SKILLED TRADES REGULATION ACT (EXCERPT) Act 407 of 2016

339.5807 Work classification examination; eligibility; classifications and limitations; "experience" defined; affidavit or letter signed by commanding officer, supervisor, or military superior; completion of 2-year program.

Sec. 807.

- (1) An applicant is not eligible for a work classification examination under this article unless the applicant meets the requirements provided in article 2, is of good moral character, and meets 1 or more of the following:
- (a) Has a minimum of 3 years or 6,000 hours of experience in the work classification for which he or she is seeking a license, or an equivalent of that experience, that is acceptable to the board and shown to the department, in 1 or more of the work classifications described in subsection (2). For purposes of this subdivision, and except in the case of equivalent experience, an applicant must provide to the board and the department a statement signed under penalty of perjury from each contractor of record that is the present or former mechanical contractor employer of the applicant. The statement must indicate that the applicant has a minimum of 3 years or 6,000 hours of performance in each work classification for which the applicant is seeking a license and must include a detailed and specific description of the type of work performed by the applicant and the length of time he or she performed that work.
- (b) Currently holds, and has continuously held for at least 3 years immediately preceding his or her application, an active license under this act in a work classification listed in subsection (2)(b), (d), (e), or (f) and is applying for licensure in the following work classifications, as applicable:
- (i) If he or she currently holds a license in the work classification listed in subsection (2)(b), a work classification listed in subsection (2)(c), (e), (f), (g), (h), or (j).
- (ii) If he or she currently holds a license in the work classification listed in subsection (2)(d), a work classification listed in subsection (2)(f) or (h).
- (iii) If he or she currently holds a license in the work classification listed in subsection (2)(e), a work classification listed in subsection (2)(g).
- (iv) If he or she currently holds a license in the work classification listed in subsection (2)(f), a work classification listed in subsection (2)(h).
- (2) The department shall issue a mechanical contractor's license under this article with 1 or more of the following classifications and limitations:
 - (a) Hydronic heating and cooling and process piping.
 - (b) HVAC equipment.
 - (c) Ductwork.
 - (d) Refrigeration.
 - (e) Limited heating service.
 - (f) Limited refrigeration and air conditioning service.
 - (g) Unlimited heating service.
 - (h) Unlimited refrigeration and air conditioning service.
 - (i) Fire suppression.
 - (i) Specialty.
- (3) For purposes of subsection (1), "experience" includes experience acquired while serving in the armed forces by an individual who provides to the department a form DD214, form DD215, or any other form satisfactory to the department that demonstrates that the individual was separated from that service with an honorable discharge or under honorable conditions (general).
- (4) An individual described in subsection (3) shall submit with his or her application for licensure an affidavit or letter signed by a commanding officer, supervisor, or military superior with direct knowledge of the applicant's service that describes the applicant's experience as a mechanical contractor in 1 or more of the classifications described in subsection (2).
- (5) If an applicant provides evidence satisfactory to the department that he or she has successfully completed a 2-year, or equivalent, HVAC program provided by a recognized trade school, community college, or university, or a 2-year HVAC training program approved by the United States Department of Labor, the department shall credit the completion of that program toward the 3 years or 6,000 hours of work experience required under subsection (1)(a). The amount credited, as determined by the department, must not exceed 1 year or 2,000 hours of the 3 years or 6,000 hours required.