



South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

South Carolina Contractor's Licensing Board

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NO SPECIFIC LICENSE REQUIRED

ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC LICENSE IS REQUIRED TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING WORK LISTED BELOW, PORTIONS OF THE WORK THAT ARE REGULATED BY THIS BOARD MAY REQUIRE A GENERAL CONTRACTOR OR MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR LICENSE WITH THE APPROPRIATE CLASSIFICATION(S) PURSUANT TO SC CODE ANN. §40-11-410 WHEN THE TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION FOR THE REGULATED WORK IS GREATER THAN \$5000.

- ASBESTOS REMOVAL (SC-DHEC)
- BILLBOARDS / SIGNS¹
- COMMERCIAL CARPET INSTALLATION
- CLEANING DUCTS²
- CLEANING STORM DRAINS²
- CLEANING WATER / SEWER LINES²
- CLEANING TANKS²
- COMMUNICATIONS (telephone/computers)³
- CRANES (temporary, assembly, maintenance, and transporting)
- DEBRIS REMOVAL
- DEMOLITION (SC-DHEC)
- ELEVATORS (LLR-Elevators)
- NON-REGULATED EQUIPMENT (assembly and setting only)⁷
- EXTERIOR RECREATIONAL SURFACES⁵
- EXTERIOR SIDING (commercial)⁶
- FENCING (except Concrete, Masonry or Electric)¹⁰
- FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS⁴
- HAULING
- HOOD SYSTEMS⁸
- IRRIGATION (except back flow device)
- LAND CLEARING / GRUBBING
- LANDSCAPING
- LOW VOLTAGE CABLE WIRING AND INSTALLATION (except Boring & Tunneling)
- PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES⁹
- PILE DRIVING (unless water activity)
- PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
- PRESSURE VESSELS (except Boilers)
- SCALES (SC Dept. of Agriculture)
- SCAFFOLDING (non-permanent)
- SCORE BOARDS¹
- SEPTIC TANKS (SC-DHEC)
- WELL DRILLING (LLR-Environmental Board)

A license is required for any regulated work listed below if the total cost of construction is greater than \$5000:

1. Internal electrical work does not require a license; however, the final connection to the power source requires the "Electrical" license classification.
2. Cleaning only. Disassembly/modification/repair/replacement requires licensure: Ductwork = "Air Conditioning" or "Packaged Equipment" license classification. Storm Drains/Water/Sewer Lines = "Water & Sewer Lines" license classification. Tanks (depends on type of tank): "Pipelines", "A/C" or "PK", "Plumbing", "Refrigeration", or "Water & Sewer Lines" license classification.
3. Communication Towers require a "Structural Framing" license classification. A communications building requires a "Building" license classification. A concrete slab or foundation requires a "Concrete" license classification.
4. Non-water based systems only. Water-based systems requires a "Fire Sprinkler" license.
5. Asphalt or concrete surface work requires the "Asphalt Paving" or "Concrete Paving" license classification.
6. If related repair work performed affects the structural integrity of the commercial structure, a "Building" license classification is required.
7. Connections to utilities, structural modifications and concrete work requires the "Electrical", "Building", and/or "Concrete" license classification.
8. Ductwork requires the "Air Conditioning" or "Packaged Equipment" license classification.
9. Bridges erected over a depression or an obstruction such as water, highway or railway, having a track or passageway designed for carrying vehicular traffic weighing over 2000 pounds requires the "Bridges" license classification.
10. Electric Fencing requires obtaining a Burglar Alarm license. See: <https://llr.sc.gov/clb/licensure.aspx>

Resources:

- SC-DHEC (SC Dept. of Health and Environmental Control) - (803) 898-3630
- LLR Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides - (803) 896-7630
- SC Department of Agriculture - (803) 734-2210
- LLR Environmental Certification Board - (803)896-4430

General and Mechanical Contracting Practice Act:

- See SC Code Ann. §40-11-410 for all regulated classifications of work requiring a license
www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t40c011.php