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NEW RENEWAL PERIOD

2014 certification renewal will begin October 1, 2013 and end November 30, 2013. This will enable the Board to process renewals and deliver the new certification cards by January 1, 2014. This will also eliminate the problems experienced by contractors when attempting to purchase 2014 licenses and permits within the jurisdictions where they work.

NEW CITIZENSHIP VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

In order for the Board to comply with Alabama Code section 34-14A-7 and Alabama Code section 1-13-7, we are required to verify citizenship of everyone who holds a registration or certification with the Board. This will be accomplished through the initial registration of apprentices. All other certified persons should complete the required documents and return them in 2014. Forms will be available at Board office and can be printed from the Board website.

We realize that most contractors have already met a requirement within their respective company. However, this is an additional requirement for all Agencies, Boards, and Commissions who issue licenses or certifications. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

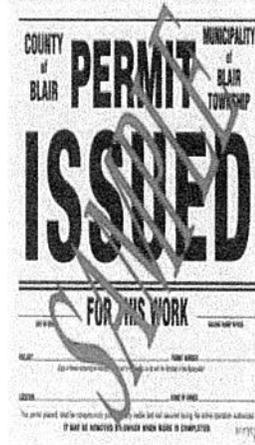
PERMITTING!

The Board is concerned with the number of contractors who have either intentionally or unintentionally failed to pull a permit in the city or county or both in which they are working. Just a reminder, **you must pull a permit** if you are working in a city or county that requires you to do so. If we are notified by a city or

county official that a contractor has not pulled the required permit for a job, the Board will open a Board complaint against the contractor and proceed with disciplinary action. If the Board receives a consumer complaint and finds that the contractor did not obtain the proper permit for the job, the Board will notify the city and/or county official. In

either case it will cost you both time and administrative fines by the board or the city or county or both, so do not chance it, just pull a permit.

If you do not know if your city or county requires a permit, call the Board and we will be glad to put you in contact with proper authority.



LISTEN UP CONTRACTORS!!!

GENERAL CONTRACTOR'S BOARD REQUIREMENTS

The Alabama Board for General Contractor's law requires that any PGFB contractor performing a job over \$50,000 hold a subcontractor or prime contractor license issued by the Alabama General Contractors Board. If you have any questions about this requirement please contact the Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board at (205) 945-4857.

2009 ICC CODES ADOPTED

The Board would like to remind all certified contractors that they should be familiar with and will be expected to comply with the 2009 I. C. C. Plumbing & Fuel Gas Code, as well as the code referenced within these manuals pertaining to plumbing and gas fitting.

PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIRED

The Board would like to remind all Principal Masters that Section 34-37-13 of Alabama Code requires that each principal obtain a bond in the amount of \$2,000 and that the original/signed copy of the bond along with the power of attorney be registered with the Board. The bond form is available on the board website.

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LEGAL CONTRACTORS WHO PLACE THEMSELVES AT RISK

Certified Contractors that allow uncertified individual (s) or an uncertified company to use their state certification should think twice. Contractors that allow an illegal contractor the use of their certification to pull permits are in violation of state law. Those contractors who circumvent state law and enable such work outside state law, place their certification at risk and subject themselves to Board discipline. Every violation of state law will be taken very seriously. Protect your certification, don't let an uncertified contractor use you!





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THANK YOU CERTIFIED CONTRACTORS

The Board appreciates the hard working licensed contractors who are determined to deliver quality services to Alabama's consumers. These contractors spend a lot of time and money to meet the requirements necessary to maintain their certifications while unscrupulous contractors attempt to take business from the certified contractor by lowering prices and doing substandard work.

The Board often receives calls from certified contractors who are discouraged by the continued presence of uncertified contractors working without obtaining the proper certification.

The Board's officers attempt to find as many of these uncertified contractors as possible, however, when you see or know of a possible uncertified contractor working in your area, please notify the Board in order for our officers to check on the validity of these contractors.

The Board is committed to supporting certified contractors and makes every effort to protect the reputation of the contractors that strive to follow the rules and regulations of the plumbing and gas fitting industry.