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Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation

**PLUMBERS’ EXAMINING BOARD**

2025-2026 Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **02-395**

AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional & Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, **Plumbers’ Examining Board**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None.

**EXPECTED 2025-2026 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:**

Expected rulemaking will be to implement legislation governing licensure by endorsement and provisional licensure. A review for conformance with statutes and current rules will be conducted and updated as may be necessary, including an update to discontinue the use of the terms “handicap,” “handicapped” and “hearing impaired” pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 2557, sub-§2.

Rulemaking is expected to clarify written rules in in Chapter 4, Installation Standards as well as clarify pathways to licensure in Chapter 3, Licensing Requirements.

**CHAPTER 1**: **Advisory Rulings**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 3403-A; 5 M.R.S. §§ 8051, 9001(4)

PURPOSE: The Board may review and revise its rules to ensure clarity and conformity with the enabling statute by amending the guidelines relating to advisory rulings.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 3**: **Licensing Requirements**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 3403-A

PURPOSE: The Board may review and revise its rules for licensure as a Trainee Plumber, Journeyman-in-Training, Journeyman Plumber, and Master Plumber.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure, Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 4**: **Installation Standards**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 3403-A

PURPOSE: The Board may review and revise its rules on installation standards to clarify permitting and installation requirements for water treatment systems, and condensate disposal.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 6**: **Reciprocity**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 3403-A

PURPOSE: The Board may review and revise its rules to ensure clarity and conformity with the enabling statute by amending the procedures for qualifying for licensure by reciprocity.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER NUMBER and Title: N/A**

STATUTORY BASIS: 10 M.R.S. § 8003-H, § 8003-5-A(D)(7)

PURPOSE: The Board may adopt rules to establish a process to issue a license by endorsement or to grant provisional licenses to applicants from other jurisdictions.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within the year.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A