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NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 142, §4, 13 and c. 30A, §2, the Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters will hold a public hearing relative to proposed promulgation of amendments to the Board's regulations at 248 CMR 3.00 and 11.00, which govern the administrative and licensing provisions relative to Massachusetts' plumbing and gas codes. The proposed revisions are part of a recent initiative by the Governor to streamline business operations while balancing consumer protection measures. In particular, these amendments are designed to remove outdated and unnecessary requirements, provide new pathways to licensure, and otherwise clarify language making compliance easier and more cost effective. A small business impact statement has been filed with the Secretary of Commonwealth's Office.

The Board will hold this public hearing remotely on:

Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., by videoconference:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>

Meeting ID: 290 022 548 433 4

Passcode: sX79w9er

Or call in to:

(857) 327-9245, Phone Conference ID: 754 677 496

Interested Parties will be given an opportunity to present testimony orally or in writing at this hearing. The Board will also accept written comments regarding the regulations sent via email at plumbingboard@mass.gov or by mail at this address:

Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters
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Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, August 25, 2025**. A copy of the proposed regulations may be obtained at the Board's web site located at: <http://www.mass.gov/dpl/boards/pl/> or by contacting the Board office directly at the above address or by phone: (617) 701-8798.



Small Business Impact Statement

(As required by M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 2, 3 & 5)

CMR No.: 248 CMR 3.00

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: The Board presently has issued approximately 13,000 personal licenses as well as 1,341 business licenses (for business entities), the vast majority of these licensees are believed to be, or work within, small businesses.

Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports? These regulations do not create reporting requirements.
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures? Licensees are required to retain records of continuing education.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight? These regulations do not require administrative oversight
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation? These regulations do not impose requirements mandating hiring of employees.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)? These regulations do not require hiring of professionals.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation? These regulations do not require the purchase of products or other capital investments.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are performance standards more appropriate than design/operational standards to accomplish the regulatory objective? (Performance standards express requirements in terms of outcomes, giving the regulated party flexibility to achieve regulatory objectives and design/operational standards specify exactly what actions regulated parties must take.) Prerequisites for licensure and continuing education must be based on exact operational standards to ensure fairness and enforceability.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation? There are no other regulations known to be duplicative with these regulations
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities? These regulations do not govern enforcement activities.

Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements? These regulations mandates education and work experience as a prerequisite to licensure as well as continuing education.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? As education and work experience prerequisites to licensure as well as continuing education are necessary to ensure plumbers and gas fitters are qualified to perform their work, its mandate will not deter formation of businesses.
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? The requirement of education and experience prerequisites to licensure as well as continuing education may create business in the form of schools and other education providers.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? These regulations mandate equal requirements for all prospective and current licensees, they could not fairly reduce those requirements for any one sector of the industry.
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Small Business Impact Statement

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