

desiring to work at the plumbing business in Washington County in the same form and manner as certificates and permits are granted by the State Board of Commissioners of Practical Plumbing. The board, subject to the approval of the County Commissioners of Washington County, may make rules and regulations for the issuance of certificates or permits, the examinations of applicants therefor, the entrance into plumbing work, the plumbing trade or business in Washington County and the conduct thereof, as are necessary for the protection of the public health, welfare, and safety, and may exercise in Washington County the same authority and power conferred upon the State Board of Commissioners of Practical Plumbing by this subtitle, except as to the provisions of [§ 325C] § 444 of this article. Any person who holds a certificate or permit heretofore issued by the State Board of Commissioners of Practical Plumbing or any person who has been actively engaged in the plumbing business for the past five (5) years as of June 1, 1963, and who is engaged in the plumbing business in Washington County at the time of making application, shall be eligible to apply to the Washington County plumbing board for examination for a master plumber's certificate. The applicant shall state where he desires to engage in the plumbing business, and any such person who can meet the requirements of the Maryland State Board of Commissioners of Practical Plumbing, may exercise all the rights and privileges which a holder of such certificate or permit has under the provisions of this subtitle. The Washington County plumbing board in its discretion based upon the training and experience of any applicant in excess of the minimum requirements as set forth hereinabove, may accept such training and experience in lieu of the required examination.

(2). The said board shall demand and receive from such applicant for a certificate of competency, the sum of \$25.00 at the time of the issuance of said certificate, and the sum of \$15.00 for the renewal thereof each and every year thereafter on or before the first day of May, and said board at any time shall issue any renewal without requiring any other examination. Said board may demand and receive from each journeyman plumber the sum of \$2.00 at the time of issuance of the first certificate to said journeyman plumber and the sum of \$1.00 for the renewal thereof each and every year thereafter on or before the first day of May; and said board, at any time, shall issue any renewal without requiring any other examination but no charge shall be made for the issuing of permits or renewal of permits to apprentices, provided, however, that such certificate of competency or any renewal thereof shall be issued by Washington County plumbing board to any person holding a license from the State Board of Commissioners of Practical Plumbing upon payment of requisite fees and without examination.