



NOTICE TO BUILDING DEPARTMENTS

[Bill H4115](#), ratified and signed by the Governor, has resulted in modifications to Chapter 11 of Title 40 of the South Carolina Code related to the construction of residential pools. **A General Contractor license with the Swimming Pools subclassification or a Residential Builder license from the Residential Builders Commission is now required to construct, service, or repair any residential pool when the total cost of construction meets the statutory cost threshold for licensure.** In addition, work performed on residential pools is now subject to the Contractor's Licensing Board's enforcement and disciplinary jurisdiction.

The Board recognizes that the new licensure requirement will impact individuals and entities who are not currently licensed. In an effort to provide impacted parties with notice of the new licensure requirement and a reasonable opportunity to come into compliance with the law, the Board is providing local building departments with the information that it has provided to current licensees.

- For General Contractor licensees currently authorized to perform work in the Swimming Pools subclassification, no further action is needed at this time.
- Actively licensed Residential Builders can continue installing residential swimming pools and do not need to become licensed as a General Contractor with the Swimming Pools subclassification. These licensees will remain subject to the Commission's jurisdiction when constructing residential swimming pools.
- **Individuals and entities who are not currently licensed as a General Contractor with the Specialty Swimming Pools subclassification or as a Residential Builder with the Residential Builders Commission, must obtain the appropriate license before performing or offering to perform construction, service, and repair work on residential pools, if such work meets the cost threshold for licensure. Licensure requirements and application procedures are available [here](#).**

The Board intends to expedite and process these applications as quickly as possible to assist impacted parties with coming into compliance with the new licensure requirement within a reasonable period of time. LLR encourages local building departments to consult with their legal counsel to determine the appropriate course of action.

Updated Instructions and Applications are available on the Board's [website](#) and may be disseminated to any impacted parties seeking licensure. Completed applications may be submitted to the Board at PO Box 11329, Columbia, SC 29211. Impacted parties requesting additional information may contact the Board via the following methods:

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