

(1) have been regularly and principally employed in providing heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, or refrigeration services under a journeyman, LIMITED, OR MASTER RESTRICTED license for not less than 3 years of active experience under the direction and control of a master heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractor and have been so employed for not less than 1,875 hours in the year prior to application; and

(2) pass an examination administered by the Board.

(c) An applicant for a master restricted heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractor license shall:

(1) have been regularly and principally employed in providing refrigeration, air-conditioning, forced air heating, hydronic heating, or ventilation services under a journeyman, LIMITED, OR MASTER RESTRICTED license for not less than 3 years of active experience under the direction and control of a master or master restricted heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractor and have been so employed for not less than 1,875 hours in the year prior to application; and

(2) pass an examination administered by the Board.

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(a) The Board shall issue without examination a master, master restricted, or limited heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractor license to any licensee holding a current, active or inactive master, master restricted, or limited heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractor license, or a similar license issued by a subdivision of the State, if the licensee:

(1) files an application for a license under this title by 1 year after the date that the members of the Board are appointed; and

(2) submits with the application the prescribed fee and proof of eligibility required by the Board.

(b) The Board shall issue without examination a master, master restricted, or limited heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractor license, whether a subdivision of the State requires a local license or not, to an individual who:

(1) has lawfully provided heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, or refrigeration services in a subdivision of the State for at least 5 years immediately prior to 1 year after the date the members of the Board are appointed;

(2) files an application for a license under this title prior to 1 year after the date the members of the Board are appointed; and

(3) submits with the application the prescribed fee and proof of eligibility required by the Board.