

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION:

- 1.) Your **APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETE**. An incomplete form will result in a delay in processing your application for the next scheduled master plumber examination.
- 2.) Place a 2" x 2" photograph in the upper right hand corner of the front of this form.
- 3.) Enclose a check or money order in the amount of **\$100.00** for the **EXAMINATION FEE**.
- 4.) **APPLICANTS ARE SCHEDULED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS.**

**MAIL APPLICATIONS TO: State Plumbing Board of Louisiana
12497 Airline Highway
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70817
(225) 756-3434**

NOTE: Upon passing the examination you will be notified to submit a license fee for the current year license. **THIS LICENSE MUST BE APPLIED FOR IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSING THE EXAMINATION.**
You will be required to submit information regarding your employing entity and insurance requirements.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE LICENSE APPLICATION AND FEE WITHIN 90 DAYS OF NOTICE OF THE EXAMINATION RESULTS WILL REQUIRE RE-EXAMINATION BY THE BOARD.

*****PLEASE HAVE YOUR APPLICATION NOTARIZED BELOW*****

I _____ hereby apply to the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana for a Master Plumber license as indicated by completing the required application. I agree to abide by the Louisiana Plumbing Law and Rules and Regulations of the Board, pay all the necessary fees and submit insurance certificates timely as required in the regulations. I certify that the information submitted on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____

WITNESSES _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 20 _____

SIGNATURE OF NOTARY _____

NOTARY SEAL

THIS OATH MUST BE TAKEN BEFORE AN OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE:

Executive Director: JOHN BARKER

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CANDIDATE BULLETIN

STATE OF LOUISIANA MASTER PLUMBER

ABOUT N.I.T.C.

The National Inspection Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC) is an internationally recognized third party personnel certification agency. NITC is ISO 9002-94 certified and is an ANSI accredited Certifier-Accreditation Number 0645 in the following scope: Fire sprinkler Fitter Mastery Certification, HVAC Mastery Certification, Journeyman Pipefitting/Steam fitting, Journeyman Plumber, Medical Gas Inspector, Medical Gas Instructor and Medical Gas Verifier. NITC is non-discriminatory in accepting applications and issuing certifications to candidates in regards to membership in any trade, association, union, etc., and is in compliance with all US Federal and State ADA regulations.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND DETAILED INFORMATION

The State Plumbing Board of Louisiana (SPBLA) shall determine if the candidate is qualified to take the license qualification examination. All candidates must complete an application. Applications and information regarding eligibility requirements, fees and examination dates are provided by:

**STATE PLUMBING BOARD OF LOUISIANA
12497 AIRLINE HIGHWAY
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70817
PHONE: (225)756-3434
www.spbla.com**

2010 EXAMINATION DATES

The application shall be submitted no later than the first day of the month prior to the month in which the examination is schedule.

The 2010 examinations are scheduled for:

FEBRUARY 6, 2010 MAY 1, 2010 AUGUST 7, 2010 NOVEMBER 6, 2010

EXAMINATION FACILITY

The Master Plumber examinations are conducted at the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana's testing facility in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

ADMISSION TO THE EXAMINATION

When your application is processed and approved by the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana, they will forward your name to NITC. At that time, you will be scheduled for the next examination date. Approximately ten (10) days prior to the examination, the SPBLA will send you an admission letter. This admission letter will show the specific exam date, exam starting time, and the location of the testing facility.

NO WALK-IN APPLICANTS WILL BE ADMITTED.

Only pre-registered candidates will be admitted to take the examination.

If your admission letter is lost, or you do not receive an admission letter two days prior to the examination date, contact the SPBLA immediately at (225)756-3434. It is the responsibility of the candidate to notify NITC and the SPBLA of any changes of address.

SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR TAKING THE EXAMINATION

Requests for special consideration for examinations will be accommodated by NITC if possible; candidates that have a disability that restricts their ability to take a test under the standard conditions may request special testing arrangements. Such requests must accompany the application, and must be received by the normal application closing date. The request should indicate the nature of the disability and the special accommodations needed. Verification of both the disability and the need for special accommodations may be required by a licensed medical professional. Thirty (30) days advanced notice is required for all considerations. **NO ORAL EXAMINATIONS WILL BE GIVEN.**

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU TO THE EXAMINATION

You **must have** your admission letter and photo identification. You **will not** be admitted for the examination without either. You may also bring the following material to the examination:

1. **STATE SANITARY CODE**, Chapter 13, Sewage and Refuse Disposal
2. **LOUISIANA PLUMBING CODE , 2000 EDITION**
(You may highlight or tag chapters only)
3. **MASTER PLUMBER GUIDE TO BUSSINESS, LAW AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT**
4. A silent, nonprinting calculator
5. Two, #2 pencils

WHAT NOT TO BRING WITH YOU TO THE EXAMINATION

No PDA's, cellular telephones, wrist watches or any other type of devices that record data are allowed to be used during the examination.

COPYRIGHT EXAMINATION

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DESCRIPTION OF THE EXAMINATION

The examination is an OPEN-BOOK exam.

Part I of the examination is eighty (80) multiple-choice questions on **General Plumbing Knowledge**. There is a three (3) hour limit for this part of the exam.

Part II of the examination is twenty-five (25) multiple-choice questions on **Practical Plumbing Knowledge**. There is a two (2) hour time limit for this part of the exam.

Part III of the examination is forty (40) multiple-choice questions on **Business and Law Knowledge**. There is a two (2) hour time limit for this part of the exam.

Note: Any reference to Code in Parts I and II pertains to the Louisiana Plumbing Code, 2000 Edition. Any reference to the business and law practices, procedures or regulations in Part III pertains to the Master Plumber Guide to Business, Law and Project Louisiana Master Plumbers Reference Manual.

CONTENTS OF PART I

Part I is based on the following contents and the percentage of each is given.

1. Drainage Systems and Sewers 25%
This section tests your knowledge and ability to install, revise and repair sanitary drainage systems. It includes pipe sizing methods and save connection to public and private drainage systems.
2. Water Supply and Backflow Prevention 20%
This section tests your knowledge of plumbing materials, pipe sizing procedures, pipe installation, and revising and repairing water supply and distribution systems. This section also tests your knowledge and ability to properly determine the type of backflow device needed to protect the public health when making these types of connections. The proper methods and procedures for conveying water supply piping from a source from a source to a facility is also included.
3. General Code 15%
This section tests your knowledge and ability to interpret the plumbing Code, interpret blueprints, use tables for pipe sizing, use formulas to determine capacities, volume, pressures, Btu sizing, offsets, etc., as it pertains to plumbing.

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| 4. Materials and Installation Practices | 10% |
| This section tests your knowledge and understanding of the Code in order to install plumbing systems using approved materials and installation practices. | |
| 5. Special Wastes and Roof Drains | 5% |
| This section tests your knowledge of materials, methods and sizing for roof drains. It includes piping for indirect wastes, wastes from appliances, sterile equipment, installation of and connections for grease traps and oil and sand interceptors. | |
| 6. Fixtures and Trims | 5% |
| This section tests your ability to install, revise and repair all fixtures used in plumbing systems. It also tests your knowledge of materials, spacing and proper installation of fixture trim including valves, traps, faucets and drains. | |
| 7. Excavation | 5% |
| This section tests your knowledge of safe excavation practices for piping systems and OSHA requirements for tunneling, excavating, backfilling and compacting. | |
| 8. Inspection and Testing | 5% |
| This section tests your knowledge of Code requirements for the proper testing (air or water) and inspection of plumbing systems and piping. It also tests your knowledge of applications and permit fees. | |
| 9. Individual Sewage Treatment Systems | 5% |
| This section tests your ability to install, revise and repair septic tank systems, sewer piping and connections, distribution boxes, piping for absorption systems and individual mechanical waste water treatment plants. It also tests your knowledge of the Codes governing waste water disposal systems, including depths, clearances, and the construction of tanks and boxes. | |
| 10. Safety | 5% |
| This section tests your knowledge of OSHA, safe working practices and procedures, and other safety requirements. | |

CONTENTS OF PART II

Part II is based on the following contents and the percentage of each is given.

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| 1. Drainage Systems and Sewers | 28% |
| This section tests your ability to recognize and utilize isometric and plan drawings, and related specifications to determine correct layout, materials and installation practices and requirements for drainage systems and sewer piping. | |
| 2. Water Supply Systems | 20% |
| This section tests your ability to recognize and utilize isometric and plan drawings, and related specifications to determine correct layout, materials and installation practices and requirements for water supply systems. | |
| 3. Roof Drain Systems | 8% |
| This section tests your ability to recognize and utilize isometric and plan drawings, and related specifications to determine correct layout, materials and installation practices and requirements for roof drain systems. | |
| 4. Installation Practices, Methods and Materials | |
| A. Fitting and Materials | 8% |
| Types of plumbing fittings and materials and their use and application. | |
| B. Tools | 12% |
| Types of tools used in the plumbing industry and their use and application. | |
| C. Procedures | 8% |
| Basic plumbing field practices and procedures. | |
| 5. Terminology | 4% |
| This section tests your knowledge of basic plumbing terminology, its use and application. | |
| 6. Plans and Specifications | 12% |
| This section tests your knowledge of basic plan and specification use, terminology, symbols and applications. | |

CONTENTS OF PART III

Part III is based on the following contents and the percentage of each is given.

1. Project Management 18%
This section tests your knowledge of project management related to estimating, bidding, cost accounting, progress payment, etc.
2. Contract Management 17%
This section tests your knowledge of contract management principles and practices including type of contracts, contract documents, etc.
3. Financial Management 10%
This section tests your knowledge of accounting principles, balance sheet, depreciation, definitions, etc.
4. Risk Management 10%
This section tests your knowledge of Bonding, Insurance, etc.
5. Business Planning and Organization 5%
This section tests your knowledge of business structures, sole proprietorship, corporations, managerial functions, planning, etc.
6. Licensing 10%
This section tests your knowledge of state and local registration requirements.
7. Safety (Laws and Regulations) 10%
This section tests your knowledge of OSHA- federal and state regulations, asbestos abatement, state workers' compensation laws, etc.
8. Labor Laws 5%
This section tests your knowledge of the Fair Labor Standards Act, and State Labor Laws.
9. Tax Laws 5%
This section tests your knowledge of Employer's Circular "E" Guide and federal and state tax regulations.
10. Lien Laws 5%
This section tests your knowledge of the state lien laws, applications, definitions, etc.
11. Estimating and Bidding 5%
This section tests your knowledge of estimating and the bidding procedures and practices.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

A NITC approved proctor will administer the examination at the designated testing location. The proctor will ask for proper identification and will instruct the candidates on the correct method of completing the scantron form. A minimum of seventy (70) percent is required to pass each examination category. NITC will forward the results of the examinations to the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana within fifteen (15) working days. The State Plumbing Board of Louisiana will mail to the candidate the results of their examination. **DO NOT CALL THE STATE PLUMBING BOARD OF LOUISIANA OR NITC REQUESTING RESULTS. TESTING RESULTS WILL NOT BE GIVEN OVER THE TELEPHONE.**

QUESTION CHALLENGES AND APPEALS PROCEDURE

Any candidate may challenge, at the conclusion of the examination, any question(s) by completing the question challenge form that is provided in the proctor's examination package. Candidates must request the question challenge form from the proctor. The NITC Certification Staff, as per Section XI of the NITC Rules and Procedures document, shall review any and all challenges. Any candidate may appeal a score of an examination. Appeals shall be filed in writing and received via U.S. Mail, facsimile, or email no later than thirty (30) days from the receipt of the examination score.

REFERENCES

The following references are recommended for review when preparing for this examination:

1. **CHAPTER 13, SEWAGE AND REFUSE DISPOSAL**, State of Louisiana, Department of Health and Human Resources.

This reference is available through:

Office of State Register

1201 North Third Street

Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5243

Phone: (225) 342-5015

Web Site: http://doa.louisiana.gov/osr/lac/Part%20XIII_July2005.pdf

2. **LOUISIANA STATE PLUMBING CODE, 2000 EDITION.**

This reference is available through:

SBCCI

(ATTN: Publications Dept.)

900 Montclair Rd

Birmingham, AL 35213

(205)599-9888

1-888-422-7233

1-800-877-2224

OR

LAPHCC

4707 Bluebonnet BLVD., Suite B

Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809

(225)767-7640

3. **MASTER PLUMBER GUIDE TO BUSINESS, LAW AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT**, Louisiana State Plumbing Board Edition

The Master Plumber Guide to Business, Law and Project Management is available from:

(Cost: \$45.00 plus shipping \$12 one book/ \$6.00 each additional book.)

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Phoenix, Arizona 85027

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