

Boiler License FAQs

Q: Does the person who installs my boiler need a license?

A: If the boiler is going into a commercial location, unless it's a small water heater, the installer must hold a valid Michigan boiler installers license.

Q: How do I find a contractor to install a boiler in my commercial location?

A: We have all skilled trades license holders on our web site:

Go to www.michigan.gov/bcc

In the top bar click "Verify a License"

Click "Construction/Skilled Trades"

Scroll down to "Search for a License"

Go to the "License Type" drop down box and select "Boiler Installer"

Go to the bottom of the page and click "Search"

This will list all boiler installers licensed in Michigan, unfortunately there is no way to search based on license level.

Click on the business name (in blue) and the license status and class will be shown.

Q: I'm interested in getting a license to install a boiler, or finding the right boiler installer what are the different licenses required for different boilers?

A: There are several different boiler installation license levels a contractor can hold, although as you will see, each higher license level can do all the work that anyone with a lower-level license can do.

A **1B** licensee can install a low-pressure steam boiler or a hot water heating or hot water supply boiler with a heat input up to 1,000,000 btu/hr.

The holder of a **2B** license can install a low-pressure steam boiler or a hot water heating or hot water supply boiler of any size.

An installer with a **3B** license can install a high pressure (over 15p.s.i.) steam boiler with a steaming capacity of up to 5000 lb/hr. or a low-pressure steam boiler or a hot water heating or hot water supply boiler of any size and install or replace power piping.

A **4B** license allows the installer to install high pressure (over 15p.s.i.) steam boiler with a steaming capacity of up to 300,000 lb/hr. or a low-pressure steam boiler or a hot water heating or hot water supply boiler of any size and install or replace power piping.

A licensee with a **5B** can install any boiler of any pressure and any size and install or replace power piping, except for a nuclear reactor.

It takes a **6B** license to install a nuclear reactor.

Q: How do I get a license to install a boiler?

A: First, you need to have 5 years of experience installing boilers that fall within the category of boilers you want to install. Two years of this can be inspection, design, manufacture, or construction.

Q: How does the process of getting a license start?

A: On the BCC WELCOME page, click on the "Licensing, Examinations, & Continuing Education" box.

Q: Are the tests still given quarterly?

A: No, we now use a third-party testing provider and tests, and you can test 5 days per week.

Q: Once I pass the test, how long till I get my license?

A: If the application was completed properly, your license should be active in about 10 days after you test.

Q: The website says the test study materials are the 2010 edition of the ASME Boiler Code, but I can't find them anywhere, what now?

A: You can use any later version of the listed codes.