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Senator John A. Alario, Jr.
President of the Senate
P.O. Box 94183
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Re: Louisiana State Plumbing Board

Dear Senator Alario:

Pursuant to R. S. 49:968(D)(1)(b), the Louisiana State Plumbing Board hereby announces its plan to proceed with rule-making by finalizing the December 20, 2015 Notice of Intent that was promulgated on page 2758 of the *Louisiana Register*. A copy of this rule is enclosed for your convenience.

These rules were amended to direct individuals to the appropriate industry guidelines indicated for licensing and recertification for medical gas piping installers, medical gas and vacuum systems verifiers and water supply protection specialists.

The Board has received no comments and therefore has not conducted a hearing pursuant to R.S. 49:953(A)(2).

Subject to legislative oversight by either the House or Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee, the Board intends to submit a Rule to the Office of the State Register for publication in April, 2016. Please contact Elaine Colligan at (504) 995-9994 if the Board may be of any assistance to you concerning this rule.

Very truly yours,

Louis L. Robein
Board Attorney

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Enclosure

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STAFFORD OLIVIA PALMIERI
COMMISSIONER
OF ADMINISTRATION



Family Impact Statement

In accordance with R.S. 49:953(A)(1)(a)(viii) and 972, the following Family Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*: The proposed Rule has no known impact on family formation, stability or autonomy.

Poverty Impact Statement

In accordance with R.S. 49:953(A)(1)(a)(ix) and 973, the following Poverty Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*: The proposed Rule has no known impact on child, individual or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development.

Provider Impact Statement

In accordance with HCR No. 170 of the 2014 Regular Session, the following Provider Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*: The proposed Rule has no known effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service, the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service or the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on the proposed Rule through January 11, 2015 at 4:30 p.m., to Donna D. Sentell, Executive Director, Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, 9643 Brookline Avenue, Suite 121, Baton Rouge, LA 70809-1433.

Donna D. Sentell
Executive Director

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Examination/Experience Requirements for Professional Engineer Licensure and Seal Design Samples

- I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)
There are no estimated implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units resulting from this proposed rule change. The proposed rule change (a) clarifies the rule regarding the decoupling of the examination and experience requirements for professional engineer licensure for certain applicants and (b) updates the samples of the seal designs authorized by the board.
- II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)
There will be no effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units as a result of this proposed rule change.
- III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)
The proposed rule change will have no impact on costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons or non-governmental groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule change will have no effect on competition or employment.

Donna D. Sentell
Executive Director
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Evan Brasseaux
Staff Director
Legislative Fiscal Office

NOTICE OF INTENT Workforce Commission Plumbing Board

Plumbing (LAC 46:LV.101, Chapter 3 and 1005)

The Louisiana State Plumbing Board (board), pursuant to R.S. 37:1366(I), which authorizes the board to establish and determine by rule minimum requirements relative to continuing professional development for the renewal or reinstatement of any license or special endorsement issued by the board, proposes to amend the plumbing regulations, LAC 46:LV. 101, 301, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 310, 312, 313, and 1005, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. The proposed Rule change allows the board to direct individuals to the appropriate industry guidelines indicated for licensing and recertification for medical gas piping installers, medical gas and vacuum systems verifiers and water supply protection specialists, effective upon publication in the *Louisiana Register*.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LV. Plumbers

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1366.D.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Department of Labor, Plumbing Board, 1968, amended and promulgated by the Department of Employment and Training, Plumbing Board, LR 17:49 (January 1991), amended by the Department of Labor, Plumbing Board, LR 21:1348 (December 1995), LR 26:329 (February 2000), amended Workforce Commission, Plumbing Board, LR 42:

§301. Licenses Required

- A. - K. ...
- L. Repealed.
- M. ...

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§304. Medical Gas Piping Installer License

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2. The program meets criteria prescribed by the board and compliant with the guidelines of the ASSE International Series 6000, Standard 6010, latest edition.

a. - q. Repealed.

3. ...

4. The program must be conducted at a facility capable of housing brazing qualification procedures administered to trainees in accordance with either Section IX, "Welding and Brazing Qualifications" of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Code or AWS B2.2, Standard for Brazing Procedure and Performance Qualification, as modified by National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) NFPA 99 Health Care Facilities Code, latest edition. Such brazing training must be performed and qualified on 1½-inch nominal type "L" copper tubing in compliance with Section IX of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, latest edition, NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities Code, latest edition and ASSE International Series 6000, Standard 6010, latest edition.

5. Courses of instruction defined in §304.B must be provided by a person or persons possessing a current Medical Gas System Instructor Certification compliant with the guidelines of ASSE Series International Series 6000, Standard 6050, latest edition.

C. - E. ...

F. A medical gas piping installer license application must be submitted to the office of the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana not less than 30 days before any scheduled examination. Failure to report for the examination will result in the forfeiture of the applicant's fee. This forfeiture may be reversed by the board upon a showing of good cause by the applicant explaining his failure to attend the scheduled examination.

G. ...

H. The board may accept, in lieu of an examination directly administered by the board to any applicant, the verifiable results of an examination administered by an organization meeting the criteria of ASSE Series 6000, Standard 6010 §10-3.2.3, latest edition and certified pursuant to R.S. 37:1368.G as evidence of successful completion of the examination referred to in R.S. 37:1368.G Any papers from such examinations must be available for inspection and the board may require notarized affidavits from the applicant and the administering organization representative attesting to the accuracy of the examination results and the scope of any such examination, which must minimally include the subject areas of the practical examination described in §304.B.4 of the regulations.

I. ...

J. A medical gas piping installer shall, as a condition of licensing under these regulations, maintain his brazer performance qualification in accordance with NFPA 99 Health Care Facilities Code, latest edition.

K. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1366.D and R.S. 37:1368.G.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Labor, State Plumbing Board, LR 21:1349 (December 1995), amended LR 25:1858 (October 1999), amended Workforce Commission, Plumbing Board, LR 42:

§305. Requirements to Take Exam for Journeyman Plumber's License

A.1. - 3. ...

4. He shall submit his application and required documents to the office of the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana not less than 30 days before any scheduled examination. The board shall inform all interested persons of the examination schedule.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1366.A and D.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Department of Labor, Plumbing Board, 1968, amended and promulgated LR 14:440 (July 1988), amended LR 15:1088 (December 1989), amended and repromulgated by the Department of Employment and Training, Plumbing Board, LR 17:51 (January 1991), amended by the Department of Labor, Plumbing Board, LR 24:1948 (October 1998), LR 25:1857 (October 1999), amended Workforce Commission, Plumbing Board, LR 42:

§306. Requirements to take Exam for Master Plumber License

A.1. - 4. ...

5. He shall submit his application and required documents to the office of the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana not less than 30 days before any scheduled examination. The board shall inform all interested persons of the examination schedule.

A.6. - G. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Adopted in accordance with R.S. 37:1377 and R.S. 37:1366.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Department of Labor, state Plumbing Board, 1968, amended and promulgated by the Department of Employment and Training, State Plumbing Board, LR 17:52 (January 1991), amended by the Department of Labor, Plumbing Board, LR 25:1858 (October 1999), amended Workforce Commission, Plumbing Board, LR 42:

§307. Renewals

A. - D. ...

E. To be considered timely filed, any renewal application under §307 must actually be received at the office of the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana within the time specified for filing or be sent to that office by first-class mail, postage prepaid, and bearing a postmark showing that the application was mailed on or before the last day for filing.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1366.D.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Department of Labor, Plumbing Board, 1968, promulgated LR 2:419 (December 1976), amended LR 7:588 (November 1981), amended by Department of Employment and Training, Plumbing Board, LR 17:52 (January 1991), LR 18:30 (January 1992), amended by the Department of Labor, Plumbing Board, LR 21:1350 (December 1995), LR 26:329 (February 2000), amended Workforce Commission, Plumbing Board, LR 42:

§310. Water Supply Protection Specialist Endorsement

A. - B. ...

C. As authorized by R.S. 37:1368.H, the board shall recognize and certify certain programs of education and training of water supply protection offered by private or public organizations or institutions compliant with ASSE International, Cross-Connection Control Professional Qualifications Standard ASSE Series 5000. A journeyman or master plumber licensed by this board who successfully completes any such program shall qualify for admission to an examination offered under §310.A of these regulations.

Any such organization must satisfy the board that its program or programs includes training and testing as specified in the ASSE Series 5000, Standard 5110, Professional Qualifications for Backflow Prevention Assembly Testers.

1. - 15. Repealed.

D. Courses of instruction defined in §310.C must be provided by a person or persons meeting the credentials and requirements of ASSE Series 5000, Standard 5110, Professional Qualifications Standard for Backflow Prevention Assembly Testers, and ASSE International Guidelines for Cross-Connection Control Certification.

E. - H. ...

I. A water supply protection specialist endorsement application must be submitted to the office of the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana not less than 30 days before any scheduled examination.

J. - K. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1366.D and R.S. 37:1368.H.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Labor, Plumbing Board, LR 21:1350 (December 1995), amended by the Department of Labor, Plumbing Board, LR 25:1859 (October 1999), amended Workforce Commission, Plumbing Board, LR 42:

§312. Medical Gas and Vacuum Systems Verifier

A. - B. ...

1. The program is conducted at a training facility and given to those persons that meet the requirements of American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE) Professional Qualifications Standard for Medical Gas Systems Personnel Series 6000, Standard 6030, latest edition.

2. The program meets criteria prescribed by the board and American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE), Series 6000, Standard 6030, latest edition.

a. - k. Repealed.

3. Courses of instruction defined in §312.B must be provided by a person or persons possessing a current Medical Gas System Instructor Certification in compliance with ASSE Series 6000, Standard 6050, latest edition.

C. - D. ...

E. The board may accept, in lieu of an examination directly administered by the board to any applicant, the verifiable results of an examination administered by an organization meeting the criteria of ASSE Series 6000, Standard 6030, §30-3.2.3, latest edition and certified pursuant to R.S. 37:1368.I, as evidence of successful completion of the examination necessary for the issuance of a license for medical gas and vacuum systems verifier. Any papers from such examinations must be available for inspection and the board may require notarized affidavits from the applicant and the administering organization representative attesting to the accuracy of the examination results and the scope of any such examination, which must minimally include the subject areas described in ASSE Series 6000, Standard 6030, latest edition.

F. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1366.D.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Labor, Plumbing Board, LR 26:329 (February 2000), amended Workforce Commission, Plumbing Board, LR 42:

§313. Standards for Medical Gas and Vacuum Systems Verifier

A. - C.2. ...

3. documentation of each board-licensed medical gas piping installer's braze performance qualification in accordance with NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities Code latest edition;

4 - 6. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1336.D.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Labor, Plumbing Board, LR 26:330 (February 2000), amended Workforce Commission, Plumbing Board, LR 42:

§1005. Medical Gas Piping Installers and Medical Gas Verifiers

A. CPE Requirement

1. Effective January 1, 2016, in addition to the yearly renewal of their license, all persons seeking to renew a medical gas piping installer or medical gas verifier license issued by the Louisiana State Plumbing Board are required to show proof of attendance at a board-approved industry related recertification program, every NFPA 99 code cycle, compliant with the guidelines of the American Society of Sanitary Engineering International (ASSE) Professional Qualification Standards Series 6000/6010 for Medical Gas Systems Installers or 6030 for Medical Gas Systems Verifiers or its equivalent as defined in §304 and §312. Such recertification shall satisfy the endorsee's obligation to maintain continuing professional education relative to the Medical Gas Systems Installer and Medical Gas Systems Verifier, but shall not diminish or affect licensee's obligation to fulfill continuing professional education requirements for journeyman or master plumbing licenses or water supply protection specialist endorsement, if applicable.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1366(I).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Labor, State Plumbing Board, LR 30:2074 (September 2004), amended LR 37:905 (March 2011), LR 37:2441 (August 2011), amended Workforce Commission, Plumbing Board, LR 42:

Family Impact Statement

1. Estimated effect on the stability of the family? There is no estimated effect on the stability of the family.

2. Estimated effect on the authority and rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children? There is no estimated effect on the authority and rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children.

3. Estimated effect on the functioning of the family? There is no estimated effect on the functioning of the family.

4. Estimated effect on family earnings and family budget? There is no estimated effect on family earnings and family budget.

5. Estimated effect on the behavior and personal responsibility of children? There is no estimated effect on the behavior and personal responsibility of children.

6. Estimated effect on the ability of the family or a local government to perform the function as contained in the proposed Rule? There is no estimated effect on the ability of the family or a local government to perform the function as contained in the proposed Rule.

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed amended Rule will have no impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Statement

The proposed amended Rule will have no adverse impact on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed amended Rule is not anticipated to have any impact on providers of services funded by the state as described in HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session.

Public Comments

Any interested person may submit written comments regarding the content of this proposed Rule change to John Barker, Executive Director, 12497 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, LA, no later than 5 p.m., January 20, 2016.

John Barker
Executive Director

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
RULE TITLE: Plumbing**

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There are no implementation costs to State or local governmental units. The proposed amendment seeks to clarify the language regarding licensing and recertification for Medical Gas Piping Installers and Medical Gas Verifiers by referring licensees to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) NFPA 99 Health Care Facilities Code, latest edition, and American Society of Sanitary Engineering International (ASSE) Series 6000, latest edition, rather than those of the Louisiana State Plumbing board (LSPB). LSPB has always followed NFPA and ASSE guidelines, only to rewrite and republish the standards when NFPA and ASSE made any alterations. Due to the proposed rule change, rather than consistently republishing alterations, LSPB can direct members to the NFPA and ASSE as their primary sources for information. A Medical Gas Piping Installer and Medical Gas Verifier is the only license that allows for the installation, inspection or verifying of medical gas and vacuum systems. This license is not necessary to obtain a plumbing license in Louisiana.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units as a result of the proposed rule change.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There is no estimated cost or economic benefit for affected persons resulting from the proposed amendment to these rules. It simply clarifies the license, continuing education training, and recertification that will be acceptable for maintaining a medical gas installer and medical gas verifier license.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule will have no effect on competition and employment.

Louis L. Robein
Board Attorney
1512#087

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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Workforce Commission Office of Workers' Compensation

Fees (LAC 40:I.6605)

The Louisiana Workforce Commission has exercised the emergency provision in accordance with R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act to amend fees contained in the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 40, Labor and Employment, Part I, Workers' Compensation Administration, Subpart 3, Hearing Rules, Chapter 66. This Emergency Rule effective February 1, 2016, will remain in effect for a period of 120 days.

This amendment is required pursuant to the deficit reduction plan adopted by the Division of Administration.

The department considers emergency action necessary to generate funds necessary for the Office of Workers' Compensation to maintain services. Notice is hereby given, in accordance with R.S. 49:950, et seq., that the Louisiana Workforce Commission, Office of Workers' Compensation, pursuant to authority vested in the Director of the Office of Workers' Compensation by R.S. 23:1291, R.S. 23:1310.1, and R.S. 23:1310.11, and in accordance with applicable provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, proposes to amend LAC 40:I., Subpart 3, Chapter 66.

Title 40

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

Part I. Workers' Compensation Administration

Subpart 3. Hearing Rules

Chapter 66. Miscellaneous

§6605. Fees

A. The clerks for the Office of Workers' Compensation Administration shall be entitled to demand and receive the following fees as court costs in a Workers' Compensation dispute. Fees not pre-paid shall be due upon dismissal or final judgment, or on demand by the clerk.

1. filing of LWC-WC-1008—\$50;
2. filing of LWC-WC-1011 where no LWC-WC-1008 has been filed—\$50;
3. service of process on secretary of state—\$50 or as otherwise set by the secretary of state;
4. copies of any paper in any suit record—\$0.25 per page;
5. for each certification—\$1;
6. filing by facsimile transmission—\$5 for the first 10 pages and \$1 for each page thereafter;
7. cost of preparation of record for appeal—available upon request from the district offices;
8. cost of service by certified mail—\$5 per service.
9. subpoenas/subpoenas *ducestecum*—\$5.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 23:1310.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Labor, Office of Workers' Compensation Administration, LR 25:281 (February 1999), amended LR 25:1871 (October 1999), amended by the Louisiana Workforce Commission, Office of Workers' Compensation, LR 37:1630 (June 2011), LR 42:

Inquiries concerning the proposed enactment may be sent to Patrick Robinson, OWC-Administration, 1001 North 23rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

Curt Eysink
Executive Director

1601#046

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Workforce Commission Plumbing Board

Plumbing (LAC 46:LV.101, Chapter 3 and 1005)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953, the Louisiana State Plumbing Board (board), hereby determines that adoption of an Emergency Rule for the implementation of amendments to LAC 46:LV. 101, 301, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 310, 312, 313, and 1005 is necessary to avoid a conflict with the rules as currently written. The proposed Rule change allows the board to direct individuals to the appropriate industry guidelines indicated for licensing and recertification for medical gas piping installers, medical gas and vacuum systems verifiers and water supply protection specialists, effective January 1, 2016.

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H. The board may accept, in lieu of an examination directly administered by the board to any applicant, the verifiable results of an examination administered by an organization meeting the criteria of ASSE Series 6000, Standard 6010 §10-3.2.3, latest edition and certified pursuant to R.S. 37:1368.G as evidence of successful completion of the examination referred to in R.S. 37:1368.G Any papers from such examinations must be available for inspection and the board may require notarized affidavits from the applicant and the administering organization representative attesting to the accuracy of the examination results and the scope of any such examination, which must minimally include the subject areas of the practical examination described in §304.B.4 of the regulations.

- I. ...

J. A medical gas piping installer shall, as a condition of licensing under these regulations, maintain his brazer performance qualification in accordance with NFPA 99 Health Care Facilities Code, latest edition.

- K. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1366.D and R.S. 37:1368.G

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Labor, State Plumbing Board, LR 21:1349 (December 1995), amended LR 25:1858 (October 1999), amended Workforce Commission, Plumbing Board, LR 42:

§305. Requirements to Take Exam for Journeyman Plumber's License

- A.1. - 3. ...

4. He shall submit his application and required documents to the office of the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana not less than 30 days before any scheduled examination. The board shall inform all interested persons of the examination schedule.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1366.A and D.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Department of Labor, Plumbing Board, 1968, amended and promulgated LR 14:440 (July 1988), amended LR 15:1088 (December 1989), amended and repromulgated by the Department of Employment and Training, Plumbing Board, LR 17:51 (January 1991), amended by the Department of Labor, Plumbing Board, LR 24:1948 (October 1998), LR 25:1857 (October 1999), amended Workforce Commission, Plumbing Board, LR 42:

§306. Requirements to take Exam for Master Plumber License

A.1. - 4. ...

5. He shall submit his application and required documents to the office of the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana not less than 30 days before any scheduled examination. The board shall inform all interested persons of the examination schedule.

A.6. - G. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Adopted in accordance with R.S. 37:1377 and R.S. 37:1366.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Department of Labor, state Plumbing Board, 1968, amended and promulgated by the Department of Employment and Training, State Plumbing Board, LR 17:52 (January 1991), amended by the Department of Labor, Plumbing Board, LR 25:1858 (October 1999), amended Workforce Commission, Plumbing Board, LR 42:

§307. Renewals

A. - D. ...

E. To be considered timely filed, any renewal application under §307 must actually be received at the office of the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana within the time specified for filing or be sent to that office by first-class mail, postage prepaid, and bearing a postmark showing that the application was mailed on or before the last day for filing.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1366.D.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Department of Labor, Plumbing Board, 1968, promulgated LR 2:419 (December 1976), amended LR 7:588 (November 1981), amended by Department of Employment and Training, Plumbing Board, LR 17:52 (January 1991), LR 18:30 (January 1992), amended by the Department of Labor, Plumbing Board, LR 21:1350 (December 1995), LR 26:329 (February 2000), amended Workforce Commission, Plumbing Board, LR 42:

§310. Water Supply Protection Specialist Endorsement

A. - B. ...

C. As authorized by R.S. 37:1368.H, the board shall recognize and certify certain programs of education and training of water supply protection offered by private or public organizations or institutions compliant with ASSE International, Cross-Connection Control Professional Qualifications Standard ASSE Series 5000. A journeyman or master plumber licensed by this board who successfully completes any such program shall qualify for admission to an examination offered under §310.A of these regulations. Any such organization must satisfy the board that its program or programs includes training and testing as specified in the ASSE Series 5000, Standard 5110, Professional Qualifications for Backflow Prevention Assembly Testers.

1. - 15. Repealed.

D. Courses of instruction defined in §310.C must be provided by a person or persons meeting the credentials and requirements of ASSE Series 5000, Standard 5110, Professional Qualifications Standard for Backflow

Prevention Assembly Testers and ASSE International Guidelines for Cross-Connection Control Certification.

E. - H. ...

I. A water supply protection specialist endorsement application must be submitted to the office of the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana not less than 30 days before any scheduled examination.

J. - K. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1366.D and R.S. 37:1368.H.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Labor, Plumbing Board, LR 21:1350 (December 1995), amended by the Department of Labor, Plumbing Board, LR 25:1859 (October 1999), amended Workforce Commission, Plumbing Board, LR 42:

§312. Medical Gas and Vacuum Systems Verifier

A. - B. ...

1. The program is conducted at a training facility and given to those persons that meet the requirements of American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE) Professional Qualifications Standard for Medical Gas Systems Personnel Series 6000, Standard 6030, latest edition.

2. The program meets criteria prescribed by the board and American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE), Series 6000, Standard 6030, latest edition.

a. - k. Repealed.

3. Courses of instruction defined in §312.B must be provided by a person or persons possessing a current Medical Gas System Instructor Certification in compliance with ASSE Series 6000, Standard 6050, latest edition.

C. - D. ...

E. The board may accept, in lieu of an examination directly administered by the board to any applicant, the verifiable results of an examination administered by an organization meeting the criteria of ASSE Series 6000, Standard 6030, §30-3.2.3, latest edition and certified pursuant to R.S. 37:1368.I, as evidence of successful completion of the examination necessary for the issuance of a license for medical gas and vacuum systems verifier. Any papers from such examinations must be available for inspection and the board may require notarized affidavits from the applicant and the administering organization representative attesting to the accuracy of the examination results and the scope of any such examination, which must minimally include the subject areas described in ASSE Series 6000, Standard 6030, latest edition.

F. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1366.D.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Labor, Plumbing Board, LR 26:329 (February 2000), amended Workforce Commission, Plumbing Board, LR 42:

§313. Standards for Medical Gas and Vacuum Systems Verifier

A. - C.2. ...

3. documentation of each board-licensed medical gas piping installer's braze performance qualification in accordance with NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities Code latest edition;

4 - 6. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1336.D.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Labor, Plumbing Board, LR 26:330 (February 2000), amended Workforce Commission, Plumbing Board, LR 42:

§1005. Medical Gas Piping Installers and Medical Gas Verifiers

A. CPE Requirement

1. Effective January 1, 2016, in addition to the yearly renewal of their license, all persons seeking to renew a medical gas piping installer or medical gas verifier license issued by the Louisiana State Plumbing Board are required to show proof of attendance at a board-approved industry related recertification program, every NFPA 99 code cycle, compliant with the guidelines of the American Society of Sanitary Engineering International (ASSE) Professional Qualification Standards Series 6000/6010 for Medical Gas Systems Installers or 6030 for Medical Gas Systems Verifiers or its equivalent as defined in §304 and §312. Such

recertification shall satisfy the endorsee's obligation to maintain continuing professional education relative to the Medical Gas Systems Installer and Medical Gas Systems Verifier, but shall not diminish or affect licensee's obligation to fulfill continuing professional education requirements for journeyman or master plumbing licenses or water supply protection specialist endorsement, if applicable.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1366(I).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Labor, State Plumbing Board, LR 30:2074 (September 2004), amended LR 37:905 (March 2011), LR 37:2441 (August 2011), amended Workforce Commission, Plumbing Board, LR 42:

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