

1. PASSED AN EXAMINATION THAT WAS GIVEN BY BALTIMORE COUNTY OR THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION AND WAS SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE EXAMINATION THAT THEN WAS REQUIRED BY THE BOARD; AND

2. MET QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSING THAT WERE SET BY BALTIMORE COUNTY OR THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION AND WERE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE QUALIFICATIONS THAT THEN WERE REQUIRED BY THE BOARD.

(C) RECIPROCITY.

(1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE BOARD MAY GRANT A WAIVER OF THE QUALIFICATION AND EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS OF § 3-302 OF THIS SUBTITLE ONLY IF BALTIMORE COUNTY OR THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION WAIVES THE QUALIFICATIONS AND EXAMINATION REQUIRED FOR INDIVIDUALS LICENSED BY THE BOARD TO A SIMILAR EXTENT AS THE BOARD WAIVES THOSE REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS LICENSED BY BALTIMORE COUNTY OR THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION.

(2) AN AGREEMENT MAY BE MADE WITH BALTIMORE COUNTY THAT, IF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LICENSED BY THE BOARD AS A JOURNEY PLUMBER OR A MASTER PLUMBER RESIDES IN BALTIMORE COUNTY, THE INDIVIDUAL MAY BE REQUIRED TO PASS A LICENSING EXAMINATION FOR A JOURNEY PLUMBER OR MASTER PLUMBER GIVEN BY BALTIMORE COUNTY.

COMMITTEE COMMENT: Subsections (a), (b)(1), (2), and (4), and (c)(1) of this section are new language derived from former Art. 56, § 453(f), except the requirement for deposit of a bond. While, on its face, former § 453(f) seemed to apply only to an applicant for a master plumber license, the Board has interpreted § 453(f) to apply to both a journey plumber license and a master plumber license. Accordingly, this section is rephrased to apply to both.

Subsection (b)(3) of this section is new language substituted for the requirement, in former Art. 56, § 453(f), that the applicant "deposit ... the bond required by the Board". Former Art. 56, § 462C -- now § 3-501 of this title -- established insurance requirements in lieu of former bond requirements.

Subsection (c)(2) of this section is new language added to reflect a recognized agreement entered into by the Board and Baltimore County in 1978 to allow Baltimore County to require any applicant who resides in Baltimore County and applies for a journey plumber license or a master plumber license from the Baltimore County Plumbing Board to pass an examination given by the Baltimore County Plumbing Board.