

Q: How do I obtain a Pipefitters license?

A: There are three levels of pipefitter licensure: Master Pipefitter; Journeyman Pipefitter; and Apprentice Pipefitter.

Within the master pipefitter license there are five license types: Master Pipefitter – Power, Heating, Cooling Piping (PM-01); Master Pipefitter/Pipefitter Welder – Power, Heating, Cooling Piping (PM-01-W); Master Pipefitter – Process Piping (PM-02); Master Pipefitter/Pipefitter Welder – Process Piping (PM-02-W); Master Pipefitter Unrestricted (PM-00).

Within the journeyman pipefitter license there are five license types: Journeyman Pipefitter – Power, Heating, Cooling Piping (PJ-01); Journeyman Pipefitter/Pipefitter Welder – Power, Heating, Cooling Piping (PJ-01-W); Journeyman Pipefitter – Process Piping (PJ-02); Journeyman Pipefitter/Pipefitter Welder – Process Piping (PJ-02-W); Journeyman Pipefitter Unrestricted (PJ-00).

Within the apprentice pipefitter license there are three license types: Apprentice Pipefitter – Power, Heating, Cooling Piping (PA-01); Apprentice Pipefitter – Process Piping (PA-02); Apprentice Pipefitter Unrestricted (PA-00).

Both master and journeyman pipefitter require that applicants first obtain an apprentice pipefitter license. In order to obtain the apprentice license, you must be registered as an apprentice with the Division of Apprentice Training. Once registered with the Division, you must then make application for the apprentice license. Once the apprentice pipefitter license is obtained, applicants for master and journeyman pipefitter must submit evidence of additional experience.

Q: Who qualifies to be grandfathered in to the Process Piping Pipefitter license?

A: The following individuals qualify to be grandfathered in to a Process Piping Pipefitter license:

- Anyone who is currently licensed under M.G.L. c. 146 § 84 or M.G.L. c. 142 § 3.
- Anyone who was not required to be licensed under M.G.L. c. 146 § 84 or M.G.L. c. 142 § 3 who submits satisfactory proof to the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinkler Fitters that the person has been actively engaged in process piping for a period of four (4) years before September 15, 2014.

NOTE: Anyone that does not meet either of these qualifications must pass a written examination and must follow the pipefitter licensing process outlined in 528 CMR 11.02(2)-(4).

Applications for grandfathering to a Process Piping Pipefitter license and the associated fee must be submitted to the Department within 180 days after the effective date of the new 528 CMR regulations.

Q: I am licensed as a Master under M.G.L. c. 146 § 84 or M.G.L. c. 142 § 3. What must I submit to the Department in order to attain a Process Piping Pipefitter license?

A: Anyone who is currently licensed as a Master under M.G.L. c. 146 § 84 or M.G.L. c. 142 § 3 must submit the following items within the 180 day grandfathering period:

1. The completed first page of the [Application for Grandfathered Master Process Piping Pipefitter License](#) .

2. A copy of your Master license under M.G.L. c. 146 § 84 or M.G.L. c. 142 § 3.

3. A non-refundable processing fee of \$100.00, in check or money order, made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Please mail your completed application, fee, and supporting documentation to:

Department of Public Safety
Attn: Licensing Unit
One Ashburton Place – Room 1301
Boston, MA 02108

Q: I am licensed as a Journeyman under M.G.L. c. 146 § 84 or M.G.L. c. 142 § 3. What must I submit to the Department in order to attain a Process Piping Pipefitter license?

A: Anyone who is currently licensed as a Journeyman under M.G.L. c. 146 § 84 or M.G.L. c. 142 § 3 must submit the following items within the 180 day grandfathering period:

1. The completed first page of the [Application for Grandfathered Journeyman Process Piping Pipefitter License](#) .

2. A copy of your Journeyman license under M.G.L. c. 146 § 84 or M.G.L. c. 142 § 3.

3. A non-refundable processing fee of \$75.00, in check or money order, made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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Q: I do not hold a pipefitter (M.G.L. c. 146 § 84) or plumbers (M.G.L. c. 142 § 3) license and I currently do work on process piping. Am I eligible to be grandfathered as a process pipefitter journeyman or master?

A: Yes. You must file a grandfather application along with supporting documentation showing four (4) years of experience for journeyman, and four (4) years in a supervisory capacity for master. These will be reviewed by the Bureau and if found acceptable you will be granted the appropriate license.

Q: I am not licensed under M.G.L. c. 146 § 84 or M.G.L. c. 142 § 3 but can provide proof that I have been actively engaged in process piping for a period of four (4) years prior to the effective date of the

***new 528 CMR and have a place of business and employ other individuals engaged in process piping.
What must I submit to the Department in order to attain a Process Piping Pipefitter license?***

A: Anyone who is not licensed under M.G.L. c. 146 § 84 or M.G.L. c. 142 § 3 but can provide proof of been actively engaged in process piping for a period of four (4) years and have a place of business and employ other individuals engaged in process piping must submit the following items within the 180 day grandfathering period:

1. A completed Application for [Grandfathered Master Process Piping Pipefitter License](#) .

♣ First page of application & Letter of Attestation must be completed for consideration.

2. A non-refundable processing fee of \$100.00, in check or money order, made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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Q: I am not licensed under M.G.L. c. 146 § 84 or M.G.L. c. 142 § 3 but can provide proof that I have been actively engaged in process piping for a period of four (4) years prior to the effective date of the new 528 CMR. What must I submit to the Department in order to attain a Process Piping Pipefitter license?

A: Anyone who is not licensed under M.G.L. c. 146 § 84 or M.G.L. c. 142 § 3 but can provide proof of been actively engaged in process piping for a period of four (4) years must submit the following items within the 180 day grandfathering period:

1. A completed Application for [Grandfathered Journeyman Process Piping Pipefitter License](#) .

♣ First page of application & Letter of Attestation must be completed for consideration.

2. A non-refundable processing fee of \$75.00, in check or money order, made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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Q: I am a licensed journeyman or master plumber. Can I apply to be grandfathered as an unrestricted journeyman or master pipefitter?

A: No. You may only apply to be grandfathered as a Process Pipefitting Journeyman (PJ-02) or Master (PM-02).

Q: I currently hold a Pipefitters license and want to do work on process piping. Will I automatically become a process piping journeyman or master pipefitter?

A: No. You must submit a grandfather application along with a copy of your current pipefitter license. Depending on whether you are a journey or master pipefitter you will receive either an unrestricted journeyman or unrestricted master pipefitters license.


Q: I currently hold a Master Pipefitter license. Will I be grandfathered to a Master Pipefitter Unrestricted (PM-00) license?

A: A Master Pipefitter license holder must submit an Application for Grandfathered Master Process Piping Pipefitter License within the 180 day period that the new 528 CMR regulation goes in to effect in order to be grandfathered to a Master Pipefitter Unrestricted (PM-00) license. All currently licensed Master Pipefitters that do not submit a grandfathering application within the 180 day period will have their licenses converted to a Master Pipefitter/Pipefitter Welder – Power, Heating, Cooling Piping (PM-01-W) license. The Application for Grandfathered Master Process Piping Pipefitter License can be found [here](#) .


Q: I currently hold a Master Pipefitter license but I missed the 180 day grandfathering period. Can I still be grandfathered to a Master Pipefitter Unrestricted (PM-00) license?

A: No. All currently licensed Master Pipefitters that do not submit a grandfathering application within the 180 day period will have their licenses converted to a Master Pipefitter/Pipefitter Welder – Power, Heating, Cooling Piping (PM-01-W) license.

Q: I do not hold a Master Pipefitter license but can provide at least 4 years of experience doing process piping work. Can I be grandfathered to a Master Pipefitter Unrestricted (PM-00) license?

A: No. New applicants with at least 4 years of experience and having a regular place of business or who employs individuals to perform any work, including fabrication, in Process Piping Pipefitting, or Pipefitting Welding will be grandfathered to a Master Pipefitter – Process Piping (PM-02) license if the applicant submits an Application for Grandfathered Master Process Piping Pipefitter License within the 180 day period that the new 528 CMR regulations go in to effect. Applicants that do not have at least 4 years of experience or do not submit a grandfathering application within the 180 day period must take an exam in order to receive a pipefitter license from the Department of Public Safety. The Application for Grandfathered Master Process Piping Pipefitter License can be found [here](#) .


Q: I do not hold a Journeyman Pipefitter license but can provide at least 4 years of experience doing process piping work. Can I be grandfathered to a Journeyman Pipefitter Unrestricted (PJ-00) license?

A: No. New applicants with at least 4 years of experience and performs any work, including fabrication, in Process Piping Pipefitting will be grandfathered to a Journeyman Pipefitter – Process Piping (PJ-02) license if the applicant submits an Application for Grandfathered Journeyman Process Piping Pipefitter License within the 180 day period that the new 528 CMR regulations go in to effect. Applicants that do not have at least 4 years of experience or do not submit a grandfathering application within the 180 day period must take an exam in order to receive a pipefitter license from the Department of Public Safety. The Application for Grandfathered Journeyman Process Piping Pipefitter License can be found [here](#) .

Q: I do not hold a Pipefitter license and I do not have at least 4 years of experience doing process piping work. Can I be grandfathered to receive a Pipefitter license?

A: No. Applicants that do not hold a Pipefitter license issued by the Department of Public Safety and do not have at least 4 years of experience must take an exam in order to receive a Pipefitter license.

Q: I currently hold a Journeyman Pipefitter license. Will I be grandfathered to a Journeyman Pipefitter Unrestricted (PJ-00) license?

A: A Journeyman Pipefitter license holder must submit an Application for Grandfathered Journeyman Process Piping Pipefitter License within the 180 day period that the new 528 CMR regulation goes in to effect in order to be grandfathered to a Journeyman Pipefitter Unrestricted (PJ-00) license. All currently licensed Journeyman Pipefitters that do not submit a grandfathering application within the 180 day period will have their licenses converted to a Journeyman Pipefitter/Pipefitter Welder – Power, Heating, Cooling Piping (PJ-01-W) license. The Application for Grandfathered Journeyman Process Piping Pipefitter License can be found [here](#) .

Q: I currently hold a Journeyman Pipefitter license but I missed the 180 day grandfathering period. Can I still be grandfathered to a Journeyman Pipefitter Unrestricted (PJ-00) license?

A: No. All currently licensed Journeyman Pipefitters that do not submit a grandfathering application within the 180 day period will have their licenses converted to a Journeyman Pipefitter/Pipefitter Welder – Power, Heating, Cooling Piping (PJ-01-W) license.

Q: I can provide at least 4 years of experience doing process piping work but I missed the 180 day grandfathering period. Can I still be grandfathered?

A: No. If you missed the grandfather period you must take an exam in order to receive a Pipefitter license.

Q: I currently hold an Apprentice Pipefitter license. Will my license be grandfathered?

A: Yes. All Apprentice Pipefitter license holders will have their licenses converted to an Apprentice Pipefitter – Power, Heating, Cooling Piping (PA-01) license.

Q: Can I perform process piping work under a licensed Process Piping Pipefitter if I hold an Apprentice Pipefitter – Power, Heating, Cooling Piping (PA-01) license?

A: No. You must hold either to an Apprentice Pipefitter – Process Piping (PA-02) license or an Apprentice Pipefitter Unrestricted (PA-00) license to perform process piping work under a licensed Process Piping Pipefitter.

Q: Can I perform power, heating, and/or cooling piping work under a licensed Power, Heating, Cooling Piping Pipefitter if I hold an Apprentice Pipefitter – Process Piping (PA-02) license?

A: No. You must hold either to an Apprentice Pipefitter – Power, Heating, Cooling Piping (PA-01) license or an Apprentice Pipefitter Unrestricted (PA-00) license to perform process piping work under a licensed Process Piping Pipefitter.

Q: I hold a process pipefitting license from another state, may I be considered for grandfathering in Massachusetts.

A: Yes, during the grandfathering period, the Bureau will consider applications showing the required experience regardless of the state where that experience was garnered.

Q: I need a welding endorsement to my pipefitting license. How do I do that?

A: You must apply for and pass a license exam with a score of 70 percent or greater to add the welding endorsement to your license. The application is available on the Department of Public Safety website.

Q: I work for a company in Massachusetts doing process piping in chemical plants. My boss told me I don't need a license because the regular employees don't need a license. Should I do the work without a license? What should I do?

A: You should not do any work without a license when you know that you need one. You should call the Department of Public Safety at (617) 727-3200 and report your situation. If you are not a regular employee and you are doing process piping work along with regular employees you will be subject to fines under 520 CMR 1.00 Civil Fines up to \$5000.00.