

248 CMR 11.00: Education and Experience Standards and Requirements for Licensure

In Summary:

Apprentice license issued PRIOR to Sept. 1, 2008 w/ NO Votech experience PRIOR to 9-1-08

1. Practical work experience of no less than 5100 hours (1700 hours per year or 3 years) under the employ for a licensed master plumber as a registered apprentice
2. High school diploma or equivalent
3. 300 clock hours of plumbing and gas fitting theory over a minimum of 3 years with a maximum of 150 hours credit per year.

Apprentice license issued PRIOR to Sept. 1, 2008 w/ Votech experience PRIOR to 9-1-08

1. Votech completed and signed credit for a maximum of 1700 hours experience after 9-08
2. Votech completed and signed credit for a maximum of 300 hours theory after 9-08
3. Attained an apprentice card within 5 years of commencement^{*} of the Votech program
3. High school diploma or equivalent
4. Registered as an apprentice a minimum of 2 years
5. Completed 3400 clock hours (1700 hours per year or 2 years) practical experience under a licensed plumber as a registered apprentice
6. If votech hours are less than the maximum, the difference must be made up

^{*} commencement as defined by the Board is the start of Votech Daytime school, not end.

Apprentice license issued ON or AFTER to Sept. 1, 2008 w/ NO Votech experience AFTER 9-1-08

1. Practical work experience of no less than 8500 hours under the employ for a licensed master plumber as a registered apprentice
2. High school diploma or equivalent
3. Must attend schooling within 9 months for receiving apprentice license
4. 550 clock hours of plumbing and gas fitting theory over 5 years with a maximum of 110 hours credit per year, contemporaneous with each year of work experience. Registered apprentices may double Tier 1 and Tier 2 in the first year only.

Apprentice license issued ON or AFTER to Sept. 1, 2008 w/ Votech experience AFTER 9-1-08

1. Votech signed credit for a maximum of 1700 hours experience
2. Votech signed credit for a maximum of 330 hours theory
3. High school diploma or equivalent
4. Licensed as an apprentice a minimum of 4 years
5. Completed 6800 clock hours (1700 hours per year or 4 years) practical experience under a licensed plumber as a registered apprentice
6. Completed 220 clock hours comprising of Tier 4 & 5 at 110 hours per class
7. If votech hours are less than the maximum, the difference must be made up

A licensed apprentice shall not be permitted to attempt the journeyman license examination more than six times without special Board approval demonstrating good cause.

An apprentice license shall not be renewed (nor shall the licensee be eligible for a new license) after ten years from the date the license was initially granted or Sept. 1, 2018, which ever comes later. A licensed apprentice who has not successfully obtained a journeyman plumber license through the examination process following six examination attempts shall not be renewed.