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TSBPE Signs Reciprocal License Agreement with Louisiana

Louisiana Journeymen with Gasfitter Licensees in Good Standing are Now Eligible to Obtain the Equivalent License in Texas, No Exam Required

AUSTIN, Texas – The Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners (TSBPE) has completed an agreement with The State Plumbing Board of Louisiana (SPBLA) that allows Journeymen Plumbers from both states to register for a reciprocal license without an additional examination requirement. The new reciprocal license policy will increase the availability of skilled, licensed plumbers on both sides of the 130-mile border that divides the two Gulf Coast neighbors.

Reciprocal licensing, a long-requested licensure option in the plumbing community, has proven difficult for agencies to implement due to state-to-state variations in license requirements. “The plumbing skillset and licensing requirements in Louisiana are substantially equivalent to ours here in Texas.” said TSBPE Board Chair Frank S. Denton, “this agreement makes good sense for both states.”

Extreme weather events like Hurricane Ida and the deep freeze that hit Texas in early 2021 highlight the unique way in which both states will benefit from a streamlined out-of-state license registration and approval process.

This arrangement is as much a message of support to working plumbers as it is a net positive for plumbing companies in either state who will now have more options when hiring a licensed plumber. Ultimately, the consumer stands to benefit most from the landmark deal; both agencies expect it to significantly increase the availability of trained plumbing professionals across the Gulf Coast and beyond.

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