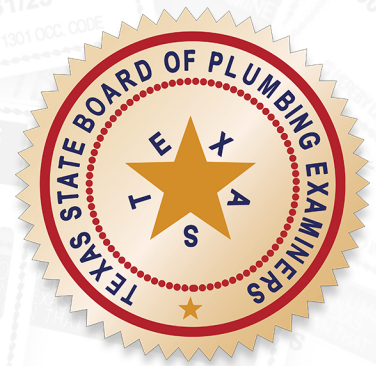


ALWAYS HIRE A LICENSED PLUMBER

Protect Your Property and Health

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Texas law permits property owners to perform plumbing repairs on their own homestead without a license. However, local municipalities often require permits and inspections regardless of who performs the work. The TSBPE recommends contacting your local city's building or permitting office directly before something goes wrong.



KNOW WHO YOU'RE HIRING

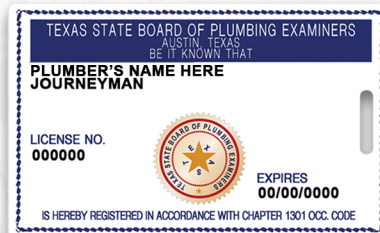
Licensed or Registered plumbers in Texas are required to carry their license cards with them while on a job site. Here's what to look for:

MASTER / RESPONSIBLE MASTER PLUMBER



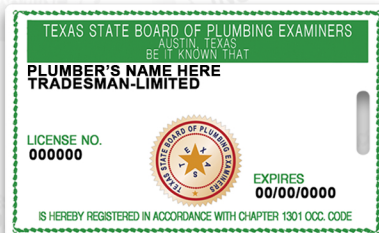
- Can design residential and commercial plumbing projects
- Pulls permits and supervises all plumbing work and code compliance
- Responsible Master Plumbers are Master Plumbers that can also contract plumbing projects and are required to carry liability insurance

JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER



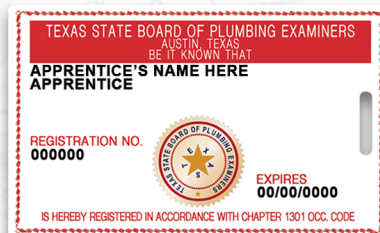
- Can install and repair residential and commercial plumbing systems
- Must work under a Master Plumber's supervision

TRADESMAN PLUMBER-LIMITED



- Limited to residential repairs and installations
- Must contract under a Master Plumber's supervision

PLUMBER'S APPRENTICE



- Apprentices learn the plumbing trade through on-the-job training
- Must always work under the supervision of a licensed plumber

DO'S & DON'TS

- ✓ Verify the plumber's license and insurance using the TSBPE's Public License Search: tsbpe.texas.gov/pls
- ✓ Get a detailed written estimate before work begins
- ✓ Confirm who will obtain necessary permits
- ✓ Request references from previous customers
- ✓ Document damage with photos before repairs
- ✗ Hire unlicensed individuals for plumbing work
- ✗ Pay entirely up front before work is completed
- ✗ Accept verbal estimates or agreements
- ✗ Skip permits or inspections
- ✗ Rush into hiring the first available

BE WARY OF ANYONE WHO...

- Cannot provide license information
- Demands cash payment only
- Pressures you to decide immediately
- Has no physical business address
- Offers unusually low prices
- Arrives in an unmarked vehicle



VERIFY A PLUMBER
TODAY AT:

tsbpe.texas.gov/pls