

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.

~~[(1)] [Application. An applicant for an initial boiler and pressure vessel contractor license shall submit to the department:]~~

~~[(a)] [Proof that the applicant is eighteen (18) years of age or older;]~~

~~[(b)] [A completed Boiler and Pressure Vessel Contractor License Application on Form PLB-BPV-1;]~~

~~[(c)] [A passport-sized color photograph of the applicant taken within the past six (6) months; and]~~

~~[(d)] [A nonrefundable license fee of \$250 payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer. If an 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 less than seven (7) months.]~~

~~[(2)] [Examination.]~~

~~[(a)] [An applicant for a boiler and pressure vessel contractor license shall take and pass the examination required by KRS 236.210 before an initial license may be issued under this section.]~~

~~[(b)] [The applicant shall successfully complete the examination with a passing score of at least seventy (70) percent.]~~

~~[(c)] [A passing score on the examination shall be valid for a period of three (3) years.]~~

~~[(3)] [Termination of an application.]~~

~~[(a)] [The initial application shall remain pending until all requirements are met or for a period of up to one (1) year after the date the application is submitted to the department.]~~

~~[(b)] [At the end of one (1) year, the application shall be void.]~~

~~[(4)] [License Renewal.]~~

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

~~[(b)] [An applicant for 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 on Form PLB-BPV-1; and]~~

~~[2.] [A nonrefundable annual renewal fee of \$175 payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer.]~~

~~[(5)] [Representation.]~~

~~[(a)] [A boiler or pressure vessel contractor shall provide general supervision to and be primarily responsible for all work performed by the licensee's employees.]~~

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

~~[(c)] [Any boiler and pressure vessel contractor, 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, shall notify the department at any time he commences or severs his connection with the company or individual.]~~

~~[(d)] [A boiler and pressure vessel contractor shall only represent one (1) company or individual at a time.]~~

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~~May 2020;

(b) Form PLB-BPV-2, "Owner Facility License Application", May 2020;

(c) Form PLB-BPV-3, "Owner's Piping Inspector License Application", May 2020; ~~and~~

(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

APPROVED BY AGENCY: April 9, 2026

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:

CONTACT PERSON: Jonathon M. Fuller, Commissioner, Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction. 500 Mero Street, 1st Floor Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, Phone: (502) 782-0617 Fax: (502) 573-1057 Email: max.fuller@ky.gov

REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

Contact Person: Jonathon M. Fuller

Subject Headings:

(1) Provide a brief summary of:

(a) What this administrative regulation does:

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.

(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation:

This administrative regulation is necessary to establish the application and fee requirements for applicants for a boiler and pressure vessel contractor license, an owner facilities license, owner's piping inspector license, and an independent inspection agency license.

(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes:

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 236.097 establishes criteria and fees for the issuance of owner facility, owner's piping inspector, and independent inspection agency licenses, and authorizes the department to develop the applications required for the issuance and renewal of these licenses. KRS 236.210 requires the commissioner to promulgate administrative regulation for reasonable fees for a boiler and pressure vessel license.

(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes:

This administrative regulation establishes the statutorily mandated application and fee requirements for applicants for a boiler and pressure vessel contractor license, an owner facilities license, owner's piping inspector license, and an independent inspection agency license.

(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:

(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation:

This regulatory amendment establishes Class A, B, and C boiler and pressure vessel contractor licenses, along with appropriate examination requirements. The amendment also establishes appropriate licensing fees and renewal procedures. The amendment establishes representation restrictions on contractors.

(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation:

The practical realities of boiler and pressure vessel work require tiered licensing to more fairly represent those levels. Multi-class licensing more fairly represents the contractors' scope of work and technical knowledge.

(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes:

This amendment helps establish 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.

(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes:

This amendment makes the administrative regulation easier to understand and establishes appropriate boiler and pressure vessel contractor types to ensure public safety.

(3) Does this administrative regulation or amendment implement legislation from the previous five years? No.

(4) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation:

Individuals engaged in the boiler and pressure vessel industry, and Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction personnel.

(5) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (4) will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:

(a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (4) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment:

Currently licensed boiler and pressure vessel contractors will be grandfathered in under this regulation and will simply need to continue renewing their licenses yearly and paying the appropriate licensure fees. Applicants for a boiler and pressure vessel contractor license will need to take an examination and otherwise fulfill the application requirements.

(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (4):

Applicants for Class A licenses shall pay a \$250 initial license and renewal fee. Applicants for Class B licenses shall pay a \$200 initial license and renewal fee. Applicants for Class C licenses shall pay a \$100 initial license and renewal fee. Candidates for examination shall pay \$150 to take the Class A examination, \$100 to take the Class B examination, and \$50 to take the Class C examination.

(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (4):

All individuals in the boiler and pressure vessel industry will gain the benefits of well-qualified and appropriately certified boiler and pressure vessel contractors. This will increase workplace safety and the safety of the public at large.

(6) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation:

(a) Initially:

There are no anticipated initial costs to administer this regulatory amendment.

(b) On a continuing basis:

There are no anticipated continuing costs to administer this regulatory amendment.

(7) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation or this amendment:

Any department costs of implementation will be met with existing department funds.

(8) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment:

Yes, this regulation establishes fees.

(9) State whether or not this administrative regulation establishes any fees or directly or indirectly increases any fees:

Yes, this regulation establishes fees for examination, licensure, and re- licensure.

(10) TIERING: Is tiering applied?

Yes, tiering is applied. Class A licensees pay the most for their examinations and licenses, because they are the most qualified and will have the ability to perform all boiler and pressure vessel contracting. Class B licensees pay middle tier fees, because they will have the ability to perform contracting services on middle-tier boilers and pressure vessels. Finally, Class C licensees pay the least in fees, because they will only be allowed to perform contracting services on pressure vessels.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(1) Identify each state statute, federal statute, or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation:

. This regulation is authorized and required by KRS 236.030, 236.097, and 236.210.

(2) State whether this administrative regulation is expressly authorized by an act of the General Assembly, and if so, identify the act:

This regulation is required by KRS 236.030, 236.097, and 236.210.

(3)(a) Identify the promulgating agency and any other affected state units, parts, or divisions:

The Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction, Division of Plumbing, Boiler Inspection Section.

(b) Estimate the following for each affected state unit, part, or division identified in (3)(a):

1. Expenditures:

For the first year:None.

For subsequent years:None.

2. Revenues:

For the first year:The existing boiler contractor exam is free and the license is \$250 for all applicants. Depending on which applicants will apply for certain licenses, the department's revenue may increase or decrease. It is anticipated that revenues will likely be neutral, because some applicants will apply for lower-tier licenses and others will pay more for higher-tier licenses.

For subsequent years:Revenues may fluctuate slightly from year to year, depending on what types of licenses people apply for in any given year.

3. Cost Savings:

For the first year:None.

For subsequent years:None.

(4)(a) Identify affected local entities (for example: cities, counties, fire departments, school districts):

There are no anticipated local entities that will be affected by this regulatory amendment. (b) Estimate the following for each affected entity identified in (4)(a):

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1. Expenditures:

For the first year:None.

For subsequent years:None.

2. Revenues:

For the first year:None.

For subsequent years:None.

3. Cost Savings:

For the first year:None.

For subsequent years:None.

(5)(a) Identify any affected regulated entities not listed in (3)(a) or (4)(a):

Existing boiler contractors and those seeking licensure.

(b) Estimate the following for each regulated entity identified in (5)(a):

1. Expenditures:

For the first year:Currently licensed contractors will pay renewal fees of \$250 for a Class A license, \$200 for a Class B license, and \$100 for a Class C license. Unlicensed individuals who want to become contractors will pay the same fees, but they will also pay examination fees as follows: \$150 for a Class A license, \$100 for a Class B license, and \$50 for a Class C license.

For subsequent years:Expenditures may fluctuate slightly from year to year, depending on what types of licenses people apply for in any given year.

2. Revenues:

For the first year:None.

For subsequent years:None.

3. Cost Savings:

For the first year:Currently-licensed contractors who elect to go to a lower tier of licensure could save up to \$150 annually on their license renewal.

For subsequent years:Currently-licensed contractors who elect to go to a lower tier of licensure could save up to \$150 annually on their license renewal. (6) Provide a narrative to explain the following for each entity identified in (3)(1), (4)(a), and (5)(a):

(6) Provide a narrative to explain the following for each entity identified in (3)(a), (4)(a), and (5)(a)

(a) Fiscal impact of this administrative regulation:

Please see the responses to questions (2), (3), and (4) above.

(b) Methodology and resources used to reach this conclusion:

Please see the responses to questions (2), (3), and (4) above.

(7) Explain, as it relates to the entities identified in (3)(a), (4)(a), and (5)(a):

(a) Whether this administrative regulation will have a "major economic impact", as defined by KRS 13A.010(14):

This regulation will not have a major economic impact as defined by 13A.010(14).

(b) The methodology and resources used to reach this conclusion:

Depending on which applicants will apply for certain licenses, the department's revenue may increase or decrease slightly. It is anticipated that revenues will likely be neutral, because some applicants will apply for lower-tier licenses and others will pay more for higher-tier licenses.