

FAQ for Contractor Licenses

Who needs a Contractors license in the City of Independence?

Anyone hired to complete permittable work within the City of Independence.

What license do I need to obtain?

General contractor- Class A, B or C general- this license covers framing, footings, and general construction. See below for descriptions of each type of license

Electrical- Master Electrical; this license covers electrical work

Mechanical- Master Mechanical; this license covers HVAC work

Plumbing- Master Plumber; this license covers plumbing

What is the difference in a class A, B and C general contractors license?

Class A- Residential and commercial

Class B- Residential and commercial up to 3 stories

Class C- Residential only

How long are contractor licenses valid?

Contractor licenses expire on December 31 of every year, regardless of the date they are obtained. There is no pro rating available.

What do I need to provide as qualifications?

The City of Independence require one of the following as qualifications:

-ICC or Prometric test scores (from within the last 5 years) of 75% or greater passing

-A current, active license with a jurisdiction that we reciprocate with. (We reciprocate with any jurisdiction that issues licenses in a similar fashion)

-For a general contractors license, you may also provide a bachelors degree in engineering, architecture or construction science from an accredited college or university.

What is the difference in a Journeyman license and a master license?

Journeymen may **NOT** obtain nor be listed on building permits. All building permits require a master license holder to apply for/obtain permits.

Can other people work under my license?

You may add "authorized users" to your contractor license; however, you are responsible for the work completed by these individuals.

Can my company obtain a contractors license for me?

Contractor licenses belong to the licensed individual, **NOT** a company. The license holder

must apply for their own license and provide proper identification and qualifications for such license.

I believe someone is using my license without my permission! What do I do?

If you have reason to believe that your license is being used by someone or a company without your consent, please email us your government issued photo ID and a written statement at BPermits@IndepMo.org, notifying us of this information.

I have a business license! Why do I need a contractors license as well?

If you have a business license, you have provided documentation that you are allowed to conduct business within the City of Independence.

A contractors license indicates that you have provided documentation that you are qualified to do said work.

I've been in my line of work for years- why do I need a license with the City?

Licensing ensures that the proper steps and requirements have been met in order to help protect consumers.