

# WHATS NEW ?

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## SKILLED TRADES REGULATION ACT

### Act 407 of 2016

**AN ACT to revise, consolidate, and classify the laws of this state regarding the regulation of certain occupations in the skilled trades and to regulate persons and activities relative to those occupations; to create a board for each of those occupations; to establish the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities, including the boards created under this act; to provide for the promulgation of rules; to provide for fees; to provide for penalties and civil fines; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.**

**History:** 2016, Act 407, Eff. Apr. 4, 2017

**339.6107.new Plumbing contractor, master plumber, journey plumber, or apprentice plumber; license or registration required; work not requiring license; performing activities within scope of licensure or registration.**

**Sec. 1107.(1) A person shall not engage in or work at the business of a plumbing contractor, master plumber, journey plumber, or apprentice plumber unless that person is licensed or registered under this article. Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3), only a licensed master or journey plumber shall perform plumbing.** A licensed master plumber shall be in charge and responsible for proper installation and conformance with the state construction code. Plumbing shall not be performed unless the plumbing contractor who is responsible has obtained a permit from the state or a governmental subdivision authorized to issue permits.

**(2) A license under this article is not required to perform any of the following work:**

**(a) Minor repair work.**

**(b)** The installation of a building sewer or water service pipe, if a permit is secured from the responsible enforcing agency and inspections are performed. The installations shall comply with the applicable parts of the state construction code.

(c) The installation of domestic water treatment and filtering equipment that requires modification to an existing cold water distribution supply and associated waste piping in buildings if a permit is secured, required inspections performed, and the installation complies with the applicable parts of the state construction code. If the enforcing agency determines a violation exists, the responsible installer must correct it.

(d) The installation by a homeowner of his or her own plumbing, building sewer, or private sewer in his or her single-family dwelling if a permit is secured.

(e) The installation of medical gas piping, if the installation is performed under the supervision of a licensed plumbing contractor.

(3) This article does not prevent a person from performing any activities within the scope of licensure or registration under any other licensure or registration act or applicable codes for that licensed or registered professional adopted pursuant to law.

**History:** 2016, Act 407, Eff. Apr. 4, 2017

**Definitions:**

(b) "**Minor repair**" means a repair that involves only the clearance of stoppages, repair, or replacement of a faucet or valve or reinstallation of that same plumbing fixture and does not involve making any modifications to the plumbing system, or residential domestic water treatment and filtering equipment. Minor repair does not include any of the following:

(i) The repair or replacement of a backflow preventer and air admittance valves.

(ii) A repair or replacement that is only a part of a larger or major renovation or repair.

(c) "**Plumbing**" means the practice, materials, and fixtures, in or adjacent to a building, structure, or premises, used in the installation, **maintenance**, extension, or alteration of all piping, fixtures, plumbing appliances, or **plumbing appurtenances**, as defined in the state construction code, in connection with the sanitary drainage or storm drainage facilities, plumbing venting systems, medical gas systems, backflow preventers, and public or private water supply systems.

(d) "**Plumbing contractor**" means a licensed master plumber or a person who employs a licensed master plumber full-time to directly supervise the installation of plumbing as his or her representative engaged in the business of plumbing for a fixed sum, price, fee percentage, valuable consideration, or other compensation and who is licensed as a plumbing contractor.

**Plumbing Appurtenance 2015 MPC:** A manufactured device, prefabricated assembly or on-the-job assembly of component parts that is an adjunct to the basic piping system and plumbing fixtures. An appurtenance demands no additional water supply and does not add any discharge load to a fixture or to the drainage system.

(c) "**Former act**" means former 1956 PA 217; former 1984 PA 192; former 1986 PA 54; **former 2002 PA 733**; or former 1965 PA 290, as applicable.

(f) "**Governmental subdivision**" means a governmental subdivision as defined in section 2a of the Stille-DeRossett-Hale single state construction code act, MCL 125.1502a.

**339.6129.new Provision in conflict with Stille-DeRossett-Hale single state construction code act.**

Sec. 1129. Any provision of this article that is inconsistent or in conflict with the Stille-DeRossett-Hale single state construction code act is superseded by that act to the extent of the inconsistency.

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**Safe Drinking Water Act**

**Act 399 of 1976 as amended**

**Part 14 – Cross Connections Rules as Amended**

**History:** 1979 AC; 2015 MR 20, Eff. Oct. 16, 2015

**R 325.11402 Compliance with Regulations and Local Codes.**

**Rule 1402.** A connection with a public water supply system shall comply with existing laws, ordinances, code and rules including:

(a) All sections of the Michigan Plumbing Code or Michigan Residential Code pertaining to backflow and cross connection control.

**R 325.11404 Local Cross Connection Control Programs.**

**Rule 1404.**

(1) A type 1 public water supply shall develop a comprehensive control program for the elimination and prevention of all cross connections. When the plan is approved, the water supply shall implement the program for the removal of all existing cross connections and prevention of all future cross connections.

**R 325.11405 Backflow Preventers; Tester Qualifications and Corrections.**

**Rule 1404.**

(2) Beginning January 1, 2018, test results of backflow preventers are valid only if testing was performed by individuals holding an active ASSE 5110 certification.

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**City of Novi Cross Connection Control Program**

**VI. Testing Backflow Prevention Assemblies**

All testable assemblies must be tested by a Michigan licensed plumber who is also a certified backflow preventer tester. Upon notice from the City of Novi, it shall be the responsibility of the water customer to arrange for the assembly to be tested and to submit the completed test form. Test forms provided by the Water and Sewer Division must be utilized. No other test forms will be accepted.