

DBPR Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB)

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CILB – Roles and Responsibilities

- Chapter 489, Part 1, Florida Statutes
- Chapter 61G4, Florida Administrative Code
- Chapter 455, Florida Statutes
- 489.101, “The Legislature deems it necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare to regulate the construction industry.”
- 489.107 (1), “To carry out the provisions of this part, there is created within the department the Construction Industry Licensing Board.”
- DBPR mission: License Efficiently. Regulate Fairly.

DBPR and CILB Staff

- DBPR Secretary – Melanie Griffin
- Executive Director of CILB – Amanda “Mandie” Ackermann
- Chief Construction Attorney – Sally Raines
- Board Counsel – Timothy “Tim” Frizzell
- FHCRF Counsel – Ronald “Tom” Jones
- DBPR Construction Industry website address:
myfloridalicense.com/DBPR/construction-industry/

CILB Board Members

Division 1

- 4 General Contractors
- 3 Building Contractors or Residential Contractors
 - Note: At least one building contractor and one residential contractor
- 1 Building Official
- 1 Consumer Member

Division 2

- 1 Sheet Metal Contractor
- 1 Pool Contractor
- 1 Plumbing Contractor
- 1 Roofing Contractor
- 1 Air Conditioning Contractor
- 1 Mechanical Contractor
- 1 Underground Utility and Excavation Contractor
- 1 Building Official
- 1 Consumer Member

CILB Committees

- Continuing Education & Exams Committee
- Florida Homeowners Construction Recovery Fund Committee
- Final Action Committee
- Probation Committee
- Additional Business Entities Committee
- Application Review Committee
- Rules Committee
- General Session – Leadership and Committee Reports, Informal Hearings, Petitioners for Declaratory Statements, New Business, etc.

Classes of Construction Licenses

Division 1

- Certified General Contractor
- Certified Building Contractor
- Certified Residential Contractor

Classes of Construction Licenses

Division 2

- Roofing Contractor
- Mechanical Contractor
- Plumbing Contractor
- Underground Utility and Excavation Contractor
- Class A Air-Conditioning Contractor
- Class B Air-Conditioning Contractor
- Class C Air-Conditioning Contractor
- Sheet Metal Contractor
- Commercial Pool/Spa Contractor
- Residential Pool/Spa Contractor

Classes of Construction Licenses

Specialty

- Specialty Structure Contractor
- Gypsum Drywall Specialty Contractor
- Glass and Glazing Specialty Contractor
- Solar Contractor
- Gas Line Specialty Contractor
- Pollutant Storage Systems Contractor
- Medical Gas Certification
- Precision Tank Testers
- Tank Lining Applicators
- Certification of Registered Contractors
- Swimming Pool/Spa Specialty Contractor
- Marine Specialty Contractor
- Tower Specialty Contractor
- Irrigation Specialty Contractor
- Building Demolition Specialty Contractors
- Industrial Facility Specialty Contractor
- Residential Pool/Spa Servicing Specialty Contractor

Licensure by Examination

- Examination
 - 489.111 Licensure by examination
 - Apply to the department in writing
 - 18 years of age or older
 - Good moral character
 - Meets the eligibility requirements
 - 489.113 Qualifications for practice; restrictions
 - Testing exemption for applicant with 4-year baccalaureate degree in building construction from an accredited university.
 - 489.131 Credit for relevant military training and education
 - To the fullest extent possible, credit military experience, training, and education received and completed during service in the United States Armed Forces to the requirements for licensure
 - Applicants must comply with 489.115 (5) through (9).

Licensure by Endorsement

- Endorsement – requirements for applicants from out of state
 - 489.115 (3)(a)
 - Passed a national, regional, state, or United States territorial licensing exam that is substantial equivalent to the examination required by this part; and has satisfied the requirements set forth in s. 489.111.
 - 489.115 (3)(b)
 - Holds a valid license to proactive contracting issued by another state or territory of the United States, if the criteria for issuance of such license were substantially equivalent to Florida's current certification criteria.
 - 489.115 (3)(d)
 - Has held a valid, current license to practice contracting issued by another state or territory of the United States for at least 10 years before the date of application and applying for the same or similar license in this state.
 - Applicants must comply with 489.115 (5) through (9).
 - Division 1 and Roofing Contractors must complete a 2-hour course on the Florida Building Code which includes information on wind mitigation techniques.
 - Since July 1, 2020, a total of 1,089 endorsement applications have been approved.

Licensure by Reciprocity

- Reciprocity
 - 489.115 (3)(c)
 - Holds a license to practice contracting issued by another state or territory of the United States, if the state or territory has entered into a reciprocal agreement with the board for the recognition of contractor licenses in that state, criteria for the issuance of such licenses are substantially equivalent to criteria for certification in this state.
 - Applicants must comply with 489.115 (5) through (9).
 - If applying for Certified General Contractor (CGC) the applicant must provide proof of a least one year of experience in the new construction of a building that is 4 stories or taller.
 - Division 1 and Roofing Contractors must complete a 2-hour course on the Florida Building Code which includes information on wind mitigation techniques.
 - Florida has entered into reciprocity agreements with Louisiana, Mississippi, and North Carolina for Division 1 and Division 1 Specialty licenses.
 - Since July 1, 2020, a total of 65 reciprocity applications have been approved.

Licensure for Additional Business Entities

- 61G4-15.0021 Business Organizations
 - Compensation
 - 20% Ownership
 - W2 Salary Employee
 - Other (i.e., Joint Venture, Wholly Owned Subsidiary, etc.)
 - Compensation as a 1099 contractor
 - Financially Responsible Officer (FRO)
- 61G4-15.0024 Supervision of Business Entities
 - Supervision
 - Compensation
 - Other evidence of the means and methods utilized by the applicant to ensure control of the construction work.

Licensing Updates

- Local licensing, state licensing, and recent legislative changes
 - House Bill 1383
 - Signed into law by the governor on June 20, 2023, and became effective July 1, 2023. The bill amends 163.211, 489.113, and 489.117. The bill prohibits local governments from requiring a license issued by the local government or state for certain job scopes; prohibits local governments from requiring a license to obtain a building permit for such job scopes; amends the date by which such local licenses expire to July 1, 2024; authorizes local governments to continue local specialty licenses for specified job scopes; allows counties that include areas designated as areas of critical state concern to continue offering licenses for any job scope that requires licensure under Part I of Chapter 489, F.S.; and requires the Construction Industry Licensing Board to create 12 additional specialty licenses by July 1, 2024.

Discipline

- 2022 Final Order Statistics
 - Total Final Orders entered is 319 cases
 - 249 Financial Misconduct and/or Abandonment cases
 - 33 Aiding Unlicensed Activity cases
 - 37 Technical Violations (including failure to obtain permits, contracting on suspended or delinquent license, and being convicted of a crime related to contracting)
 - As a result of the Office of General Counsel's (OGC) cases, there were 241 orders of restitution for consumers, and 46 licenses that were revoked or voluntarily relinquished.

Remuneration

- Florida Homeowners' Construction Recovery Fund
 - Judgement, award, or restitution is based on a violation of 489.129 (1)(g), (j), or (k) or 713.35
 - Eligible applicants must show the property is their primary residence.
 - Division 1 statutory maximum award per incident equals \$50,000.
 - Division 2 statutory maximum award per incident equals \$15,000.
 - Pursuant to 489.141, a claim for recovery must be made within 1 year after the conclusion of any civil, criminal, or administrative action or award in arbitration based on the act.
 - For Fiscal Year 2022-2023, the Florida Homeowner's Construction Recovery Fund approved 232 claims and awarded a total of \$4,462,646.61.
 - This is up from 141 claims and a total of \$2,736,747.41 awarded in Fiscal Year 2021-2022.