

PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET
Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction
Boiler Inspection Division
(Amendment)

815 KAR 15:080. Boiler and pressure vessel licenses.

RELATES TO: KRS 236.097, 236.210

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 236.030, 236.097, 236.210

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 236.030 requires the commissioner to promulgate administrative regulations that establish reasonable standards for the safe construction, installation, inspection, and repair of boilers, pressure vessels, and associated pressure piping in Kentucky. KRS 236.210 requires the commissioner to establish reasonable fees for the licensing of all boiler and pressure vessel contractors. KRS 236.097 establishes criteria and fees for the issuance of owner facility, owner's piping inspector, and independent inspection agency licenses, and requires the department to develop the applications required for the issuance and renewal of these licenses. This administrative regulation establishes the fees, standards, and forms incident to the licensing of boiler and pressure vessel contractors, owner facilities, owner's piping inspectors, and independent inspection agencies.

Section 1. Boiler and Pressure Vessel Contractors.

(1) The boiler and pressure vessel contractor licenses are offered in the following classes, with the scope of work permitted in each class accordingly:

(a) Class A license: Unlimited scope.

(b) Class B license: Low pressure steam boilers and piping, hot water heating boilers and piping, hot water supply boilers, pool heaters, hot water storage tanks, pressure vessels up to 200 psi that do not contain steam or anhydrous ammonia.

(c) Class C license: Pressure vessels only. Limited to cryogenic bulk tanks, CO₂ beverage tanks, compressed air receivers 200 psi or less and piping, and jacketed steam cooking kettles.

(2) Examinations.

(a) All examination applicants shall submit to the department:

1. A completed Boiler and Pressure Vessel Contractor Examination Registration Form, Form PLB-BPV-5.

2. A non-refundable examination fee, as follows:

a. Class A license: \$150

b. Class B license: \$100

c. Class C license: \$50

3. A passport size facial photograph of the applicant, taken within the past six (6) months; and

4. Proof that the applicant is eighteen (18) years of age or older.

(b) All examinations shall cover the following topics:

1. KRS Chapter 236;

2. 815 KAR Chapter 15; and

3. National Board Inspection Code, Part I.

(c) Examination Schedule.

1. Regular examination of applicants for a boiler contractor license shall be conducted once a month.

2. Other examination dates may be conducted as the department directs.

3. The department shall give notice to the examinees of the date, time, and place of the examination at least one (1) week prior to the date of the examination.

(d) Passing Score. To pass a Class A, B, or C examination, the examinee shall have a score of at least seventy percent (70%). A passing score shall be valid for three (3) years.

(e) Examination retakes. An applicant may retake the examination at any scheduled date. An applicant shall pay the full fee for an examination retake.

(f) The Class A, B, and C examination requirements in this regulation shall not apply to those boiler and pressure vessel contractors who are already licensed as boiler and pressure vessel contractors, as of the date that this regulatory revision becomes effective.

(3) Boiler Contractor License Application

(a) An applicant for a boiler contractor license shall submit to the department the following:

1. A completed boiler contractor license application, form PLB BPV-1;
2. A passport size facial photograph of the applicant, taken within the past six (6) months;
3. Proof that the applicant is eighteen (18) years of age or older;
4. Proof that the applicant passed the related examination for the class of license applied for;
5. A non-refundable license fee for the class applied for:
 - a. Class A license: \$250
 - b. Class B license: \$200
 - c. Class C license: \$100

(b) If the initial license is for a period of less than twelve (12) months, the initial license fee shall be reduced on a pro rata basis. The initial license fee shall not be prorated for fewer than seven (7) months.

(4) Termination of application. The initial application shall remain pending until all of the requirements are met or for a period of up to twelve (12) contiguous months after the date the application is submitted to the department. If the application requirements are not met after twelve (12) contiguous months, the application shall be void.

(5) License Renewal.

(a) A boiler and pressure vessel contractor license shall expire annually on the last day of the licensee's birth months unless renewed in accordance with this subsection.

(b) An applicant for the renewal of a boiler and pressure vessel contractor license shall submit to the department on or before the expiration of the license:

1. A completed Boiler and Pressure Vessel Contractor License Application Form PLB BPV-1, and
2. A non-refundable annual renewal fee for the class of license renewed, payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer.
 - a. Class A license: \$250
 - b. Class B license: \$200
 - c. Class C license: \$100

(6) Representation.

(a) A boiler and pressure vessel contractor shall only represent one (1) company or individual at a time, unless he or she owns at least twenty-five (25) percent of each business entity.

(b) A company or individual principal may engage in the business of installing, erecting, or repairing boilers, pressure vessels, or pressure piping within the Commonwealth if either one person connected with such a company or an individual principal responsible for the boiler, pressure vessel, or pressure piping work is a boiler

and pressure vessel contractor. The boiler and pressure vessel contractor is responsible for the work done by the company.

(c) If a boiler and pressure vessel contractor is responsible for the boiler, pressure vessel, or pressure piping work for a company or individual engaged in the boiler, pressure vessel, or pressure piping business, then he or she shall notify the department at any time that he or she commences or severs his or her connection with the company or individual.

Section 2. Owner Facilities.

(1) Application. An applicant for an owner facility license shall submit to the department:

- (a) A completed Owner Facility License Application on Form PLB-BPV-2;
- (b) The fee required by KRS 236.097(1)(d), payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer;
- (c) Proof of employee or contractor who holds a license pursuant to KRS 236.210; and
- (d) Proof that the facility has general liability insurance through a company permitted to transact insurance in Kentucky.

(2) License Renewal.

(a) An owner facility license shall expire after a period of two (2) years, on the last day of the month in which the license was initially issued, unless renewed in accordance with this subsection.

(b) An applicant for renewal of an owner facility license issued in accordance with this section shall, by no later than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the license, submit to the department:

- 1. A completed Owner Facility License Application on Form PLB-BPV-2; and
- 2. The fee required by KRS 236.097(1)(f), payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer.

(3) Inspection prohibition. An owner facility shall not conduct, or allow to be conducted, any piping inspections under the owner facility's license unless the inspector performing the inspection is licensed pursuant to Section 3 or Section 4 of this administrative regulation.

Section 3. Owner's Piping Inspectors.

(1) Application. An applicant for an initial owner's piping inspector license shall submit to the department:

- (a) Proof that the applicant is eighteen (18) years of age or older;
- (b) A completed Owner's Piping Inspector License Application on Form PLB-BPV-3;
- (c) A passport-sized color photograph of the applicant taken within the past six (6) months;
- (d) Proof that the applicant is a United States citizen or authorized to work in the United States; and
- (e) The nonrefundable fee required by KRS 236.097(2)(c), payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer. If an initial license is for a period of less than twenty-four (24) months, the initial license fee shall be prorated in accordance with KRS 236.097(2)(d).

(2) License renewal.

(a) An owner's piping inspector license shall expire on the last day of the licensee's birth month in the second year following the issue date.

(b) An applicant for renewal of an owner's piping inspector license shall, on or before the expiration of the license, submit to the department:

- 1. A completed Owner's Piping Inspector License Application on Form PLB-BPV-3; and
- 2. The fee required by KRS 236.097(2)(f), payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer.

Section 4. Independent Inspection Agencies.

(1) Application. An applicant for an initial independent inspection agency license shall submit to the department:

- (a) A completed Independent Inspection Agency License Application on Form PLB-BPV-4; and
 - (b) The fee required by KRS 236.097(3)(b), payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer.
- (2) License renewal.
- (a) An independent inspection agency license shall expire after a period of two (2) years, on the last day of the month in which the license was initially issued.
 - (b) An applicant for renewal of an independent inspection agency license shall, on or before the expiration of the license, submit to the department:
 - 1. A completed Independent Inspection Agency License Application on Form PLB-BPV-4; and
 - 2. The fee required by KRS 236.097(3)(e), payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer.

Section 5. Incorporation by Reference.

- (1) The following material is incorporated by reference:
- (a) Form PLB-BPV-1, "Boiler and Pressure Vessel Contractor License Application", April 2025;
 - (b) Form PLB-BPV-2, "Owner Facility License Application", May 2020;
 - (c) Form PLB-BPV-3, "Owner's Piping Inspector License Application", May 2020;
 - (d) Form PLB-BPV-4, "Independent Inspection Agency License Application", May 2020; and
 - (e) Form PLB-BPV-5, "Boiler and Pressure Vessel Contractor Examination Registration Form", April 2026.
- (2) This material may be inspected, copied, or obtained, subject to applicable copyright law, at the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction, Boiler Section, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is available online at <http://dhbc.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx>.

RAY A. PERRY, SECRETARY

JONATHON M. FULLER, COMMISSIONER

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FILED WITH LRC: April 10, 2026 at 12 noon

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on June 23, 2026, at 9 a.m., eastern time, in the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction, 500 Mero Street, First Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five working days prior to the hearing of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled. The hearing is open to the public. Any person who wishes to be heard will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through June 30, 2026 at 11:59 p.m., eastern time. Send written notification of the intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation by the above date to the contact person below:

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