

(c) Any person appointed or employed by the State, a county, or any local government to inspect plumbing or drainage work may not have any pecuniary interest in any plumbing business, and, upon such appointment or employment, shall relinquish his master's or journeyman's certificate to the Board. Upon termination of the appointment or employment, the person may reactivate his master's or journeyman's certificate without examination by written request to the Board and payment of the appropriate renewal fee. The Board may issue identification receipts or cards to inspectors who have relinquished their certificates.

(d) In cases of emergency in which it would be impractical to require two years' experience, one year's experience as a journeyman plumber will qualify the applicant for a master's certificate. Whenever by any of the general or local laws of this State it is provided that a permit shall be granted to anyone qualified to work at the plumbing business or to do plumbing work, however the same may be designated, or that certain appointments shall be given to or certain duties shall be performed by one qualified to do plumbing work, or any other reference is made to one qualified to do work which is included under the term "plumbing work", however the same shall be designated, then such general or local laws shall be held to refer only to one qualified to work at the plumbing business under his own direction, that is, one holding a certificate authorized to be called a "master plumber's certificate", and may not be held to refer to a journeyman plumber or to an apprentice. Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to prevent incorporated gas companies from making connections of gas appliances for domestic purposes.

(e) After a public hearing allowing all interested parties to testify, the Board may suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the certificate or permit of any licensee or reprimand any licensee whom the Board finds:

- (1) Has practiced any fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation in obtaining a certificate or permit;
- (2) Is guilty of gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct in the performance of plumbing work;
- (3) Is guilty of violation of the plumbing code of the Board or any subdivision or official body of this State where a licensee has performed plumbing work;
- (4) Is guilty of an unfair or deceptive trade practice as defined in Commercial Law Article, § 13-301 of the Annotated Code of Maryland; or
- (5) When the licensee is a master plumber, has failed to adequately train and control persons selling or estimating plumbing work to be performed under his supervision.