. 1/13)
11. **IRRIGATION SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS** are those who are qualified to design, install, maintain, repair, alter or extend, within professional and governmental regulations, all piping, sprinkler heads, control system components, pumps, and chemical injectors for irrigation of lawns and plant materials. Electrical work is limited to 98 volts, except for connection of pigtailed equipment or replacement of identical controls and motors. Any equipment requiring 230 volts, 3 phases or more will require a certified electrical contractor. For water source, the contractor may connect to the discharge side of a code-approved backflow preventer provided by a licensed plumbing contractor, draw from a legal surface water source, or connect to a water well head drilled by a licensed water well driller. Such contractors shall subcontract to a Certified Electrical Contractor, Plumbing Contractor, Paving Contractor, Water Well Driller, Horizontal Driller or Masonry Contractor as needed to complete the irrigation system. (Rev. 1/13)
12. **LOW VOLTAGE CONTRACTORS** are those who are qualified to install, maintain, repair, alter, wire or extend burglar alarm systems and communication and sound systems in single-family homes, duplexes, mobile homes, multifamily dwellings, and commercial buildings at less than 98 volts. The scope of work may also include installation of raceways, computer wiring, conduit for private telephone, cable television systems (CCTV), video security systems, intercom, public address systems, and/or landscaping lighting to include plug and play devices but cannot install fire alarm systems. Scope of work must also be compliant of the National Electrical Code (NFPA70) and Florida Building Code (FBC). Any electrical installation above 98 volts may be included in the contract for work but must be subcontracted to a Certified Electrical Contractor. (Eff. 6/1/14)
13. **MARINE CONTRACTORS** are those who are qualified with the experience and skill to construct, maintain, alter, install or repair seawalls, bulkheads, revetments, docks, piers, wharfs, groins, boat lifts, davits, and other marine structures, including pile driving. Electrical work required to make the equipment operational may be included in the contract but must be subcontracted to a Certified Electrical Contractor. (Rev. 6/01)
14. **MASONRY CONTRACTORS** are those who are qualified to select, cut and lay brick and concrete block, masonry reinforcement incidental to the placement of the units or any other unit masonry products, lay brick and other baked clay products, rough cut and dress stone, artificial stone and precast blocks, structural glass brick or block, and may place design mix grout or concrete in the cells of reinforced masonry construction. (Rev. 1/13)

15. **PLASTERING CONTRACTORS** are those who are qualified to coat surfaces with a mixture of sand or other aggregate gypsum plaster, portland cement, plaster/stucco or quick-lime plaster/stucco and water, or any natural or synthetic materials as to create a permanent surface coating. Such contractor may perform the lathing work. (Rev. 6/1/14)
16. **RESCREENER/SCREEN REPAIR CONTRACTORS** are those contractors whose services are limited to re-screening or the removal, repair, and replacement of existing structural elements that are incidental to rescreening; all other structural alterations or repairs must be performed by an appropriately licensed contractor (excluding removable window screens/sliding screen doors). (Eff. 1/08 - Rev. 6/1/14)
17. **ROOFING CONTRACTORS** are those who are qualified to install, repair or replace roof covering. Work may include, but shall not be limited to roof deck insulation, roof coating, roof painting, waterproofing and recovering, including use of sheet metal and installation of other sheet metal products incidental to roofing work or other material in connection therewith, or any combination thereof, and including installation of wood roof sheathing and fascia during reroofing or repair process. (Rev. 1/13, 7/1/25)
18. **SIGN CONTRACTORS- ELECTRICAL** are those who are qualified to install, repair, alter, add to, or change any electrical wires, apparatus, raceways, conduit or any part thereof on interior or exterior electrical signs and is qualified to erect signs. Such contractor may connect to an existing sign circuit and may contract for and take out building permits for the erection of signs.(7/27/98) The scope of certification shall not include the provision of or any electrical work beyond the last disconnect mean or terminal points. (Rev. 6/01)
19. **STRUCTURAL STEEL ERECTION CONTRACTORS** are those who are qualified to erect structural steel shapes and plates, including such minor field fabrication, as may be necessary, of any profile, perimeter or cross-section that are or may be used as structural members for buildings and structures, including riveting, welding and rigging, only in connection therewith. (6/01)
20. **SWIMMING POOL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS** are those who are qualified to excavate, construct, fabricate, install and equip swimming pools, spas, hot tubs, waterfalls, including the pumps, pool heaters, installation of pool heat pumps, filters, chlorinators and that piping incidental to the recirculating system, including plumbing fixtures and potable water hook up. The contractor may install child-proof barrier (kiddie) fences, mechanical swimming pool covers, railings, ladders, slab for the pool deck, repair of concrete pavement damaged on site during pool installation, replace pigtailed equipment or identical controls and motors that are necessary to the operation of the swimming pool. Such contractors shall subcontract to a qualified contractor all other work specified herein as being the exclusive work of a plumbing, electrical, gas contractor and other subcontractors responsible for the installation of any other required pool safety structure or device. (Rev. 6/1/14)

21. **SWIMMING POOL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR CONTRACTORS** are those who are qualified to maintain both public and private pools, spas and hot tubs, both public and private, make minor repairs to existing pool masonry, such as patching cracks in pool bottoms and walls, repaint, resurface or reline the walls, bottoms of pools and resurface pool decks, install child-proof barrier (kiddie) fences, mechanical swimming pool covers, railings, ladders, and perform preventive maintenance to equipment such as filters and chlorinators, and to replace pigtailed equipment or identical controls and motors that are incidental to the operation of the swimming pool. This contractor may install pool heaters, including solar pool heaters and heat pumps. Such contractor shall subcontract to a qualified contractor all work being the exclusive work of a plumbing, electrical and mechanical contractor. (Rev. 6/1/14)
22. **UNDERGROUND UTILITIES CONTRACTORS** are those whose services are limited to the construction, installation, and repair, on public or private property, of main sanitary sewer collection systems, main water distribution systems, and storm sewer collection systems, and the continuation of utility lines from the main systems to a point of termination up to and including the meter location for the individual occupancy, sewer collection systems at property line on the residential or single-occupancy commercial properties, or on multi-occupancy properties at manhole or wye lateral extended to an invert elevation as engineered to accommodate future building sewers, water distribution systems, or storm sewer collection systems at storm sewer structures. Wet taps and line stoppers are to be installed by licensed underground utility contractors and/or plumbing contractors under this category. An underground utility contractor shall not install any piping that is an integral part of a fire protection system, beginning at the point where the piping is used exclusively for such system.
23. **WINDOW AND DOOR CONTRACTORS** are those who are qualified to install, repair, replace or alter windows, doors, including hardware in connection therewith. This contractor shall not effect structural changes. (Rev. 1/13)

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**AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT INFORMATION**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT, THIS DOCUMENT MAY BE REQUESTED IN AN ALTERNATE FORMAT. CONTACT PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE COMPLIANCE DIVISION, CONTRACTOR REGULATIONS SECTION AT (561) 233-5525 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**

Key:

Adpt. = Adopted Date  
Eff. = Effective Date  
Rev. = Revised Date  
Updated = Last date document has been updated

\* Please note that a date in parenthesis indicates the last change made to the scope and its effective date.