

22 Tex. Admin. Code § 365.2

Definitions~~[Exemptions]~~¹

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following specific meanings.

(1) **classroom course:** course(s) approved by the Board to meet a licensee's or endorsement holder's continuing professional education requirements or a registrant's training program requirements that is offered in person or via a live webinar.

(2) **continuing professional education;** six (6) course hours licensees and/or endorsement holders are required to complete annually to renew their license and/or endorsement.

(3) **correspondence course:** a course approved by the Board to meet a licensee's or endorsement holder's continuing professional education requirements or a registrant's training program requirements that is offered in an electronic or hard copy format by a course publisher and designed for licensees, endorsement holders and registrants to study course materials at their own pace prior to checking their comprehension with a series of questions. Excludes CPE hours required to maintain a Medical Gas Piping Installation Endorsement.

(4) **course hour:** sixty (60) minutes of instruction or practical experience in the course materials by a course instructor to a licensee, endorsement holder or registrant that is credited towards a licensee's, endorsement holder's or registrant's annual continuing professional education or training program requirements.

(5) **course instructor:** a person who meets the board's minimum qualifications and is approved by the Executive Director to teach licensees, endorsement holders and registrants.²

(6) **course materials:** accurate, comprehensive and educational textual, visual or audio content that meets the board's minimum curriculum qualifications and are

¹ The existing rule is largely duplicative of the exemptions listed in §§ 1301.051-.057 of the Tex. Occ. Code.

² If H.B. 636 becomes law.

approved by the Executive Director for a course instructor to provide to licensees, endorsement holders or registrants to facilitate their understanding of approved subjects during a classroom or correspondence course.

(7) **course provider:** an individual, association or business that offers classroom and/or correspondence courses by an approved course instructor.

(8) **course publisher:** an individual, association or business that creates approved course materials.

(9) **curriculum:** the standards for continuing professional education and training programs.

(10) **practical experience:** opportunities for licensees, endorsement holders and registrants to practice and apply newly learned techniques with tools or materials in a safe manner after first being instructed for at least one (1) course hour in the proper use of the tool or material and any necessary safety precautions prior to utilizing the new tool or material.

(11) **training program:** six (6) course hours registrants are required to complete annually to renew their registration.

(12) **webinar:** a live educational presentation during which participants can submit questions and comments to a live course instructor that is offered virtually.

~~{The following plumbing work may be performed without a license but shall be subject to inspection and approval in accordance with all applicable local, city or municipal ordinances: }~~

~~{(1) Plumbing work done by a property owner in the property owner's homestead; }~~

~~{(2) Plumbing work that is not performed in conjunction with new construction, repair or remodeling, and is performed on a property that is: }~~

~~{(A) located in a subdivision or on a tract of land that is not required to be platted under §232.0015 of the Local Government Code; }~~

~~{(B) not connected to a public water system and is located outside a municipality; }~~

~~[(C) located outside a municipality and connected to a public water system that does not require a license to perform plumbing; or]~~

~~[(D) located inside a municipality that is within a county that has fewer than 50,000 inhabitants and that:]~~

~~[(i) has fewer than 5,000 inhabitants; and]~~

~~[(ii) by municipal ordinance has authorized a person who is not licensed under this the Plumbing License Law to perform plumbing.]~~

~~[(3) Verification of medical gas and vacuum piping integrity and content;]~~

~~[(4) Work done on existing plumbing by a maintenance man or maintenance engineer that is incidental or connected to other maintenance duties, provided that such an individual does not engage in cutting into fuel gas plumbing systems, the installation of gas fueled water heaters or plumbing work for the general public;]~~

~~[(5) Plumbing work done by a railroad employee on the premises or equipment of a railroad, provided such an individual does not engage in plumbing work for the general public;]~~

~~[(6) Plumbing work done by a person engaged by a public utility company to:]~~

~~[(A) lay, maintain, or operate its service mains or lines to the point of measurement; and]~~

~~[(B) install, change, adjust, repair, remove or renovate appurtenances, equipment, or appliances;]~~

~~[(7) Appliance installation or appliance service work, other than installation and service work on water heaters, done by bona fide appliance dealers and their employees that do not offer to perform plumbing work to the general public, in connecting appliances to existing openings with a code approved appliance connector without cutting into or altering the existing plumbing system;]~~

~~[(8) Irrigation work done by an individual licensed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality under Chapter 1903 of the Texas Occupations Code, as an irrigator or installer;]~~

~~[(9) Liquid Petroleum (LP) Gas service and installation work done by an individual working and licensed by the Texas Railroad Commission under Chapter 113 of the Texas Natural Resources Code as a LP Gas Installer;]~~

~~[(10) Water Treatment Specialists licensed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality under §341.034 of the Texas Health and Safety Code may engage in residential, commercial or industrial water treatment activities including making connections necessary to complete the installation of a water treatment system;]~~

~~[(11) Water well pump installation and service work performed by an individual licensed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality under Chapter 1902 of the Texas Occupations Code;]~~

~~[(12) Residential potable water supply or residential sanitary sewer connections performed by an organization certified by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to perform self help project assistance on a self help project, which complies with §1301.057 of the Plumbing License Law; and]~~

~~[(13) Water treatment installations, exchanges, services, or repairs.]~~