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Requirements to become a licensed plumbing contractor

- Complete the Application for [Plumbing Contractor License](#)
- Obtain a Surety Bond or Assigned Savings Account \$6,000.
- Obtain a Certificate of Liability Insurance (\$250,000 combined per occurrence amount) on which L&I must be the certificate holder. A certificate of insurance must be filed each year prior to the expiration date of the policy, or the registration will become automatically suspended and reinstatement fees will be assessed.
- Complete and notarize application.
- Pay the required application fee.
- Assign a [designated plumber](#) on staff that carries a certification with L&I.

A plumbing contractor license is valid for twenty-four calendar months following the day of its issuance, per [RCW 18 106 400](#).

## What is a Designated Plumber?

Designated plumber is an individual who currently possesses a valid Journey Level plumber's certificate of competency, or specialty plumber's certificate of competency in the specialty for the scope of work performed

- All certified plumbing contractors must have a designated plumber on staff.
- The designated plumber must either be a full-time owner/partner or employee of the company.
- If a licensed plumbing contractor fails to employ a full-time designated plumber, their license may be suspended or revoked, and the business could be subject to penalties.

## General Construction Contractors

- General construction contractors who also want to engage in plumbing work must also be properly licensed as a plumbing contractor.
- Without a plumbing contractor license, general construction contractors are unable to offer, advertise and/or bid on projects where plumbing work will be performed.
- A general construction contractor that is performing new or remodel projects that also requires plumbing work may include a plumbing bid from a licensed plumbing contractor. Any contractor who performs, bids, or advertises plumbing work without a valid plumbing contractor license may be subject to penalties ranging from \$500 to \$5,000.

