

The introductory language of 8 AAC 63.010(a) is amended to read:

8 AAC 63.010. Minimum plumbing standards. (a) The codes set out in this section are adopted in accordance with AS 18.60.705 as the minimum plumbing standards to be followed throughout the state, except as provided under AS 18.60.710 or 18.60.735. The department adopts the following codes by reference that are published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO):

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(Eff. 8/5/72, Register 43; am 7/12/81, Register 79; am 11/1/2000, Register 156; am 9/25/2002, Register 163; am 12/6/2003, Register 168; am 9/27/2008, Register 187; am 2/23/2011, Register 197; am 10/23/2014, Register 212; am 3/6/2016, Register 217; am 11/5/2017, Register 224; am 4/24/2020, Register 234; am 8/8/2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 18.60.705 AS 18.60.710

8 AAC 90 is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 AAC 90.111. Reciprocity. (a) The department may reciprocate a plumbing or electrical certificate of fitness with any jurisdiction that has substantially similar requirements to the state.

(b) To determine if a jurisdiction has substantially similar requirements to the state, the department may consider

- (1) the number of work hours required for licensure in the jurisdiction;
- (2) whether the jurisdiction has a testing requirement;
- (3) whether the jurisdiction requires membership in a registered apprenticeship program; and

(4) other factors the department determines are relevant to assess whether a jurisdiction's requirements are substantially similar to the state. (Eff. 8/8/2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 18.62.050 AS 18.62.060

8 AAC 90 is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 AAC 90.112. Provisional certificate of fitness. (a) An applicant seeking a certificate under 8 AAC 90.111 and this section must hold a current certificate or license in another jurisdiction and must have held that license for a full year before the application date. The department may require the applicant to provide additional information to clarify the requirements of the jurisdiction where the current license is held.

(b) The department will issue a provisional certificate to the holder of a current electrical or plumbing journeyman certificate or license from another jurisdiction.

(c) An applicant who currently holds a substantially similar certificate or license to the state's electrical journeyman or plumbing journeyman certificate of fitness shall submit an application on a form provided by the department and a

(1) \$50 application fee;

(2) \$100 certificate fee, prorated as described in AS 18.62.030(a); and

(3) copy of the applicant's current license from another jurisdiction.

(d) A provisional certificate issued under this section expires on the earlier of the following dates:

(1) one year from the date the provisional certificate was issued; or

(2) the date the current certificate or license from another jurisdiction expires.

(e) When performing work under a provisional certificate issued under this section, the certificate holder shall

(1) carry both the provisional certificate and the current certificate or license from another jurisdiction; and

(2) perform work to the appropriate code in the state.

(f) The department may immediately cancel a provisional certificate if an applicant's

(1) application is incomplete or contains a false statement;

(2) credentials or accompanying documents are insufficient; or

(3) current certificate or license was not issued by another jurisdiction with substantially similar requirements to the state.

(g) A plumber journeyman provisional certificate holder may not perform gas work.

(h) The department will process a provisional certificate application as a reciprocal application under 8 AAC 90.111 and this section. If the department determines that an applicant's current certificate or license was issued by another jurisdiction that does not have substantially similar requirements to the state, the department will contact the applicant to request proof of hours. The applicant must take an examination before the department will issue a journeyman certificate to the applicant. (Eff. 8/8/2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 18.62.020 AS 18.62.050 AS 18.62.060
AS 18.62.040

8 AAC 90 is amended by adding a new section to Article 1 to read:

8 AAC 90.125. Definition. In 8 AAC 90.105 - 8 AAC 90.125, "jurisdiction" means

(1) a state within the meaning given in AS 01.10.060;

(2) a local government within a state, if the local government issues certificates of fitness or licenses to journeyman electricians or journeyman plumbers. (Eff. 8/8/2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 18.62.020 AS 18.62.060

8 AAC 90.140(d) is repealed:

(d) Repealed 8/8/2025.

8 AAC 90.140(e) is repealed:

(e) Repealed 8/8/2025. (Eff. 9/13/80, Register 75; am 6/14/84, Register 90; am 12/25/98, Register 148; am 9/25/2002, Register 163; am 12/6/2003, Register 168; am 6/14/2006, Register 178; am 9/27/2008, Register 187; am 4/16/2022, Register 242; am 8/8/2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 18.62.030 AS 18.62.060 AS 23.05.060
 AS 18.62.050 AS 18.62.070

8 AAC 90.145(d) is repealed:

(d) Repealed 8/8/2025. (Eff. 2/23/2011, Register 197; 8/8/2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 18.62.030 AS 18.62.060 AS 23.05.060
 AS 18.62.050 AS 18.62.070

8 AAC 90.160(g) is repealed:

(g) Repealed 8/8/2025. (Eff. 9/13/80, Register 75; am 12/25/98, Register 148; am 12/17/99, Register 152; am 9/25/2002, Register 163; am 9/27/2008, Register 187; am 5/9/2018, Register 226; am 10/28/2023, Register 248; am 8/8/2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 18.62.020 AS 18.62.050 AS 18.62.070

AS 18.62.030 AS 18.62.060

8 AAC 90.165(e) is repealed:

(e) Repealed 8/8/2025. (Eff. 9/13/80, Register 75; am 6/14/84, Register 90; am 12/25/98, Register 148; am 12/17/99, Register 152; am 9/25/2002, Register 163; am 12/6/2003, Register 168; am 6/14/2006, Register 178; am 9/27/2008, Register 187; am 4/16/2022, Register 242; am 8/8/2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 18.62.030 AS 18.62.060 AS 18.62.070
AS 18.62.050

The introductory language of 8 AAC 90.185(a) is amended to read:

(a) The department may cancel a certificate of fitness upon a finding that the certificate holder

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8 AAC 90.185(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(4) has failed to comply with state laws and regulations regarding the use of the certificate of fitness.

8 AAC 90.185(c) is repealed and readopted to read:

(c) If the department cancels a certificate holder's certificate of fitness, the certificate holder may apply for a new certificate of fitness 90 days after the previous certificate's cancellation date, or at an earlier time as determined by the director. To apply for a new certificate of fitness, the certificate holder must

(1) pass an examination administered by the department; and

(2) pay the applicable fees set out under AS 18.62.030. (Eff. 9/13/80, Register 75; am 6/14/84, Register 90; am 12/25/98, Register 148; am 10/28/2023, Register 248; am 8/8/2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 18.62.030 AS 18.62.060 AS 23.05.060
AS 18.62.040 AS 18.62.070

((Publisher: Please remove the "or" connector from the end of 8 AAC 90.185(a)(1), move the "or" connector from the end of 8 AAC 90.185(a)(2) to the end of 8 AAC 90.185(a)(3), and change the period at the end of 8 AAC 90.185(a)(3) to a semicolon.)))

8 AAC 90.192(c) is amended to read:

(c) An applicant for renewal of a plumber journeyman certificate of fitness must satisfactorily complete at least 16 hours of continuing education workshops, formal correspondence programs, individual study programs, or a combination approved by the department within the preceding 24-month period. At least eight hours must cover significant changes or updates to the Uniform Plumbing Code as adopted by AS 18.60.705 and 8 AAC 63.010. Not more than eight hours may be industry related.

(Eff. 12/25/98, Register 148; am 9/25/2002, Register 163; am 9/27/2008, Register 187; am 2/23/2011, Register 197; am 10/23/2014, Register 212; am 4/16/2022, Register 242; am 8/8/2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 18.62.030 AS 18.62.060 AS 23.05.060
AS 18.62.050 AS 18.62.070

8 AAC 90.890 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) The department will count work performed as part of military service as vocational or military hours as follows:

(1) the department will determine which military occupational specialty (MOS) codes or Air Force specialty codes (AFSC) qualify for hands-on experience in the trade;

(2) the department will determine which vocational schools qualify for vocational experience in the trade;

(3) an applicant may claim up to 500 hours per full year assigned to a qualifying MOS or AFSC;

(4) the maximum amount of military service or vocational hours an applicant may claim on an application is half the total required for the certificate;

(5) the applicant must submit proof of hours on a copy of the applicant's DD Form 214 or a certificate issued by the vocational training program. (Eff. 9/27/2008, Register 187; am 3/6/2016, Register 217; am 8/8/2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 18.62.020 AS 18.62.050 AS 18.62.060