

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION CODES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Skilled Trades (ORR# 2019-101 LR)
Plumbing Board (ORR# 2019-106 LR)
Electrical Administrative Board (ORR# 2019-110 LR)
Boiler Rules (ORR# 2019-115 LR)
Board of Mechanical Rules (ORR# 2019-126 LR)
Building Officials, Plan Reviewers, and Inspectors (ORR# 2019-109 LR)

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Construction Codes, will hold a public hearing on the Skilled Trades rules and the following repealed acts State Plumbing Board Act ; Electrical Administrative Board Act ; Boiler Act; Board of Mechanical Act and Building Officials, Plan Reviewers, and Inspectors Act. The public hearing will be held virtually using Zoom on January 8, 2021, at 9:00 am.

The Skilled Trades Regulation Act, 2016 PA 407, repeals the State Plumbing Board Act, 2002 PA733, MCL 338.3511 to 338.3569; Electrical Administrative Board Act, 1956 PA 217, MCL 338.881 to 338.892 ; Boiler Act, 1965 PA 290, MCL 408.751 to 408.776 ; Board of Mechanical Act, 1984 PA 192, MCL 338.971 to 338.988; and the Building Officials and Inspectors Registration Act, 1986 PA 54, MCL 338.2301 to 338.2313. The repealed Acts are outdated and do not provide uniform licensing, complaint investigation, and enforcement provisions for skilled trades licenses. This places a burden on the bureau administering the Acts and creates an inefficient use of resources. Additionally, many licensees who are cross licensed in multiple trades have expressed dissatisfaction with conflicting provisions, such as electronic communication and third-party continuing education tracking options and specifies violations for unlicensed activity as provided to other regulated professions. Because these Acts were repealed, the bureau plans to rescind the licensing rules regulated under the Skilled Trades Regulation Act. The Skilled Trades rule set is proposed to take effect immediately after filing with the Secretary of State. The Skilled Trades Regulation Act, 2016 PA 407, streamlines the processes for all license types included while providing for modernized provisions, such as electronic communication and third-party continuing education tracking options, and specifies violations for unlicensed activity as provided to other regulated professions. While the Skilled Trades Regulation Act repealed the five Acts that regulated certain skilled trades, this new Act includes provisions to regulate those same skilled trades

The proposed rules will be published in the January 1, 2021, *Michigan Register*. You may download a free copy of the proposed amendments by visiting the Bureau's website at www.michigan.gov/bcc.

Oral comments may be presented in person over Zoom on January 8, 2021. Whether a public meeting is held in person or remotely, written comments can always be submitted by email no later than 5:00 p.m., January 8, 2021 to LARA-BCC-Rules@michigan.gov.

All members of the public may attend and participate in this meeting by visiting the following link or dialing the phone number below at the time of the meeting. If you would like to speak at the meeting please email LARA-BCC-Rules@michigan.gov with your name and who you are representing by January 6, 2021, so an attendance list for speakers can be made. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. All participants may access the meeting at the below web link or phone number 15 minute before it begins.

Web Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83244233086?pwd=NHNIMTliTCtQjUxcjIBNIRVbzVPUT09>

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