

1 AN ACT relating to the licensure of HVAC professionals.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 198B.658 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) An applicant for a master heating, ventilation, and air conditioning contractor's  
5 license shall:
- 6 (a) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
  - 7 (b) Be a citizen of the United States or be a resident alien who is authorized to do  
8 work in the United States;
  - 9 (c) 1. Have been regularly and principally employed or engaged in heating,  
10 ventilation, and air conditioning trades as a journeyman heating,  
11 ventilation, and air conditioning mechanic for not less than two (2) years  
12 under the direction and supervision of a master heating, ventilation, and  
13 air conditioning contractor; or
  - 14 2. Have been regularly and principally employed or engaged in the practice  
15 of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning contracting as a master  
16 heating, ventilation, and air conditioning contractor, or equivalent  
17 thereof, for not less than two (2)~~five (5)~~ years in a jurisdiction other  
18 than Kentucky, as demonstrated by verifiable documentation;
  - 19 (d) Have passed an examination prescribed by the board to determine the  
20 applicant's competency to practice heating, ventilation, and air conditioning  
21 contracting; and
  - 22 (e) Have paid a fee as established in administrative regulations promulgated by  
23 the board.
- 24 (2) An applicant for a journeyman heating, ventilation, and air conditioning mechanic's  
25 license shall:
- 26 (a) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
  - 27 (b) Be a citizen of the United States or be a resident alien who is authorized to do

- 1 work in the United States;
- 2 (c) 1. Have been regularly and principally employed or engaged in heating,  
3 ventilation, and air conditioning trades for not less than two (2) years  
4 under the direction and supervision of a master heating, ventilation, and  
5 air conditioning contractor; or
- 6 2. Have been regularly and principally employed or engaged in the  
7 performance of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning work for not  
8 less than two (2)~~four (4)~~ years in a jurisdiction other than Kentucky, as  
9 demonstrated by verifiable documentation;
- 10 (d) Have passed an examination prescribed by the board to determine the  
11 applicant's competency to install, maintain, and repair heating and cooling  
12 systems, heating and cooling service, burner service, and hydronic systems;  
13 and
- 14 (e) Have paid a fee as established in administrative regulations promulgated by  
15 the board.
- 16 (3) If an applicant has obtained, while exempt from licensure under 198B.674(2), (7),  
17 (8), (10), (13), or (14), work experience that the board determines to be equivalent  
18 to the requirements of subsection (1)(c) or (2)(c) of this section, such experience  
19 may be considered as equivalent to one (1) year of employment toward the licensure  
20 requirements for a master heating, ventilation, and air conditioning contractor or  
21 journeyman heating, ventilation, and air conditioning mechanic, as applicable, not  
22 to exceed one (1) year.
- 23 (4) (a) The board shall issue an apprentice heating, ventilation, and air conditioning  
24 mechanic's certificate to any person who is registered with the board.
- 25 (b) The board shall establish by administrative regulation the minimum number of  
26 hours of experience required by apprentices and shall maintain an apprentice  
27 register to credit an apprentice for hours worked under the supervision of a

1 master heating, ventilation, and air conditioning contractor and journeyman  
2 heating, ventilation, and air conditioning mechanic. Experience gained under  
3 the supervision of a Kentucky licensed master heating, ventilation, and air  
4 conditioning contractor while registered as an apprentice with the Kentucky  
5 Labor Cabinet, Department of Workplace Standards, in cooperation with the  
6 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training  
7 shall be accepted toward the two (2) year experience requirement for a  
8 journeyman heating, ventilation, and air conditioning mechanic license.

9 (c) The apprentice register shall include the name, address, Social Security  
10 number, employer, and dates of employment of the apprentice.

11 (d) The apprentice shall notify the board in writing of any change in address or  
12 employer.

13 (e) Apprentices and pre-apprentices shall not be required to pay fees for a  
14 certificate of registration or a registration renewal fee.

15 (5) The satisfactory completion of one (1) academic year of a board-approved  
16 curriculum or one (1) year of professional training in heating, ventilation, and air  
17 conditioning work may be considered as equivalent to one (1) year of employment  
18 toward the licensure requirements for a journeyman heating, ventilation, and air  
19 conditioning mechanic, not to exceed one (1) year.

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