

**R156. Commerce, Occupational and Professional Licensing.**

**R156-55a. Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act Rule.**

**R156-55a-101. Title.**

This rule shall be known as the "Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act Rule".

**R156-55a-102. Definitions.**

In addition to the definitions in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 55, as defined or used in this rule:

(1) "Construction trades instructor", as used in Subsection 58-55-301(2)(p) is clarified to mean the education facility which is issued the license as a construction trades instructor. It does not mean individuals employed by the facility who may teach classes.

(2) "Construction trades instruction facility" means the facility which is granted the license as a construction trades instructor as specified in Subsection 58-55-301(2)(p) and as clarified in R156-55a-102(1).

(3) "Employee", as used in Subsections 58-55-102(12)(a) and 58-55-102(17), means a person providing labor services in the construction trades who works for a licensed contractor, or the substantial equivalent of a licensed contractor as determined by the Division, for compensation who has federal and state taxes withheld and workers' compensation and unemployment insurance provided by the person's employer.

(4) "Incidental", as used in Subsection 58-55-102(40), means work which:

(a) can be safely and competently performed by the specialty contractor; and

(b) arises from and is directly related to work performed in the licensed specialty classification and does not exceed 10 percent of the overall contract and does not include performance of any electrical or plumbing work unless specifically included in the specialty classification description under Subsection R156-55a-301(2).

(5) "Maintenance" means the repair, replacement and refinishing of any component of an existing structure; but, does not include alteration or modification to the existing weight-bearing structural components.

(6) "Mechanical", as used in Subsections 58-55-102(21) and 58-55-102(32), means the work which may be performed by a S350 HVAC Contractor under Section R156-55a-301.

(7) "Personal property" means, as it relates to Title 58, Chapter 56, factory built housing and modular construction, a structure which is titled by the Motor Vehicles Division, state of Utah, and taxed as personal property.

(8) "Qualifier", as used in Title 58, Chapter 55 and this rule, means the individual who demonstrates competence for a contractor or construction trades instruction facility license by passing the examinations, completing the experience requirements or holding the individual licenses that are prerequisite requirements to obtain the contractor or construction trades instruction facility license.

(9) "School" means a Utah school district, applied technology college, or accredited college.

(10) "Unprofessional conduct" defined in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 55, is further defined in accordance with Section 58-1-203 in Section R156-55a-501.

**R156-55a-103. Authority.**

This rule is adopted by the Division under the authority of Subsection 58-1-106(1)(a) to enable the Division to administer Title 58, Chapter 55.

**R156-55a-104. Organization - Relationship to Rule R156-1.**

The organization of this rule and its relationship to Rule R156-1 is as described in Section R156-1-107.

**R156-55a-301. License Classifications - Scope of Practice.**

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-55-301(2), the classifications of licensure are listed and described in this section. The construction trades or specialty contractor classifications listed are those determined to significantly impact the public health, safety, and welfare. A person who is engaged in work which is included in the items listed in Subsections R156-55a-301(4) and (5) is exempt from licensure in accordance with Subsection 58-55-305(1)(i).

(2) Licenses shall be issued in the following primary classifications and subclassifications:

E100 - General Engineering Contractor. A General Engineering contractor is a contractor licensed to perform work as defined in Subsection 58-55-102(22).

B100 - General Building Contractor. A General Building contractor is a contractor licensed to perform work as defined in Subsection 58-55-102(21) and pursuant to Subsection 58-55-102(21)(b) is clarified as follows:

(a) The General Building Contractor scope of practice does not include activities described in this Subsection under specialty classification S202 - Solar Photovoltaic Contractor unless the work is performed under the immediate supervision of an employee who holds a current certificate issued by the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners.

(b) The General Building Contractor scope of practice does not include activities described in this Subsection under specialty classification S354-Radon Mitigation Contractor unless

(i) the work is performed under the immediate supervision of an employee who holds a current certificate issued by the National Radon Safety Board (NRSB) or the National Radon Proficiency Program (NEHA-NRPP); or

(ii) the work is limited to installation of passive radon gas controls on new construction in accordance with Appendix F of the International Residential Code.

B200 - Modular Unit Installation Contractor. Set up or installation of modular units as defined in Subsection 15A-1-302(8) and constructed in accordance with Section 15A-1-304. The scope of the work permitted under this classification includes construction of the permanent or temporary foundations, placement of the modular unit on a permanent or temporary foundation, securing the units together if required and securing the modular units to the foundations. Work excluded from this classification includes installation of factory built housing and connection of required utilities.

R100 - Residential and Small Commercial Contractor. A Residential and Small Commercial contractor is a contractor licensed to perform work as defined in Subsection 58-55-102(32) and pursuant to Subsection 58-55-102(32) is clarified as follows:

(a) The Residential and Small Commercial Contractor scope of practice does not include activities described in this Subsection under specialty classification S202 - Solar Photovoltaic Contractor unless the work is performed under the immediate supervision of an employee who holds a current certificate issued by the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners.

(b) The Residential and Small Commercial Contractor scope of practice does not include activities described in this Subsection under specialty classification S354-Radon Mitigation Contractor unless:

(i) the work is performed under the immediate supervision of an employee who holds a current certificate issued by the National Radon Safety Board (NRSB) or the National Radon Proficiency Program (NEHA-NRPP); or

(ii) the work is limited to installation of passive radon gas controls on new construction in accordance with Appendix F of the International Residential Code.

R101 - Residential and Small Commercial Non Structural Remodeling and Repair. Remodeling and repair to any existing structure built for support, shelter and enclosure of persons, animals, chattels or movable property of any kind with the restriction that no change is made to the bearing portions of the existing structure, including footings, foundation and weight bearing walls; and the entire project is less than \$50,000 in total cost.

R200 - Factory Built Housing Contractor. Disconnection, setup, installation or removal of manufactured housing on a temporary or permanent basis. The scope of the work permitted under this classification includes placement of the manufactured housing on a permanent or temporary foundation, securing the units together if required, securing the manufactured housing to the foundation, and connection of the utilities from the near proximity, such as a meter, to the manufactured housing unit and construction of foundations of less than four feet six inches in height. Work excluded from this classification includes site preparation or finishing, excavation of the ground in the area where a foundation is to be constructed, back filling and grading around the foundation, construction of foundations of more than four feet six inches in height and construction of utility services from the utility source to and including the meter or

meters if required or if not required to the near proximity of the manufactured housing unit from which they are connected to the unit.

I101 - General Engineering Trades Instruction Facility. A General Engineering Trades Instruction Facility is a construction trades instruction facility authorized to teach the construction trades and is subject to the scope of practice defined in Subsection 58-55-102(22).

I102 - General Building Trades Instruction Facility. A General Building Trades Instruction Facility is a construction trades instruction facility authorized to teach the construction trades and is subject to the scope of practice defined in Subsections 58-55-102(21) or 58-55-102(32).

I103 - Electrical Trades Instruction Facility. An Electrical Trades Instruction Facility is a construction trades instruction facility authorized to teach the electrical trades and subject to the scope of practice defined in Subsection R156-55a-301(S200).

I104 - Plumbing Trades Instruction Facility. A Plumbing Trades Instruction Facility is a construction trades instruction facility authorized to teach the plumbing trades and subject to the scope of practice defined in Subsection R156-55a-301(S210).

I105 - Mechanical Trades Instruction Facility. A Mechanical Trades Instruction Facility is a construction trades instruction facility authorized to teach the mechanical trades and subject to the scope of practice defined in Subsection R156-55a-301(S350).

S200 - General Electrical Contractor. Fabrication, construction, and/or installation of generators, transformers, conduits, raceways, panels, switch gear, electrical wires, fixtures, appliances, or apparatus which utilizes electrical energy. The General Electrical Contractor scope of practice does not include activities described in this Subsection under specialty classification S354-Radon Mitigation Contractor unless the work is performed under the immediate supervision of an employee who holds a current certificate issued by the National Radon Safety Board (NRSB) or the National Radon Proficiency Program (NEHA-NRPP).

S201 - Residential Electrical Contractor. Fabrication, construction, and/or installation of services, disconnecting means, grounding devices, panels, conductors, load centers, lighting and plug circuits, appliances and fixtures in any residential unit, normally requiring non-metallic sheathed cable, including multiple units up to and including a four-plex, but excluding any work generally recognized in the industry as commercial or industrial.

S202 - Solar Photovoltaic Contractor. Fabrication, construction, installation, and replacement of photovoltaic cell panels and related components. Wiring, connections and wire methods as governed in the National Electrical Code and Subsection R156-55b-102(1) shall only be performed by an S200 General Electrical Contractor or S201 Residential Electrical Contractor. This classification is not required to install stand alone solar systems that do not tie into premises wiring or into the electrical utility, such as signage or street or parking lighting.

A contractor who obtained this classification of licensure between January 1, 2009 and April 25, 2011 and who holds an active license may, in addition to the above, perform the following activities as part of the scope of practice under this subsection: fabrication, construction, installation, and repair of photovoltaic cell panels and related components including battery storage systems, distribution panels, switch gear, electrical wires, inverters, and other electrical apparatus for solar photovoltaic systems. Work excluded from this classification includes work on any alternating current system or system component.

S210 - General Plumbing Contractor. Fabrication and/or installation of material and fixtures to create and maintain sanitary conditions in buildings, by providing a permanent means for a supply of safe and pure water, a means for the timely and complete removal from the premises of all used or contaminated water, fluid and semi-fluid organic wastes and other impurities incidental to life and the occupation of such premises, and provision of a safe and adequate supply of gases for lighting, heating, and industrial purposes. Work permitted under this classification shall include the furnishing of materials, fixtures and labor to extend service from a building out to the main water, sewer or gas pipeline. The General Plumbing Contractor scope of practice does not include activities described in this Subsection under specialty classification S354-Radon Mitigation Contractor unless the work is performed under the immediate supervision of an

employee who holds a current certificate issued by the National Radon Safety Board (NRSB) or the National Radon Proficiency Program (NEHA-NRPP).

S211 - Boiler Installation Contractor. Fabrication and/or installation of fire-tube and water-tube power boilers and hot water heating boilers, including all fittings and piping, valves, gauges, pumps, radiators, converters, fuel oil tanks, fuel lines, chimney flues, heat insulation and all other devices, apparatus, and equipment related thereto in a closed system not connected to the culinary water system. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where water delivery for the closed system is connected to the culinary water system and separated from the culinary water system by a backflow prevention device, a contractor licensed under this subsection may connect the closed system to the backflow prevention device, which must be installed by an actively licensed plumber.

S212 - Irrigation Sprinkling Contractor. Layout, fabrication, and/or installation of water distribution system for artificial watering or irrigation.

S213 - Industrial Piping Contractor. Fabrication and/or installation of pipes and piping for the conveyance or transmission of steam, gases, chemicals, and other substances including excavating, trenching, and back-filling related to such work. This classification includes the above work for geo thermal systems.

S214 - Water Conditioning Equipment Contractor. Fabrication and/or installation of water conditioning equipment and only such pipe and fittings as are necessary for connecting the water conditioning equipment to the water supply system within the premises.

S215 - Solar Thermal Systems Contractor. Construction, repair and/or installation of solar thermal systems up to the system shut off valve or where the system interfaces with any other plumbing system.

S216 - Residential Sewer Connection and Septic Tank Contractor. Construction of residential sewer lines including connection to the public sewer line, and excavation and grading related thereto. Excavation, installation and grading of residential septic tanks and their drainage.

S217 - Residential Plumbing Contractor. Fabrication and/or installation of material and fixtures to create and maintain sanitary conditions in residential building, including multiple units up to and including a four-plex by providing a permanent means for a supply of safe and pure water, a means for the timely and complete removal from the premises of all used or contaminated water, fluid and semi-fluid organic wastes and other impurities incidental to life and the occupation of such premises, and provision of a safe and adequate supply of gases for lighting and heating purposes. Work permitted under this classification shall include the furnishing of materials, fixtures and labor to extend service from a residential building out to the main water, sewer or gas pipeline. Excluded is any new construction and service work generally recognized in the industry as commercial or industrial.

S220 - Carpentry Contractor. Fabrication for structural and finish purposes in a structure or building using wood, wood products, metal studs, vinyl materials, or other wood/plastic/metal composites as is by custom and usage accepted in the building industry as carpentry. Incidental work includes the installation of tub liners and wall systems.

S221 - Cabinet, Millwork and Countertop Installation Contractor. On-site construction and/or installation of milled wood products or countertops.

S222 - Overhead and Garage Door Contractor. The installation of overhead and garage doors and door openers.

S230 - Siding Contractor. Fabrication, construction, and/or installation of siding.

S231 - Raingutter Installation Contractor. On-site fabrication and/or installation of raingutters and drains, roof flashings, gravel stops and metal ridges.

S240 - Glass and Glazing Contractor. Fabrication, construction, installation, and/or removal of all types and sizes of glass, mirrors, substitutes for glass, glass-holding members, frames, hardware, and other incidental related work.

S250 - Insulation Contractor. Installation of any insulating media in buildings and structures for the sole purpose of temperature control, sound control or fireproofing, but shall not include mechanical insulation of pipes, ducts or conduits.

S260 - General Concrete Contractor. Fabrication, construction, mixing, batching, and/or installation of concrete and related concrete products along with the placing and setting of screeds for pavement for flatwork, the construction of forms, placing and

erection of steel bars for reinforcing and application of plaster and other cement-related products.

S261 - Concrete Form Setting and Shoring Contractor. Fabrication, construction, and/or installation of forms and shoring material; but, does not include the placement of concrete, finishing of concrete or embedded items such as metal reinforcement bars or mesh.

S262 - Gunitite and Pressure Grouting Contractor. Installation of a concrete product either injected or sprayed under pressure.

S263 - Cementitious Coating Systems Resurfacing and Sealing Contractor. Fabrication, construction, mixing, batching and installation of cementitious coating systems or sealants limited to the resurfacing or sealing of existing surfaces, including the preparation or patching of the surface to be covered or sealed.

S270 - General Drywall and Plastering Contractor. Fabrication, construction, and installation of drywall, gypsum, wallboard panels and assemblies. Preparation of drywall or plaster surfaces for suitable painting or finishing. Application to surfaces of coatings made of plaster, including the preparation of the surface and the provision of a base. This does not include applying stucco to lathe, plaster and other surfaces. Exempted is the plastering of foundations.

S272 - Ceiling Grid Systems, Ceiling Tile and Panel Systems Contractor. Fabrication and/or installation of wood, mineral, fiber, and other types of ceiling tile and panels and the grid systems required for placement.

S273 - Light-weight Metal and Non-bearing Wall Partitions Contractor. Fabrication and/or installation of light-weight metal and other non-bearing wall partitions.

S280 - General Roofing Contractor. Application and/or installation of asphalt, pitch, tar, felt, flax, shakes, shingles, roof tile, slate, and any other material or materials, or any combination of any thereof which use and custom has established as usable for, or which are now used as, water-proof, weatherproof, or watertight seal or membranes for roofs and surfaces; and roof conversion. Incidental work includes the installation of roof clamp ring to the roof drain.

S290 - General Masonry Contractor. Construction by cutting, and/or laying of all of the following brick, block, or forms: architectural, industrial, and refractory brick, all brick substitutes, clay and concrete blocks, terra-cotta, thin set or structural quarry tile, glazed structural tile, gypsum tile, glass block, clay tile, copings, natural stone, plastic refractories, and castables and any incidental works, including the installation of shower pans, as required in construction of the masonry work.

S291 - Stone Masonry Contractor. Construction using natural or artificial stone, either rough or cut and dressed, laid at random, with or without mortar. Incidental work includes the installation of shower pans.

S292 - Terrazzo Contractor. Construction by fabrication, grinding, and polishing of terrazzo by the setting of chips of marble, stone, or other material in an irregular pattern with the use of cement, polyester, epoxy or other common binders. Incidental work includes the installation of shower pans.

S293 - Marble, Tile and Ceramic Contractor. Preparation, fabrication, construction, and installation of artificial marble, burned clay tile, ceramic, encaustic, falence, quarry, semi-vitreous, and other tile, excluding hollow or structural partition tile. Incidental work includes the installation of shower pans.

S294 - Cultured Marble Contractor. Preparation, fabrication and installation of slab and sheet manmade synthetic products including cultured marble, onyx, granite, onice, corian, and corian type products. Incidental work includes the installation of shower pans.

S300 - General Painting Contractor. Preparation of surface and/or the application of all paints, varnishes, shellacs, stains, waxes and other coatings or pigments.

S310 - Excavation and Grading Contractor. Moving of the earth's surface or placing earthen materials on the earth's surface, by use of hand or power machinery and tools, including explosives, in any operation of cut, fill, excavation, grading, trenching, backfilling, or combination thereof as they are generally practiced in the construction trade.

S320 - Steel Erection Contractor. Construction by fabrication, placing, and tying or welding of steel reinforcing bars or erecting structural steel shapes, plates of any

profile, perimeter or cross-section that are used to reinforce concrete or as structural members, including riveting, welding, and rigging.

S321 - Steel Reinforcing Contractor. Fabricating, placing, tying, or mechanically welding of reinforcing bars of any profile that are used to reinforce concrete buildings or structures.

S322 - Metal Building Erection Contractor. Erection of pre-fabricated metal structures including concrete foundation and footings, grading, and surface preparation.

S323 - Structural Stud Erection Contractor. Fabrication and installation of metal structural studs and bearing walls.

S330 - Landscaping Contractor.

(a) grading and preparing land for architectural, horticultural, or decorative treatment;

(b) arrangement, and planting of gardens, lawns, shrubs, vines, bushes, trees, or other decorative vegetation;

(c) construction of small decorative pools, tanks, fountains, hothouses, greenhouses, fences, walks, garden lighting of 50 volts or less, or sprinkler systems;

(d) construction of retaining walls except retaining walls which are intended to hold vehicles, structures, equipment or other non natural fill materials within the area located within a 45 degree angle from the base of the retaining wall to the level of where the additional weight bearing vehicles, structures, equipment or other non natural fill materials are located; or

(e) patio areas except that:

(i) no decking designed to support humans or structures shall be included; and

(ii) no concrete work designed to support structures to be placed upon the patio shall be included.

(f) This classification does not include running electrical or gas lines to any appliance.

S340 - Sheet Metal Contractor. Layout, fabrication, and installation of air handling and ventilating systems. All architectural sheet metal such as cornices, marquees, metal soffits, gutters, flashings, and skylights and skydomes including both plastic and fiberglass.

S350 - HVAC Contractor. Fabrication and installation of complete warm air heating and air conditioning systems, and complete ventilating systems. The HVAC Contractor scope of practice does not include activities described in this Subsection under specialty classification S354-Radon Mitigation Contractor unless the work is performed under the immediate supervision of an employee who holds a current certificate issued by the National Radon Safety Board (NRSB) or the National Radon Proficiency Program (NEHA-NRPP).

S351 - Refrigerated Air Conditioning Contractor. Fabrication and installation of air conditioning ventilating systems to control air temperatures below 50 degrees.

S352 - Evaporative Cooling Contractor. Fabrication and installation of devices, machinery, and units to cool the air temperature employing evaporation of liquid.

S353 - Warm Air Heating Contractor. Layout, fabrication, and installation of such sheet metal, gas piping, and furnace equipment as necessary for a complete warm air heating and ventilating system.

S354 - Radon Mitigation Contractor. Layout, fabrication, and installation of a radon mitigation system. This classification does not include work on heat recovery ventilation or makeup air components which must be performed by an HVAC Contractor and does not include electrical wiring which must be performed by an Electrical Contractor. Work performed under this classification shall be performed under the immediate supervision of an employee who holds a current certificate issued by the National Radon Safety Board (NRSB) or the National Radon Proficiency Program (NEHA-NRPP).

S360 - Refrigeration Contractor. Construction and/or installation of refrigeration equipment including, but not limited to, built-in refrigerators, refrigerated rooms, insulated refrigerated spaces and equipment related thereto; but, the scope of permitted work does not include the installation of gas fuel or electric power services other than connection of electrical devices to a junction box provided for that device and electrical control circuitry not exceeding 50 volts.

S370 - Fire Suppression Systems Contractor. Layout, fabrication, and installation of fire protection systems using water, steam, gas, or chemicals. When a potable

sanitary water supply system is used as the source of supply, connection to the water system must be accomplished by a licensed plumbing contractor. Excluded from this classification are persons engaged in the installation of fire suppression systems in hoods above cooking appliances.

S380 - Swimming Pool and Spa Contractor. On-site fabrication, construction and installation of swimming pools, prefabricated pools, spas, and tubs.

S390 - Sewer and Waste Water Pipeline Contractor. Construction of sewer lines, sewage disposal and sewage drain facilities including excavation and grading with respect thereto, and the construction of sewage disposal plants and appurtenances thereto.

S400 - Asphalt Paving Contractor. Construction of asphalt highways, roadways, driveways, parking lots or other asphalt surfaces, which will include but will not be limited to, asphalt overlay, chip seal, fog seal and rejuvenation, micro surfacing, plant mix sealcoat, slurry seal, and the removal of asphalt surfaces by milling. Also included is the excavation, grading, compacting and laying of fill or base-related thereto. Also included in painting on asphalt surfaces including striping, directional and other types of symbols or words.

S410 - Pipeline and Conduit Contractor. Fabrication, construction, and installation of pipes, conduit or cables for the conveyance and transmission from one station to another of such products as water, steam, gases, chemicals, slurries, data or communications. Included are the excavation, cabling, horizontal boring, grading, and backfilling necessary for construction of the system.

S420 - General Fencing, Ornamental Iron and Guardrail Contractor. Fabrication, construction, and installation of fences, guardrails, handrails, and barriers.

S421 - Residential Fencing Contractor. Fabrication and installation of residential fencing up to and including a height of six feet.

S430 - Metal Firebox and Fuel Burning Stove Installer. Fabrication, construction, and installation of metal fireboxes, fireplaces, and wood or coal-burning stoves, including the installation of venting and exhaust systems, provided the individual performing the installation is RMGA certified.

S440 - Sign Installation Contractor. Installation of signs and graphic displays which require installation permits or permission as issued by state or local governmental jurisdictions. Signs and graphic displays shall include signs of all types, both lighted and unlighted, permanent highway marker signs, illuminated awnings, electronic message centers, sculptures or graphic representations including logos and trademarks intended to identify or advertise the user or his product, building trim or lighting with neon or decorative fixtures, or any other animated, moving or stationary device used for advertising or identification purposes. Signs and graphic displays must be fabricated, installed and erected in accordance with professionally engineered specifications and wiring in accordance with the National Electrical Code.

S441 - Non Electrical Outdoor Advertising Sign Contractor. Installation of signs and graphic displays which require installation permits or permission as issued by state and local governmental jurisdictions. Signs and graphics shall include outdoor advertising signs which do not have electrical lighting or other electrical requirements, and in accordance with professionally engineered specifications.

S450 - Mechanical Insulation Contractor. Fabrication, application and installation of insulation materials to pipes, ducts and conduits.

S460 - Wrecking and Demolition Contractor. The raising, cribbing, underpinning, moving, and removal of building and structures.

S470 - Petroleum Systems Contractor. Installation of above and below ground petroleum and petro-chemical storage tanks, piping, dispensing equipment, monitoring equipment and associated petroleum and petro-chemical equipment including excavation, backfilling, concrete and asphalt.

S480 - Piers and Foundations Contractor. The excavation, drilling, compacting, pumping, sealing and other work necessary to construct, alter or repair piers, piles, footings and foundations placed in the earth's subsurface to prevent structural settling and to provide an adequate capacity to sustain or transmit the structural load to the soil or rock below.

S490 - Wood Flooring Contractor. Installation of wood flooring including prefinished and unfinished material, sanding, staining and finishing of new and existing

wood flooring. Underlayments, non-structural subfloors and other incidental related work.

S491 - Laminate Floor Installation Contractor. Installation of laminate floors including underlayments, non-structural subfloors and other incidental related work, but does not include the installation of solid wood flooring.

S500 - Sports and Athletic Courts, Running Tracks, and Playground Installation Contractor. Installation of sports and athletic courts including but not limited to tennis courts, racquetball courts, handball courts, basketball courts, running tracks, playgrounds, or any combination. Includes nonstructural floor subsurfaces, nonstructural wall surfaces, perimeter walls and perimeter fencing. Includes the installation and attachment of equipment such as poles, basketball standards or other equipment.

S510 - Elevator Contractor. Erecting, constructing, installing, altering, servicing, repairing or maintaining an elevator.

S600 - General Stucco Contractor. Applying stucco to lathe, plaster and other surfaces.

S700 - Specialty License Contractor.

(a) A specialty license is a license that confines the scope of the allowable contracting work to a specialized area of construction which the Division grants on a case-by-case basis.

(b) When applying for a specialty license, an applicant, if requested, shall submit to the Division the following:

(i) a detailed statement of the type and scope of contracting work that the applicant proposes to perform; and

(ii) any brochures, catalogs, photographs, diagrams, or other material to further clarify the scope of the work that the applicant proposes to perform.

(c) A contractor issued a specialty license shall confine the contractor's activities to the field and scope of operations as outlined by the Division.

(3) The scope of practice for the following primary classifications includes the scope of practice stated in the descriptions for the following subclassifications:

TABLE I

Primary Classification	Included subclassifications
S200	S201, S202
S210	S211, S212, S213, S214, S215, S216, S217
S220	S221, S222
S230	S231
S260	S261, S262, S263
S270	S272, S273
S290	S291, S292, S293, S294
S320	S321, S322, S323
S350	S351, S352, S353, S354
S420	S421
S440	S441
S490	S491

(4) The following activities are determined to not significantly impact the public health, safety and welfare and therefore do not require a contractors license:

(a) sandblasting;

(b) pumping services;

(c) tree stump or tree removal;

(d) installation within a building of communication cables including phone and cable television;

(e) installation of low voltage electrical as described in R156-55b-102(1);

(f) construction of utility sheds, gazebos or other similar items which are personal property and not attached;

(g) building and window washing, including power washing;

- (h) central vacuum systems installation;
- (i) concrete cutting;
- (j) interior decorating;
- (k) wall paper hanging;
- (l) drapery and blind installation;
- (m) welding on personal property which is not attached;
- (n) chimney sweepers other than repairing masonry;
- (o) carpet and vinyl floor installation;
- (p) artificial turf installation;
- (q) general cleanup of a construction site which does not include demolition or excavation; and
- (r) work that would otherwise be limited to individuals holding the S260, S261, S262, S263, S290, S310, S330, S380, S420, S421 and S500 specialty classifications if the work is within the \$1,000 or \$3,000 labor and material limit as specified in the handyman exemption in Subsection 58-55-305(1)(h).

(5) The following activities are those determined to not significantly impact the public health, safety and welfare beyond the regulations by other agencies and therefore do not require a contractors license:

- (a) lead removal regulated by the Department of Environmental Quality;
- (b) asbestos removal regulated by the Department of Environmental Quality; and
- (c) fire alarm installation regulated by the Fire Marshal.

**R156-55a-302a. Qualifications for Licensure - Examinations.**

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-55-302(1)(c), the qualifier for an applicant for licensure as a contractor or the qualifier for an applicant for licensure as a construction trades instruction facility shall pass the following examinations:

- (a) the Utah Contractor Business - Law Examination; and
- (b) an approved trade classification specific examination, where required in Subsection (2).

(2) An approved trade classification specific examination is required for the following contractor license classifications:

- E100 - General Engineering Contractor
- B100 - General Building Contractor
- B200 - Modular Unit Installation Contractor
- R100 - Residential and Small Commercial Contractor
- R101 - Residential and Small Commercial Non Structural Remodeling and Repair Contractor
- R200 - Factory Built Housing Contractor
- I101 - General Engineering Trades Instruction Facility
- I102 - General Building Trades Instruction Facility
- I105 - Mechanical Trades Instruction Facility
- S211 - Boiler Installation Contractor
- S212 - Irrigation Sprinkling Contractor
- S213 - Industrial Piping Contractor
- S215 - Solar Thermal Systems Contractor
- S216 - Residential Sewer Connection and Septic Tank Contractor
- S220 - Carpentry Contractor
- S222 - Overhead and Garage Door Contractor
- S230 - Siding Contractor
- S240 - Glass and Glazing Contractor
- S250 - Insulation Contractor
- S260 - General Concrete Contractor
- S270 - General Drywall and Plastering Contractor
- S280 - General Roofing Contractor
- S290 - General Masonry Contractor
- S293 - Marble, Tile and Ceramic Contractor
- S300 - General Painting Contractor
- S310 - Excavation and Grading Contractor
- S320 - Steel Erection Contractor
- S321 - Steel Reinforcing Contractor

- S330 - Landscaping Contractor
- S340 - Sheet Metal Contractor
- S350 - HVAC Contractor
- S351 - Refrigerated Air Conditioning Contractor
- S353 - Warm Air Heating Contractor
- S360 - Refrigeration Contractor
- S370 - Fire Suppression Systems Contractor
- S380 - Swimming Pool and Spa Contractor
- S390 - Sewer and Waste Water Pipeline Contractor
- S410 - Pipeline and Conduit Contractor
- S440 - Sign Installation Contractor
- S450 - Mechanical Insulation Contractor
- S490 - Wood Flooring Contractor
- S600 - General Stucco Contractor

(3) The passing score for each examination is 70%.

(4) Qualifications to sit for examination.

(a) An applicant applying to take any examination specified in this Section must sign an affidavit verifying that an applicant has completed the experience required under Subsection R156-55a-302b.

(5) "Approved trade classification specific examination" means a trade classification specific examination:

(a) given, currently or in the past, by the Division's contractor examination provider; or

(b) given by another state if the Division has determined the examination to be substantially equivalent.

(6) An applicant for licensure who fails an examination may retake the failed examination as follows:

(a) no sooner than 30 days following any failure up to three failures; and

(b) no sooner than six months following any failure thereafter.

**R156-55a-302b. Qualifications for Licensure - Experience Requirements.**

In accordance with Subsection 58-55-302(1)(e)(ii), the minimum experience requirements are established as follows:

(1) Requirements for all license classifications:

(a) Unless otherwise provided in this rule, two years of experience shall be lawfully performed within the 10-year period preceding the date of application under the general supervision of a contractor, and shall be subject to the following:

(i) If the experience was completed in Utah, it shall be:

(A) completed while a W-2 employee of a licensed contractor; or

(B) completed while working as an owner of a licensed contractor, which has for all periods of experience claimed, employed a qualifier who performed the duties and served in the capacities specified in Subsection 58-55-304(4) and in Subsection R156-55a-304.

(ii) If the experience was completed outside of the state of Utah, it shall be:

(A) completed in compliance with the laws of the jurisdiction in which the experience is completed; and

(B) completed with supervision that is substantially equivalent to the supervision that is required in Utah.

(iii) Experience may be determined to be substantially equivalent if lawfully obtained in a setting which has supervision of qualified persons and an equivalent scope of work, such as performing construction activities in the military where licensure is not required.

(b) One year of work experience means 2000 hours.

(c) No more than 2000 hours of experience during any 12 month period may be claimed.

(d) Except as described in Subsection (2)b, experience obtained under the supervision of a construction trades instructor as a part of an educational program is not qualifying experience for a contractors license.

(e) If the applicant's qualifying experience is outdated but has previously been approved in the state of Utah, a passing score on the trade examination and the laws and

rules examination obtained within the one-year period preceding the date of application will requalify the applicant's experience.

(2) Requirements for E100 General Engineering, B100 General Building, R100 Residential and Small Commercial Building license classifications:

(a) One of the required two years of experience shall be in a supervisory or managerial position.

(b) A person holding a four year bachelors degree or a two year associates degree in Construction Management may have one year of experience credited towards the supervisory or managerial experience requirement.

(c) A person holding a Utah professional engineer license may be credited with satisfying one year toward the supervisory or managerial experience required for E100 contractor license.

(3) Requirements for I101 General Engineering Trades Instruction Facility, I102 General Building Trades Instruction Facility, I103 Electrical Trades Instruction Facility, I104 Plumbing Trades Instruction Facility, I105 Mechanical Trades Instruction Facility license classifications:

An applicant for construction trades instruction facility license shall have the same experience that is required for the license classifications for the construction trade they will instruct.

(4) Requirements for S202 Solar Photovoltaic Contractor. In addition to the requirements of Subsection (1), an applicant shall hold a current certificate by the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners.

(5) Requirements for S354 Radon Mitigation Contractor. In addition to the requirements of Subsection (1), an applicant shall hold a current certificate issued by the National Radon Safety Board (NRSB) or the National Radon Proficiency Program (NEHA-NRPP). Experience completed prior to the effective date of this rule does not need to be performed under the supervision of a licensed contractor. Experience completed after the effective date of this rule must be performed under the supervision of a licensed contractor who has authority to practice radon mitigation.

**R156-55a-302c. Qualifications for Licensure Requiring Licensure in a Prerequisite Classification.**

(1) Beginning at the effective date of this rule, each new applicant as a qualifier for licensure as a I103 Electrical Trades Instruction Facility shall also be licensed as a master electrician or a residential master electrician.

(2) Beginning at the effective date of this rule, each new applicant as a qualifier for licensure as a I104 Plumbing Trades Instruction Facility shall also be licensed as a master plumber or a residential master plumber.

**R156-55a-302d. Qualifications for Licensure - Proof of Insurance and Registrations.**

In accordance with the provisions of Subsection 58-55-302(2)(b), an applicant who is approved for licensure shall submit proof of public liability insurance which provides coverage for the scope of work performed and in coverage amounts of at least \$100,000 for each incident and \$300,000 in total by means of a certificate of insurance naming the Division as a certificate holder.

**R156-55a-302e. Additional Requirements for Construction Trades Instructor Classifications.**

In accordance with Subsection 58-55-302(1)(f), the following additional requirements for licensure are established:

(1) Any school that provides instruction to students by building houses for sale to the public is required to become a Utah licensed contractor with a B100 General Building Contractor or R100 Residential and Small Commercial Building Contractor classification or both.

(2) Any school that provides instruction to students by building houses for sale to the public is also required to be licensed in the appropriate instructor classification.

(a) Before being licensed in a construction trades instruction facility classification, the school shall submit the name of an individual person who acts as the qualifier in each of the construction trades instructor classifications in accordance

with Section R156-55a-304. The applicant for licensure as a construction trades instructor shall:

(i) provide evidence that the qualifier has passed the required examinations established in Section R156-55a-302a; and

(ii) provide evidence that the qualifier meets the experience requirement established in Subsection R156-55a-302b(3).

(3) Each individual employed by a school licensed as a construction trades instruction facility and working with students on a job site shall meet any teacher certification, or other teacher requirements imposed by the school district or college, and be qualified to teach the construction trades instruction facility classification as determined by the qualifier.

**R156-55a-302f. Pre-licensure Education - Standards.**

(1) Qualifier Education Requirement. The 20-hour pre-licensure education program required by Subsection 58-55-302(1)(e)(iii) shall be completed by the qualifier for a contractor applicant.

(2) Program Pre-Approval. A pre-licensure education provider shall submit an application for approval as a provider on the form provided by the Division. The applicant shall demonstrate compliance with Section R156-55a-302f.

(3) Eligible Providers. The following may be approved to provide pre-licensure education:

(a) a nationally or regionally recognized accredited college or university having a physical campus located within the State of Utah; or

(b) a non-profit Utah construction trades association involved in the construction trades in the State of Utah:

(i) representing multiple construction trade classifications;

(ii) with membership of:

(A) at least 250 contractors licensed in Utah; or

(B) less than 250 members, if the association is:

(I) competent, as determined by the Commission and the Director according to their sole discretion; and

(II) compliant with all other standards of this rule; and

(iii) having five years of experience providing education to contractors in Utah.

(4) Content. The 20-hour program shall include the following topics and hours of education relevant to the practice of the construction trades consistent with the laws and rules of this state:

(a) ten hours of financial responsibility instruction that includes the following:

(i) record keeping and financial statements;

(ii) payroll, including:

(A) payroll taxes;

(B) worker compensation insurance requirements;

(C) unemployment insurance requirements;

(D) professional employer organization (employee leasing) alternatives;

(E) prohibitions regarding paying employees on 1099 forms as independent

contractors, unless licensed or exempted;

(F) employee benefits; and

(G) Fair Labor Standard Act;

(iii) cash flow;

(iv) insurance requirements including auto, liability, and health; and

(v) independent contractor licensure and exemption requirements;

(b) six hours of construction business practices that includes the following:

(i) estimating and bidding;

(ii) contracts;

(iii) project management;

(iv) subcontractors; and

(v) suppliers;

(c) two hours of regulatory requirements that includes the following:

(i) licensing laws;

(ii) Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA);

(iii) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and

- (iv) consumer protection laws; and
- (d) two hours of mechanic lien fundamentals that include the State Construction Registry.
- (5) Program Schedule.
- (a) A pre-licensure education provider shall offer programs at least 12 times per year.
- (b) The pre-licensure education provider is not obligated to provide a course if the provider determines the enrollment is not sufficient to reach breakeven on cost.
- (6) Program Instruction Requirements: The pre-licensure education shall meet the following standards:
  - (a) Time. Each hour of pre-licensure education credit shall consist of 60 minutes of education in the form of live lectures or training sessions. Time allowed for lunches or breaks may not be counted as part of the education time for which education credit is issued.
  - (b) Learning Objectives. The learning objectives of the pre-licensure education shall be reasonably and clearly stated.
  - (c) Teaching Methods. The pre-licensure education shall be presented in a competent and well organized manner consistent with the stated purpose and objective of the program. The student must demonstrate knowledge of the course material and must be given a pass/fail grade.
  - (d) Faculty. The pre-licensure education shall be prepared and presented by individuals who are qualified by education, training or experience.
  - (e) Distance Learning. Distance learning, internet courses, and home study courses are not allowed to meet pre-licensure education requirements.
  - (f) Registration and Attendance. The provider shall have a competent method of registration and verification of attendance of individuals who complete the pre-licensure education.
  - (g) Education Curriculum and Study/Resource Guide. The provider shall be responsible to provide or develop pre-licensure education curriculum and study/resource guide for the pre-licensure education that must be pre-approved by the Commission and the Division prior to use by the provider.
  - (h) Live Broadcast. The pre-licensure education course may be taught by live broadcast if:
    - (i) the student and the instructor are able to see and hear each other; and
    - (ii) a representative of the provider is at any remote location to monitor registration and attendance at the course.
- (7) Certificates of Completion. The pre-licensure education provider shall provide individuals completing the pre-licensure education a certificate that contains the following information:
  - (a) the date of the pre-licensure education;
  - (b) the name of the pre-licensure education provider;
  - (c) the attendee's name;
  - (d) verification of completion of the 20-hour requirement; and
  - (e) the signature of the pre-licensure education provider.
- (8) Reporting of Program Completion. A pre-licensure education provider shall, within seven calendar days, submit directly to the Division verification of attendance and completion on behalf of persons attending and completing the program. This verification shall be submitted on forms provided by the Division.
- (9) Program Monitoring. On a random basis, the Division or Commission may assign monitors at no charge to attend a pre-licensure education course for the purpose of evaluating the education and the instructor(s).
- (10) Documentation Retention. Each provider shall for a period of four years maintain adequate documentation as proof of compliance with this section and shall, upon request, make such documentation available for review by the Division or the Commission. Documentation shall include:
  - (a) the dates of all pre-licensure education courses that have been completed;
  - (b) registration and attendance logs of individuals who completed the pre-licensure education;
  - (c) the name of instructors for each education course provided as a part of the program; and

(d) pre-licensure education handouts and materials.

(11) Disciplinary Proceedings. As provided in Section 58-1-401 and Subsection 58-55-302(1)(e)(iii), the Division may refuse to renew or may revoke, suspend, restrict, place on probation, issue a public reprimand to, or otherwise act upon the approval of any pre-licensure education provider, if the pre-licensure education provider fails to meet any of the requirements of this section or the provider has engaged in other unlawful or unprofessional conduct.

(12) Exemptions. In accordance with Subsection 58-55-302(1)(e)(iii), the following persons are not required to complete the pre-licensure education program requirements:

(a) a person holding a four-year bachelor degree or a two-year associate degree in Construction Management from an accredited program;

(b) a person holding an active and unrestricted Utah professional engineer license who is applying for the E100 contractor license classification; or

(c) a person who:

(i) is a qualifier on an active and unrestricted contractor license;

(ii) became the qualifier on the license on or before October 9, 2014; and

(iii) is applying to:

(A) add additional contractor classifications to the license; or

(B) become a qualifier on a new entity that is applying for initial licensure.

#### **R156-55a-303a. Renewal Cycle - Procedures.**

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-1-308(1), the renewal date for the two year renewal cycle applicable to licensees under Title 58, Chapter 55 is established by rule in Section R156-1-308a(1).

(2) Renewal procedures shall be in accordance with Section R156-1-308c.

(3) In accordance with Subsections 58-55-501(21) and 58-1-308(3)(b)(i), there is established a continuing education requirement for license renewal. Each licensee, or the licensee's qualifier, or an officer, director or supervising individual, as designated by the licensee, shall comply with the continuing education requirements set forth in Section R156-55a-303b.

#### **R156-55a-303b. Continuing Education - Standards.**

(1) Required Hours. Pursuant to Subsection 58-55-302.5, each licensee shall complete a total of six hours of continuing education during each two year license term. A minimum of three hours shall be core education. The remaining three hours are to be professional education. Additional core education hours beyond the required amount may be substituted for professional education hours. A minimum of three hours shall consist of live in-class attendance. The remaining three hours may consist of courses provided through distance learning.

(a) "Core continuing education" is defined as construction codes, construction laws, job site safety, OSHA 10 or OSHA 30 safety training, governmental regulations pertaining to the construction trades and employee verification and payment practices, finance and bookkeeping.

(b) "Professional continuing education" is defined as substantive subjects dealing with the practice of the construction trades, including land development, land use, planning and zoning, energy conservation, professional development, arbitration practices, estimating, marketing techniques, servicing clients, personal and property protection for the licensee and the licensee's clients and similar topics.

(c) The following course subject matter is not acceptable as core education or professional education hours: mechanical office and business skills, such as typing, speed reading, memory improvement and report writing; physical well-being or personal development, such as personal and business motivation, stress management, time management, dress for success, or similar subjects; presentations by a supplier or a supplier representative to promote a particular product or line of products; and meetings held in conjunction with the general business of the licensee or employer.

(d) The Division may defer or waive the continuing education requirements as provided in Section R156-1-308d.

(2) A continuing education course shall meet the following standards:

(a) Time. Each hour of continuing education course credit shall consist of 50 minutes of education in the form of seminars, lectures, conferences, training sessions or distance learning modules. The remaining ten minutes is to allow for breaks.

(b) Provider. The course provider shall be among those specified in Subsection 58-55-302.5(2).

(c) Content. The content of the course shall be relevant to the practice of the construction trades and consistent with the laws and rules of this state.

(d) Objectives. The learning objectives of the course shall be reasonably and clearly stated.

(e) Teaching Methods. The course shall be presented in a competent, well organized and sequential manner consistent with the stated purpose and objective of the program.

(f) Faculty. The course shall be prepared and presented by individuals who are qualified by education, training and experience.

(g) Distance learning. A course that is provided through Internet or home study may be recognized for continuing education if the course verifies registration and participation in the course by means of a test demonstrating that the participant has learned the material presented. Test questions shall be randomized for each participant. A home study course shall include no fewer than five variations of the final examination, distributed randomly to participants. Home study courses, including the five exam variations, shall be submitted in their entirety to the Division for review. Providers shall track the following:

(i) the amount of time each student has spent in the course;

(ii) what activities the student did or did not access; and

(iii) all of the student's test scores.

(h) Documentation. The course provider shall have a competent method of registration of individuals who actually completed the course, shall maintain records of attendance that are available for review by the Division and shall provide individuals completing the course a certificate that contains the following information:

(i) the date of the course;

(ii) the name of the course provider;

(iii) the name of the instructor;

(iv) the course title;

(v) the hours of continuing education credit and type of credit (core or professional);

(vi) the attendee's name; and

(v) the signature of the course provider.

(3) On a random basis, the Division may assign monitors at no charge to attend a course for the purpose of evaluating the course and the instructor.

(4) Each licensee shall maintain adequate documentation as proof of compliance with this section, such as certificates of completion, course handouts and materials. The licensee shall retain this proof for a period of three years from the end of the renewal period for which the continuing education is due. Each licensee shall assure that the course provider has submitted the verification of attendance to the continuing education registry on behalf of the licensee as specified in Subsection (8). Alternatively, the licensee may submit the course for approval and pay any course approval fees and attendance recording fees.

(5) Licensees who lecture in continuing education courses meeting these requirements shall receive two hours of continuing education for each hour spent lecturing. However, no lecturing or teaching credit is available for participation in a panel discussion.

(6) The continuing education requirement for electricians, plumbers and elevator mechanics as established in Subsections 58-55-302.7, if offered by a provider specified in Subsection 58-55-302.5(2), shall satisfy the continuing education requirement for contractors as established in Subsection 58-55-302.5 and implemented herein. The contractor licensee shall assure that the course provider has submitted the verification of the electrician's, plumber's or elevator mechanic's attendance on behalf of the licensee to the continuing education registry as specified in Subsection (8).

(7) A course provider shall submit continuing education courses to the continuing education registry and shall submit verification of attendance and completion on behalf

of licensees attending and completing the program directly to the continuing education registry in the format required by the continuing education registry.

(8) The Division shall review continuing education courses which have been submitted through the continuing education registry and approve only those courses which meet the standards set forth under this Section.

(9) As provided in Section 58-1-401 and Subsections 58-55-302.5(2) and 58-55-302.7(4)(a), the Division may refuse to renew or may revoke, suspend, restrict, place on probation, issue a public reprimand to, or otherwise act upon the approval of any course or provider, if the course or provider fails to meet any of the requirements of this section or the provider has engaged in unlawful or unprofessional conduct.

(10) Continuing Education Registry.

(a) The Division shall designate an entity to act as the Continuing Education Registry under this rule.

(b) The Continuing Education Registry, in consultation with the Division and the Commission, shall:

(i) through its internet site electronically receive applications from continuing education course providers and shall submit the application for course approval to the Division for review and approval of only those programs that meet the standards set forth under this Section;

(ii) publish on their website listings of continuing education programs that have been approved by the Division, and which meet the standards for continuing education credit under this rule;

(iii) maintain accurate records of qualified continuing education approved;

(iv) maintain accurate records of verification of attendance and completion, by individual licensee, which the licensee may review for compliance with this rule; and

(v) make records of approved continuing education programs and attendance and completion available for audit by representatives of the Division.

(c) Fees. A continuing education registry may charge a reasonable fee to continuing education providers or licensees for services provided for review and approval of continuing education programs.

#### **R156-55a-304. Contractor License Qualifiers.**

(1) The capacity and material authority specified in Subsection 58-55-304(4) is clarified as follows:

(a) Except as allowed in Subsection (b), the qualifier must receive remuneration for work performed for the contractor licensee for not less than 10 hours of work per week;

(i) If the qualifier is an owner of the business, the remuneration may be in the form of owner's profit distributions or dividends with a minimum ownership of 20 percent of the contractor licensee.

(ii) If the qualifier is an officer or manager of the contractor licensee, the remuneration must be in the form of W-2 wages.

(b) The 10 hour minimum in Subsection (a) may be reduced if the total of all hours worked by all owners and employees is less than 50 hours per week, in which case the minimum may not be less than 20 percent of the total hours of work performed by all owners and employees of the contractor.

(2) Construction Trades Instruction Facility Qualifier. In accordance with Subsection 58-55-302(1)(f), the contractor license qualifier requirements in Section 58-55-304 shall also apply to construction trades instruction facilities.

#### **R156-55a-305. Compliance Agency Reporting of Sole Owner Building Permits Issued.**

In accordance with Subsection 58-55-305(2), all compliance agencies that issue building permits to sole owners of property must submit information concerning each building permit issued in their jurisdiction within 30 days of the issuance, with the building permit number, date issued, name, address and phone number of the issuing compliance agency, sole owner's full name, home address, phone number, and subdivision and lot number of the building site, to a fax number, email address or written mailing address designated by the Division.

**R156-55a-305a. Exempt Contractors Filing Affirmation of Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance.**

(1) Initial affirmation. In accordance with Subsection 58-55-305(1)(h)(ii)(F), any person claiming exemption under Subsection 58-55-305(1)(h) for projects with a value greater than \$1,000 but less than \$3,000 shall file a registration of exemption with the Division which includes:

- (a) the identity and address of the person claiming the exemption; and
- (b) a statement signed by the registrant verifying:

(i) that the person has public liability insurance in force which includes the Division being named as a certificate holder, the policy number, the expiration date of the policy, the insurance company name and contact information, and coverage amounts of at least \$100,000 for each incident and \$300,000 in total; and

(ii) that the person has workers compensation insurance in force which names the Division as a certificate holder, includes the policy number, the expiration date of the policy, the insurance company name and contact information; or

(iii) that the person does not hire employees and is therefore exempt from the requirement to have workers compensation insurance.

(2) Periodic reaffirmations required. The affirmation required under Subsection (1) shall be reaffirmed on or before November 30 of each odd numbered year.

**R156-55a-306. Contractor Financial Responsibility - Division Audit.**

In accordance with Subsections 58-55-302(10)(c), 58-55-306(5), 58-55-306(4)(b), and 58-55-102(19), the Division may consider various relevant factors in conducting a financial responsibility audit of an applicant, licensee, or any owner, including:

(1)(a) judgments, tax liens, collection actions, bankruptcy schedules and a history of late payments to creditors, including documentation showing the resolution of each of the above actions;

(b) financial statements and tax returns, including the ability to prepare or have prepared competent and current financial statements and tax returns;

(c) an acceptable current credit report that meets the following requirements:

(i) for individuals:

(A) a credit report from each of the three national reporting agencies, Trans Union, Experian, and Equifax; or

(B) a merged credit report of the agencies identified in Subsection (A) prepared by the National Association of Credit Managers (NACM); or

(ii) for entities, a business credit report such as an Experian Business Credit Report or a Dun and Bradstreet Report;

(d) an explanation of the reasons for any financial difficulties and how the financial difficulties were resolved;

(e) any of the factors listed in Subsection R156-1-302 that may relate to failure to maintain financial responsibility;

(f) each of the factors listed in this Subsection regarding the financial history of the owners of the applicant or licensee;

(g) any guaranty agreements provided for the applicant or licensee and any owners; and

(h) any history of prior entities owned or operated by the applicant, the licensee, or any owner that have failed to maintain financial responsibility.

**R156-55a-308a. Operating Standards for Schools or Colleges Licensed as Contractors.**

(1) Each school licensed as a B100 General Building Contractor or a R100 Residential and Small Commercial Contractor or both shall obtain all required building permits for homes built for resale to the public as part of an educational training program.

(2) Each employee that works as a teacher for a school licensed as a construction trades instruction facility shall:

(a) have on their person a school photo ID card with the trade they are authorized to teach printed on the card; and

(b) if instructing in the plumbing or electrical trades, they shall also carry on their person their Utah journeyman or residential journeyman plumber license or Utah journeyman, residential journeyman, master, or residential master electrician license.

(3) Each school licensed as a construction trades instruction facility shall not allow any teacher or student to work on any portion of the project subcontracted to a licensed contractor unless the teacher or student are lawful employees of the subcontractor.

**R156-55a-308b. Natural Gas Technician Certification.**

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-55-308(1), the scope of practice defined in Subsection 58-55-308(2)(a) requiring certification is further defined as the installation, modifications, maintenance, cleaning, repair or replacement of the gas piping, combustion air vents, exhaust venting system or derating of gas input for altitude of a residential or commercial gas appliance.

(2) An approved training program shall include the following course content:

- (a) general gas appliance installation codes;
- (b) venting requirements;
- (c) combustion air requirements;
- (d) gas line sizing codes;
- (e) gas line approved materials requirements;
- (f) gas line installation codes; and
- (g) methods of derating gas appliances for elevation.

(3) In accordance with Subsection 58-55-308(2)(c)(i), the following programs are approved to provide natural gas technician training, and to issue certificates or documentation of exemption from certification:

- (a) Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship Training;
- (b) Utah college apprenticeship program; and
- (c) Trade union apprenticeship program.

(4) In accordance with Subsection 58-55-308(3), the approved programs set forth in paragraphs (2)(b) and (2)(c) herein shall require program participants to pass the Rocky Mountain Gas Association Gas Appliance Installers Certification Exam or approved equivalent exams established or adopted by a training program, with a minimum passing score of 80%.

(5) In accordance with Subsection 58-55-308(3), a person who has not completed an approved training program, but has passed the Rocky Mountain Gas Association Gas Exam or approved equivalent exam established or adopted by an approved training program, with a minimum passing score of 80%, or the Utah licensed Journeyman or Residential Journeyman Plumber Exam, with a minimum passing score of 70%, shall be exempt from the certification requirement set forth in Subsection 58-55-308(2)(c)(i).

(6) Content of certificates of completion. An approved program shall issue a certificate, including a wallet certificate, to persons who successfully complete their training program containing the following information:

- (a) name of the program provider;
- (b) name of the approved program;
- (c) name of the certificate holder;
- (d) the date the certification was completed; and
- (e) signature of an authorized representative of the program provider.

(7) Documentation of exemption from certification. The following shall constitute documentation of exemption from certification:

- (a) certification of completion of training issued by the Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship Training;
- (b) current Utah licensed Journeyman or Residential Journeyman plumber license; or
- (c) certification from the Rocky Mountain Gas Association or approved equivalent exam which shall include the following:
  - (i) name of the association, school, union, or other organization who administered the exam;
  - (ii) name of the person who passed the exam;
  - (iii) name of the exam;
  - (iv) the date the exam was passed; and
  - (v) signature of an authorized representative of the test administrator.

(8) Each person engaged in the scope of practice defined in Subsection 58-55-308(2)(a) and as further defined in Subsection (1) herein, shall carry in their possession documentation of certification or exemption.

**R156-55a-309. Reinstatement Application Fee.**

The application fee for a contractor applicant who is applying for reinstatement more than two years after the expiration of licensure, who has been engaged in unauthorized practice of contracting following the expiration of the applicant's license, shall be the current license application fee normally required for a new application rather than the reinstatement fee provided under R156-1-308g(3)(d).

**R156-55a-311. Reorganization - Conversion of Contractor Business Entity.**

A reorganization of the business organization or entity under which a licensed contractor is licensed shall require application for a new license under the new form of organization or business structure. The creation of a new legal entity constitutes a reorganization and includes a change to a new entity under the same form of business entity or a change of the form of business entity between proprietorship, partnership, whether limited or general, joint venture, corporation or any other business form.

Exception: A conversion from one form of entity to another form where "Articles of Conversion" are filed with the Utah Division of Corporations and Commercial Code shall not require a new contractor application.

**R156-55a-312. Inactive License.**

(1) The requirements for inactive licensure specified in Subsection R156-1-305(3) shall also include certification that the licensee will not engage in the construction trade(s) for which his license was issued while his license is on inactive status except to identify himself as an inactive licensee.

(2) A license on inactive status will not be required to meet the requirements of licensure in Subsections 58-55-302(1)(e)(i), 58-55-302(2)(a) and 58-55-302(2)(b).

(3) The requirements for reactivation of an inactive license specified in Subsection R156-1-305(6) shall also include:

(a) documentation that the licensee meets the requirements of Subsections 58-55-302(1)(e)(i), 58-55-302(2)(a) and 58-55-302(2)(b); and

(b) documentation that the licensee has taken and passed the business and law examination and the trade examination for the classification for which activation is sought except that the following exceptions shall apply to the reactivation examination requirement:

(i) No license shall be in an inactive status for more than six years.

(ii) Prior to a license being activated, a licensee shall meet the requirements of renewal.

**R156-55a-401. Minimum Penalty for Failure to Maintain Insurance.**

(1) A minimum penalty is hereby established for the violation of Subsection R156-55a-501(2) as follows:

(a) For a violation the duration of which is less than 90 days, where the licensee at the time a penalty is imposed documents that the required liability and workers compensation insurance have been reacquired, and provided an insurable loss has not occurred while not insured, a minimum of a 30 day suspension of licensure, stayed indefinitely, automatically executable in addition to any other sanction imposed, upon any subsequent violations of Subsection R156-55a-501(2).

(b) For a violation the duration of which is 90 days or longer, or where insurable loss has occurred, where the licensee at the time a penalty is imposed documents that the required insurance have been reacquired, a minimum of 30 days suspension of licensure.

(c) For a violation of any duration, where the licensee at the time a penalty is imposed fails to document that the required insurance have been reacquired, a minimum of indefinite suspension. A license which is placed on indefinite suspension may not be reinstated any earlier than 30 days after the licensee documents the required insurance have been reacquired.

(d) If insurable loss has occurred and licensee has not paid the damages, the license may be suspended indefinitely until such loss is paid by the licensee.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict a presiding officer from imposing more than the minimum penalty for a violation of Subsection R156-55a-501(2) and (3). However, absent extraordinary cause, the presiding officer may not impose less than the minimum penalty.

**R156-55a-501. Unprofessional Conduct.**

"Unprofessional conduct" includes:

- (1) failing to notify the Division with respect to any matter for which notification is required under this rule or Title 58, Chapter 55, the Construction Trades Licensing Act, including a change in qualifier. Such failure shall be considered by the Division and the Commission as grounds for immediate suspension of the contractors license;
- (2) failing to continuously maintain insurance and registration as required by Subsection 58-55-302(2) and Section R156-55a-302d; and
- (3) failing to within 30 days of a request from the Division to provide:
  - (a) proof of insurance coverage;
  - (b) a copy of the licensee's public insurance policy; or
  - (c) any exclusions included in the licensee's public insurance policy.

**R156-55a-502. Penalty for Unlawful Conduct.**

The penalty for violating Subsection 58-55-501(1) while suspended from licensure shall include the maximum fine allowed by Subsection 58-55-503(4)(i).

**R156-55a-503. Administrative Penalties.**

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-55-503, the following fine schedule shall apply to citations issued under Title 58, Chapter 55:

TABLE II

FINE SCHEDULE

FIRST OFFENSE

Violation	All Licenses Except Electrical or Plumbing	Electrical or Plumbing
58-55-308(2)	\$ 500.00	N/A
58-55-501(1)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
58-55-501(2)	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00
58-55-501(3)	\$ 800.00	\$1,000.00
58-55-501(9)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
58-55-501(10)	\$ 800.00	\$1,000.00
58-55-501(12)	N/A	\$ 500.00
58-55-501(14)	\$ 500.00	N/A
58-55-501(19)	\$ 500.00	N/A
58-55-501(21)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
58-55-501(22)	\$ 500.00	N/A
58-55-501(23)	\$ 500.00	N/A
58-55-501(24)	\$ 500.00	N/A
58-55-501(25)	\$ 500.00	N/A
58-55-501(26)	\$ 500.00	N/A
58-55-501(27)	\$ 500.00	N/A
58-55-501(28)	\$ 500.00	N/A
58-55-501(29)	\$ 500.00	N/A
58-55-504(2)	\$ 500.00	N/A

SECOND OFFENSE

58-55-308(2)	\$1,000.00	N/A
58-55-501(1)	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
58-55-501(2)	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00

58-55-501(3)	\$1,600.00	\$2,000.00
58-55-501(9)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
58-55-501(10)	\$1,600.00	\$2,000.00
58-55-501(12)	N/A	\$1,000.00
58-55-501(14)	\$1,000.00	N/A
58-55-501(19)	\$1,000.00	N/A
58-55-501(21)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
58-55-501(22)	\$1,000.00	N/A
58-55-501(23)	\$1,000.00	N/A
58-55-501(24)	\$1,000.00	N/A
58-55-501(25)	\$1,000.00	N/A
58-55-501(26)	\$1,000.00	N/A
58-55-501(27)	\$1,000.00	N/A
58-55-501(28)	\$1,000.00	N/A
58-55-501(29)	\$1,000.00	N/A
58-55-504(2)	\$1,000.00	N/A

THIRD OFFENSE

Double the amount for a second offense with a maximum amount not to exceed the maximum fine allowed under Subsection 58-55-503(4)(h).

(2) Citations shall not be issued for third offenses, except in extraordinary circumstances approved by the investigative supervisor.

(3) If multiple offenses are cited on the same citation, the fine shall be determined by evaluating the most serious offense.

(4) An investigative supervisor may authorize a deviation from the fine schedule based upon the aggravating or mitigating circumstances.

(5) The presiding officer for a contested citation shall have the discretion, after a review of the aggravating and mitigating circumstances, to increase or decrease the fine amount imposed by an investigator based upon the evidence presented.

**R156-55a-504. Crane Operator Certifications.**

In accordance with Subsection 58-55-504(2)(a) one of the following certifications is required to operate a crane on commercial construction projects:

- (1) a certification issued by the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators;
- (2) a certification issued by the Operating Engineers Certification Program formerly known as the Southern California Crane and Hoisting Certification Program; or
- (3) a certification issued by the Crane Institute of America.

**R156-55a-602. Contractor License Bonds.**

Pursuant to the provisions of Subsections 58-55-306(1)(b) and 58-55-306(5)(b)(iii), a contractor shall provide a license bond issued by a surety acceptable to the Division in the amount, form, and coverage as follows:

(1) An acceptable surety is one that is listed in the Department of Treasury, Fiscal Service, Circular 570, entitled "Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bonds and as Acceptable Reinsuring Companies" at the date of the bond.

(2) The coverage of the license bond shall include losses that may occur as the result of the contractor's violation of the unprofessional or unlawful provisions contained in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 55 and rules R156-1 and R156-55a including the failure to maintain financial responsibility, the failure of the licensee to pay its obligations, and the failure of the owners or a licensed unincorporated entity to pay income taxes or self employment taxes on the gross distributions from the unincorporated entity to its owners.

(3) The financial history of the applicant, licensee, or any owner, as outlined in Section R156-55a-306, may be reviewed in determining the bond amount required under this section.

(4) If the licensee is submitting a bond under Subsection 58-55-306(5)(b)(iii)(B), the amount of the bond shall be 20% of the annual gross distributions from the unincorporated entity to its owners. As provided in Subsection 58-55-302(10)(c), the Division, in determining if financial responsibility has been demonstrated, may consider the total number of owners, including new owners added as reported under the provisions of Subsection 58-55-302(10)(a)(i), in setting the amount of the bond required under this subsection.

(5) If the licensee is submitting a bond under any subsection other than Subsection 58-55-306(5)(b)(iii)(B), the minimum amount of the bond shall be \$50,000 for the E100 or B100 classification of licensure; \$25,000 for the R100 classification of licensure; or \$15,000 for other classifications. A higher amount may be determined by the Division and the Commission as provided in Subsection R156-55a-602(6).

(6) The amount of the bond specified under Subsection R156-55a-602(5) may be increased by an amount determined by the Commission and Division when the financial history of the applicant, licensee or any owner indicates the bond amount specified in Subsection R156-55a-602(1) is insufficient to reasonably cover risks to the public health, safety and welfare. The financial history of the applicant, licensee or any owner, as outlined in Section R156-55a-306 may be reviewed in determining the bond amount required.

(7) A contractor may provide a license bond issued by a surety acceptable to the Division in an amount less than the bond amount specified in Subsection R156-55a-602(5) if:

(a) the contractor demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that:

(i) the financial history of the applicant, licensee or any owner indicates the bond amount specified in Subsection R156-55a-602(1) is in excess of what is reasonably necessary to cover risks to the public health, safety and welfare;

(ii) the contractor's lack of financial responsibility is due to extraordinary circumstances that the contractor could not control as opposed to general financial challenges that all contractors experience; and

(iii) the contractor's scope of practice will be restricted commensurate with the degree of risk the contract presents to the public health, safety, and welfare; and

(b) the Commission and Division approve the amount.

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