

105.10 License or certification required — exceptions.

1. Except as provided in [section 105.11](#), a person shall not operate as a contractor or install or repair plumbing, mechanical, HVAC, refrigeration, sheet metal, or hydronic systems without obtaining a license issued by the board, or install or repair medical gas piping systems without obtaining a valid certification approved by the board.

2. Except as provided in [section 105.11](#), a person shall not engage in the business of designing, installing, or repairing plumbing, mechanical, HVAC, refrigeration, sheet metal, or hydronic systems unless at all times a licensed master, who shall be responsible for the proper designing, installing, and repairing of the plumbing, HVAC, refrigeration, sheet metal, or hydronic system, is employed by the person and is actively in charge of the plumbing, mechanical, HVAC, refrigeration, sheet metal, or hydronic work of the person. An individual who performs such work pursuant to a business operated as a sole proprietorship shall be a licensed master in the applicable discipline.

3. An individual holding a master mechanical license shall not be required to get an HVAC-refrigeration, sheet metal, or hydronic license in order to design, install, or repair the work defined in [this chapter](#) as mechanical, HVAC-refrigeration, sheet metal, or hydronic work. An individual holding a journeyman mechanical license shall not be required to get an HVAC-refrigeration, sheet metal, or hydronic license in order to install and repair the work defined in [this chapter](#) as mechanical, HVAC-refrigeration, sheet metal, or hydronic work. An individual holding a master or journeyman mechanical license shall also not be required to obtain a special, restricted license that is designated as a sublicense of the mechanical, HVAC-refrigeration, sheet metal, or hydronic licenses.

4. The board shall adopt rules to allow a grace period for a contractor to operate a business described in [subsection 2](#) without employing a licensed master.

5. The board may grant an exception for a person who would otherwise be denied a license due to a criminal conviction under specified circumstances. When considering such an exception, the board shall consider the following: the nature and seriousness of any offense of which the person was convicted, all circumstances relative to the offense, including mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense, the age of the person at the time the offense was committed, the length of time that has elapsed since the offense was committed, letters of reference, and all other relevant evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness presented. A person holding a license prior to July 1, 2019, shall not be required to obtain an exception to maintain a license.

[2007 Acts, ch 198, §10](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1032, §103, 202](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1089, §10, 12](#); [2009 Acts, ch 151, §9, 10](#); [2013 Acts, ch 77, §9 – 11, 36](#); [2013 Acts, ch 140, §56](#); [2014 Acts, ch 1092, §26](#); [2019 Acts, ch 99, §9](#)

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