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The Board met on May 12, 2016, and unanimously passed a motion aimed at assisting the industry by allowing for a six (6) month variance to a law change that was effective September 1, 2015. Alabama Code §34-37-6(e)(1) requires proof of two years current work experience in order for an applicant to qualify for the journeyman plumber or gas fitter exam. The Board realizes that the recent law change caught many companies flatfooted because many of their apprentices possessed delinquent registrations which prohibited these individuals from qualifying for examination.

The Board approved the following motion:

“Open a period of not more than six months to begin 06/01/2016 whereby individuals who hold a delinquent apprenticeship registration may pay back fees and penalties to update the registration and the current principal master must sign an affidavit of current experience which will enable the individual to be credited the experience.”

This motion allows these individuals to become current and qualify for examination if the experience credited meets the requirement. When this 6 month period ends, the “proof of experience” recognized by the Board shall be a minimum of two years current registration under the direction of a certified master with a company who is properly registered with the Board. The individual is responsible for keeping his or her registration current; however, ultimately, the responsibility falls squarely upon the company and its principal master.

The Board is pleased to be able to offer this to industry and expects all companies will take advantage of this opportunity. Please find enclosed a copy of the required affidavit. All affidavits **MUST** be postmarked by **NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30, 2016**. Any affidavit postmarked after that date will not be accepted.

The Board also would like to remind you that we offer after-hours education opportunities throughout the state that assists apprentices who wish to take a journeyman exam. You can find the upcoming class schedule on our website under “Education”.

If you have any questions, please contact the Board office at (205)945-4857.

Yours Truly,

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Affidavit of Current Work Experience

Apprentice Information

Name: _____ Certification #: _____

Principal Master Information

Name: _____ Certification #: _____

Company: _____

I am currently the principal [] Master Plumber [] Master Gas Fitter for this company.

By my signature below, I state on oath and affirm to the following amount of current work experience of the above-referenced apprentice:

_____ Years _____ Months

I certify that the above named individual meets the requirement of current work experience as an Apprentice [] Plumber [] Gas Fitter for the indicated time period to be credited towards the required two (2) years current work experience as required by law for examination as a journeyman.

I understand that my certification as Master Plumber and/or Master Gas Fitter may be subject to disciplinary action if the information given and attested to by me herein is determined to be intentionally misleading or fraudulent.

Master Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

This form MUST be notarized.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____