

198B.658 Qualifications for licensure and certification.

- (1) The board shall issue a master heating, ventilation, and air conditioning contractor's license to any person who:
 - (a) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
 - (b) Has been regularly and principally employed or engaged in the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning trades as a journeyman heating, ventilation, and air conditioning mechanic for not less than two (2) years, under the direction and supervision of a master heating, ventilation, and air conditioning contractor; and
 - (c) Has passed an examination prescribed by the board to determine competency to practice heating, ventilation, and air conditioning contracting.
- (2) The board shall issue a journeyman heating, ventilation, and air conditioning mechanic's license to any person who:
 - (a) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
 - (b) Has been regularly and principally employed or engaged in the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning trades for not less than two (2) years, under the direction and supervision of a master heating, ventilation, and air conditioning contractor, or who prior to July 1, 1995, under the direction and supervision of a person who qualifies under KRS 198B.662; and
 - (c) Has passed an examination prescribed by the board to determine competency to install, maintain, and repair heating and cooling systems, heating and cooling service, burner service, and hydronic systems.
- (3) The board shall issue an apprentice heating, ventilation, and air conditioning mechanic's certificate to any person who is registered with the board.
 - (a) The board shall establish by administrative regulation the minimum number of hours of experience required by apprentices and shall maintain an apprentice register to credit an apprentice for hours worked under the supervision of a master heating, ventilation, and air conditioning contractor and journeyman heating, ventilation, and air conditioning mechanic. Experience gained under the supervision of a Kentucky licensed master heating, ventilation, and air conditioning contractor while registered as an apprentice with the Kentucky Labor Cabinet, Department of Workplace Standards, in cooperation with the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training shall be accepted toward the two (2) year experience requirement for a journeyman heating, ventilation, and air conditioning mechanic license.
 - (b) The apprentice register shall include the name, address, Social Security number, employer, and dates of employment of the apprentice.
 - (c) The apprentice shall notify the board in writing of any change in address or employer.
 - (d) Apprentices and pre-apprentices shall not be required to pay fees for a certificate of registration or a registration renewal fee.
- (4) The satisfactory completion of one (1) academic year of a board-approved

curriculum or one (1) year of professional training in heating, ventilation, and air conditioning work may be considered as equivalent to one (1) year of employment required by subsection (2)(b) of this section, not to exceed one (1) year.

- (5) The satisfactory completion of one (1) academic year of teaching experience in a board-approved or state-approved technical education program in heating, ventilation, and air conditioning shall be considered as equivalent to one (1) year of employment, as required by subsection (1)(b) or (2)(b) of this section. No more than one (1) year of approved teaching experience may be used in meeting the requirements of subsection (1)(b) or (2)(b) of this section.

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