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## 2024 State Building Code Effective Date Delayed

The effective date of the 2024 State Building Code has now been delayed by legislation for a second time.

In December, 2024, the Office of State Fire Marshal published information indicating that the effective date of the 2024 North Carolina State Building Code had been delayed from January 1, 2025 to July 1, 2025 as a result of legislative action.

We here at the Board shared that information with licensees and exam applicants through our website, emails and phone conversations. Our plans were to change the examination questions on July 1, 2025 to coincide with the effective date of the 2024 codes.

That all changed in recent weeks, as legislators worked to change the effective date yet again. House Bill 47, introduced on February 4, 2025, passed both the House and the Senate, and was signed by Governor Stein on March 19, 2025, creating Session Law 2025-2, [The Disaster Recovery Act of 2025—Part I](#).

The Act addresses the continuing recovery from Hurricanes Helene, Matthew and Florence, which affected many counties across the State of North Carolina.

The effective date of the 2024 codes is still unclear, but per the language in the new law, will be *at least* 12 months in the future. All codes must be finalized, published, and distributed to the required State agencies and made available for purchase to the public. The State Fire Marshal must then notify the General Assembly when the requirements have been met, and the effective date will be set 12 months after receiving the letter.

The Board will once again notify licensees and applicants when the new date is established, presumably in mid-2026.

**The current 2018 State Building Codes will remain in effect until the new effective date, and no changes will be made to the Board's licensing exams or book reference list until the new-effective date.**

We will publish the change-over date for the exam questions and references well in advance of any changes to the examinations.

## Board to Hold Meet & Greet in Greensboro

The Board will hold a Meet & Greet on Thursday, April 10th from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Holiday Inn located at 3005 W. Gate City Blvd., Greensboro, NC. This is an opportunity for licensees to visit with many of the Board and staff members in a relaxed and informal setting, and light refreshments will be served.

Additional events are planned in other parts of the State over the coming months. Licensees in the county where the events are being held, as well as a number of surrounding counties, will be notified of the date, time, and location of these events via email.

This is a good time to make sure that the Board has a valid email address for you. If your email address has changed, you may update it by completing an Address Change form, available on the Forms page of our site. You may then email the completed form to us, and there is no charge for the update.

## North Carolina State Agencies

<b>NC Department of Insurance</b>	<b>919-647-0000</b> <b>800-634-7854</b>	NC Department of Labor <a href="https://www.labor.nc.gov/">https://www.labor.nc.gov/</a>	919-807-2796
• Plumbing Code Interpretations Maggie Bowers maggie.bowers@ncdoi.gov	919-647-0062	NC Department of Revenue <a href="https://www.ncdor.gov/">https://www.ncdor.gov/</a>	919-252-3052
• Mechanical & Gas Interpretations Kate Whalen kathryn.whelen@ncdoi.gov	919-647-0033	NC Electrical Licensing Board <a href="https://www.ncbeec.org/">https://www.ncbeec.org/</a>	919-733-9042
• Energy Interpretations Dan Dittman dan.dittman@ncdoi.gov	919-647-0012	NC General Contractor Licensing Board <a href="https://nccllc.org/">https://nccllc.org/</a>	919-571-4183
• Fire Code Interpretations Charlie Johnson charlie.johnson@ncdoi.gov	919-647-0094	NC Irrigation Contractors Licensing Board <a href="https://www.nciclb.org/">https://www.nciclb.org/</a>	919-872-2229
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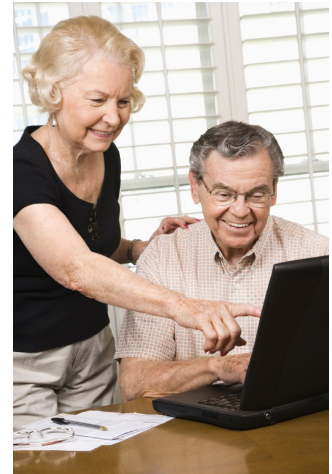
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## Website Information: [www.nclicensing.org](http://www.nclicensing.org) (Forms)

Online license renewal is available for licensees who wish to use it and pay the renewal fee with a MasterCard or Visa. The online renewal link can be found on the home page of our website. If you do not have your username and password, or have any other questions regarding online renewal, please contact DeJaya "DJ" Soltys at 984-884-5789.



### Compliant Form

- Complaint against licensed or unlicensed contractors

### Forms Requiring Payment (check, money order or online)

1. Trade Name Change (licensee or firm name)
2. Add Sub-licensee
3. Delete Sub-licensee
4. License Activation (for examinees who have passed examination)
5. Request for Copy of License
6. Class II Plumbing or Heating Exam

### Forms Requiring No Payment

1. Address Change: Licensee (may be changed online)
2. Address Change: Sub-licensee (may be changed online)

### Renewal Forms

1. 2025
2. 2025 and Previous Year(s)

### New Applicant Forms

#### **NEW— Online Application Available**

1. Plumbing, Heating, and Fuel Piping Contractor Examination Application
2. Fire Sprinkler Installation & Inspection Contractor Examination Application
3. Residential Fire Sprinkler Installation Contractor
4. Plumbing, Heating & Fuel Piping Technician
5. Fire Sprinkler Inspection Technician Examination Application (with or without NICET)
6. Fire Sprinkler Maintenance Technician
7. Book Reference List for All Applicants
8. Request for Exam Review (for examinees who have failed a recent exam)
9. Re-examination Application (for examinees who wish to retake an exam)
10. Customer Affidavit
11. Online Application (for use by new applicants only)

### Military & Military Spouse Applicant Forms

1. Active Duty or Veteran: Plumbing, Heating, Fuel Piping and Fire Sprinkler Installation Contractor
2. Military Spouse: Plumbing, Heating, Fuel Piping and Fire Sprinkler Installation Contractor

### Online Ordering

1. Books - Board's Laws & Rules and Business & Project Management for Contractors
2. Request for Register of Licensees
3. Request for Verification of License
4. Request for Listing of Current Applicants

## Disciplinary Actions

The Board is required by law to investigate every complaint received. If the findings of the investigation indicate that a violation of the laws and rules enforced by the Board have occurred by a licensed or unlicensed individual and/or firm, a number of disciplinary actions

- Letter of Caution Report
- Consent Agreement Report
- Field Resolution and Resolution Review Committee Report
- Attorney's Report

## Letter of Caution Report

Upon completion of investigations, a Letter of Caution can be issued to a licensee where it is determined through an investigation that a violation has occurred by one of our licensees. The Letter of Caution is issued to address and affirm issues they should improve upon or be more mindful of for future jobs:

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/Town</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City/Town</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ballance, Jeff	Fremont, NC	11/20/2024	Dodson, Timothy	Kernersville, NC	10/23/2024
Barnes, Scottie R.	West Jefferson	12/03/2024	Li, Jin X.	Greensboro, NC	11/25/2024
Chelette, Robert D.	Graham, NC	08/06/2024	Martin, James T.	High Point, NC	07/16/2024
Dodson, Timothy	Kernersville, NC	10/23/2024			

## Consent Agreement Report

A Consent Agreement is an affidavit taken from unlicensed individuals performing plumbing, heating and fire sprinkler work without a license. These individuals sign a Consent Agreement stating that they will not perform any work requiring a license until they are properly licensed to do so. If you see these individuals performing contracting activities in the field, please report them to this office.

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/Town</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City/Town</u>	<u>Date</u>
Aguila, Alexander	Stanley, NC	01/08/2025	Shepherdson, Frank	Charlotte, NC	01/14/2025
Mayes, William M.	Wilmington, NC	01/11/2024	Thomas, Stephen	Sanford, NC	01/16/2025
McGougan, Travis	Aberdeen, NC	01/08/2025	Vanderwoude, James	Franklin, NC	01/13/2025
Miner, Tyrone	Goldsboro, NC	01/09/2025			

## Resolution Agreements

A Field Resolution Agreement is a voluntary agreement by which a licensee enters into some type of sanctions against their license instead of appearing before the Resolution Review Committee or the Full Board at a formal hearing. All of the Agreements are reviewed by a member of the Resolution Review Committee and then presented to a Board hearing panel for approval prior to the agreement being adopted as a final agency decision. If a complaint has not been resolved in the field through a Field Resolution Agreement, then the case can be referred to the Resolution Review Committee. During the Resolution Review Committee meeting, a licensee can enter into a Review Committee Resolution Agreement in place of appearing before the Board at a formal hearing; the agreement is then presented to a Board hearing panel for approval prior to the agreement being adopted as a final agency decision. Cases that cannot be resolved through the use of Field Resolution Agreements or Review Committee Resolution Agreements are forwarded to formal hearings before the Board. Listed below are the different agreements entered into by the field staff and the Resolution Review Committee that have been approved by the Board. The information below does not contain all of the facts or details of each case. Specific details of any of the following cases can be obtained by e-mail ([information@nclicensing.org](mailto:information@nclicensing.org)) or upon written request to the Board's office.

**Barton, John Jr.**  
**Barton Brothers, Inc.**  
**Landrum, SC**  
**License# 12833 H-3-I**  
Allegations of misconduct, failure to obtain a permit prior to commencing work, violation of the State Mechanical Code, failure to obtain a final inspection, failure to provide adequate supervision, and violations resulted in installation issues.  
John Barton signed the Proposed Resolution Agreement 11/21/2024.  
The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of John Barton, number 12833 H-3-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. The

licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course. By December 5th, 2024, the contractor shall return to the home, and perform a thorough Manual J load calculation, Manual D duct design and a Manual S equipment sizing calculation. If the calculations reveal that the equipment or ductwork is improperly sized, then the contractor shall obtain a permit from the local inspection department, replace the improperly sized equipment and ductwork with properly sized equipment and ductwork. The contractor shall address the issues noted above by the inspector and obtain a final inspection by December 9th, 2024. The contractor shall submit evidence to the board by December 16th, 2024, of the final inspection and shall submit a copy of all

of the calculations. This work shall be performed at no expense to the homeowners.

**Graham, Steven E.**  
**Graham's Piping Inc**  
**Salisbury, NC**  
**License# 8258 PH-1,2 & 3-I**

Allegations of misconduct and selling license. Steven Graham signed the Proposed Resolution Agreement 12/05/2024.  
The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Steven Graham, number 8258 PH-1,2&3-I, and that of the firm, shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of (12) months. The licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

**King, Drew**  
**King Plumbing & Drains, LLC**  
**Shallotte, NC**  
**License# 34435 P-II**

Allegations of misconduct in the business of plumbing contracting in that the licensee failed to withhold taxes for an individual and paid them on a Form 1099-MISC Form without withholding taxes in violation of the Board rule 21 NCAC 50.0512. Drew King signed the Proposed Resolution Agreement 12/05/2024.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Drew King, number 34435 P-II, and that of the firm, be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. The licensee shall submit to the Board's office within the next thirty (30) days copies of all employee W-4's and by the end of the probation submit a copy of all employee W-2's, and enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules.

**McCallum, Richard F.**  
**RFM, Inc.**  
**(dba) Custom Air Conditioning**  
**Raleigh, NC**  
**License# 23261 H-3-I**

Allegations of violation of the State Mechanical Code, installation issues, and improper system operation. Richard McCallum signed Proposed Resolution Agreement 10/17/2024.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and

recommended that the license of Richard McCallum, number 23261 H-3-I, and that of the firm, shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during the probation, within fifteen (15) days of the approval of this order the contractor shall use either the load calculation provided to the homeowner by William Timberlake or have retained another North Carolina Licensed Professional Engineer who shall perform a detailed and accurate ACCA approved room by room load calculation and duct design for the system installed. If the load calculation reveals that the equipment is improperly sized or the duct work is improperly designed, then the contractor shall obtain a permit from the local inspection department, replace the improperly sized equipment and/or duct system and obtain a final inspection within thirty (30) days of approval of this order. The contractor shall submit evidence to the board within 30 days of the final inspection and shall submit a copy of the load calculation to the board. This work shall be performed at the expense of the contractor. The licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course and the series of Special Mechanical Design courses.

**Pruett, Darrell D.**  
**MC Propane LLC**  
**Sylva, NC**

**License# 21933, FP**  
Allegations of license issuance, misconduct, and selling license. Darrell Pruett signed the Proposed Resolu-

tion Agreement 11/07/2024.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Darrell Pruett, number 21933, FP, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve months. Among other requirements during probation, the licensee must assure that his license is properly listed with the board by November 21st, 2024, and the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

**Wilson, Michael**  
**Carteret Plumbing Inc.**  
**Beaufort, NC**  
**License# 32628 P-I**

Allegations of misconduct in the business of plumbing contracting in that the licensee failed to withhold taxes for an individual and paid them on a Form 1099-MISC Form without withholding taxes in violation of the Board rule 21 NCAC 50.0512.

Michael Wilson signed the Proposed Resolution Agreement 10/30/2024.

The Review Committee recommended that the license of Michael Wilson, number 32628 P-I, and that of the firm be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during the probation, submit to the Board's office within the next thirty (30) days copies of all employee W-4's and by the end of the probation submit a copy of all employee W-2's, and the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

## Attorney's Report

The Attorney's Report contains information pertaining to cases that have been adjudicated in a formal proceeding of the Board or in the courts of North Carolina. Disciplinary actions against licensed contractors are typically imposed during a Formal Hearing of the Board. Court action is necessary when unlicensed individuals are in violation of the Board's Laws and Rules or in circumstances where licensees are found to be in violation of any order(s) issued by the Board.

**Anslmo, John T.**  
**Spring Hope, NC**

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 12/18/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

**Burgos, Rodrigo B.**  
**Winston Salem, NC**

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 1/17/25 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

**Diaz, Erick G.**  
**Asheville, NC**

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 8/30/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so. Defendant served 9/11/24.

**Dumlu, Erhan D.**  
**Arden, NC**

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 1/24/25 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

**Fitzgerald, Michael M.**  
**Newport, NC**

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 1/24/25 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

**Hurlocker, Joshua**  
**Kannapolis, NC**

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 12/13/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so. Defendant served 12/27/24.



**Johnson, Jeremiah A.  
Burnsville, NC**

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Permanent Injunction by Summary Judgment filed 12/12/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

**Land, Adrian K.  
Spring Hope, NC**

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 1/24/25 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

**Land, Billy S.  
Spring Hope, NC**

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 1/24/25 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

**Lane Jr., Joseph A.  
Holly Springs, NC**

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Permanent Injunction filed

12/16/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

**Lewis, Nicholas  
Raleigh, NC**

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 1/24/25 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

**Pineda, Juan C.  
Gastonia, NC**

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license in violation of prior Judgment of Permanent Injunction. An Order of Contempt was filed 12/13/24. The Defendant was sentenced to seventy-two (72) hours of incarceration in the Gaston County Jail and to refrain from further violation of the May 12, 2021 Permanent Injunction.

**Rutledge, Terry L.  
Silver City, NC**

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 12/18/24 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

**Spolidoro, Philip  
Concord, NC**

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 1/7/25 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

**Turman, Jon  
Riverdale, GA**

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 1/21/25 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

**Willis, Jeremy L.  
Lawndale, NC**

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license in violation of prior Judgment of Permanent Injunction. The Order was filed 12/19/24 and sentenced the Defendant to five (5) consecutive days of incarceration in the Cleveland County Jail, beginning at the conclusion of the 12/11/24 hearing. The Defendant was also ordered to Pay a \$500 fine and refrain from further violation of the 9/12/12 Judgment of Permanent Injunction.