



## WINTER STORM 2021 REGULATION CHANGES

### *An Important Announcement from the TSBPE*

In concert with Governor Gregg Abbott, the TSBPE is announcing three *temporary* changes to state plumbing license regulations in order to help the plumbing community provide broader support to the citizens of our great state during this disaster. They are as follows:

#### **Plumber's Apprentices**

The Governor's office has waived regulations for certain qualified Plumber's Apprentices in Texas. These waivers allow current Plumber's Apprentices holding Drain Cleaner and/or Residential Utility Installer endorsements and those currently scheduled (and in possession of an official exam confirmation letter from the TSBPE) to temporarily perform plumbing repairs without 'direct' supervision by a licensed plumber so long as the qualified Plumber's Apprentice works under the *general supervision* of a Responsible Master Plumber (RMP). This temporary regulation change allows the supervising RMP expanded discretion when assigning apprentices responsibilities and tasks.

#### **Reinstate-able Licenses**

Plumbers who have been previously licensed by the TSBPE but whose licenses have expired for a period longer than 2 years may reinstate for a fee and without the current examination requirement. **Please note: these reinstatements are subject to individual review and approval by the TSBPE.** To be considered, send an email including your full legal name, your former license number, a picture/scan of your current, state-issued photo ID, and a brief explanation as to why you left the plumbing industry to [licensing.assist@tsbpe.texas.gov](mailto:licensing.assist@tsbpe.texas.gov).

#### **CE Waiver for February - April Expirations**

The yearly Continuing Education requirement will be waived for all licenses and registrations with expiration dates in February, March and April of 2021. All licensees and registrants remain responsible for paying renewal fees; this waiver applies only to the 2021 CE course requirement. Please [login to your online account](#) to complete payment and renew your license. Note: this disaster-related CE credit DOES NOT nullify previously-issued, temporary COVID Disaster CE credits. If you were issued a COVID CE credit for 2019-2020, plan on fulfilling your CE requirement via correspondence as soon as possible so as to guarantee your license/registration remains current. To review your current CE status, please use our [public license search](#). Note that due to high processing volume, the public license search might not indicate real-time license status. If you have fulfilled your license requirements in good faith, your license status is current even though it might not indicate as such on the public search.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication during this challenging time, together we will help Texas stay strong.



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