

WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF LABOR

1900 Kanawha Boulevard East - State Capitol Complex - Building 3, Room 200 - Charleston, WV 25305



NOTICE OF LEGISLATION CHANGES

Below is a list of bills and a short synopsis of the changes made by the 2021 Legislature that will affect certification and licensing programs within the Division of Labor:

HB2006 – Effective June 15, 2021

1. The Contractor Licensing Board will start operating under WV Code §30-42;
2. The **cost of the undertaking**, before a license is required, will change from \$2,500 to \$5,000 for residential work and \$25,000 for commercial work (***Undertaking means entire project - material & labor***);
3. Landscaping **will not** require a contractor license; and
4. Painting **will not** require a contractor license.

HB2008 – Effective June 16, 2021

Crane Operator Certification Act (§21-3D)

1. The WV Crane Operator Certification Requirement is being repealed and **will no longer** be accepted to meet the OSHA standard;
2. On or after June 16, 2021, we will no longer accept or process applications and payments;
3. All WV Crane Operator Certifications issued in 2021 will expire January 1, 2022; and
4. Employers must ensure ALL crane operators are trained, certified/licensed, and evaluated according to OSHA Regulation 29 C.F.R. §1926.1427 Subpart CC.

For more information, visit www.osha.gov/cranes-derricks-construction or contact

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Supervision of Plumbing Work Act (§21-14)

1. Master Plumber **will no longer** require 12,000 hours of experience;
2. Journeyman Plumber **will no longer** require 8,000 hours of experience; and
3. Plumber-In-Training fee **will be reduced** from \$50.00 to \$25.00.

Regulation of Heating, Ventilating, and Cooling Work Act (§21-16)

1. HVAC Technician experience **will be reduced** from 8,000 hours to 2,000 hours;
2. A Veteran may apply for licensure, without examination, once they meet certain requirements; and
3. HVAC Technician-In-Training fee **will be reduced** from \$50.00 to \$25.00.