

State of Alabama Plumbers and Gas Fitters
Examining Board

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Plumbers and Gas Fitters Examining Board

RULE NO. & TITLE: 720-X-4-.01 Forms, Requirements, and Fee
Schedule

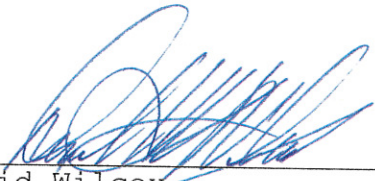
INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Plumbers and Gas Fitters Examining Board proposes to amend rule 720-x-4-.01 of Alabama Code 34-37

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The proposed action of rule 720-x-4-.01 would list new forms, requirements for testing and adjust the fee schedule.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Comments both written and oral will be accepted at the Plumbers and Gas Fitters Board Office, 11 West Oxmoor Road, suite 104 Birmingham, AL 35209. Comments will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on June 5, 2014.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: June 5, 2014

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ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR APA RULE
(Section 41-22-23(f))

Control No. 309 Department or Agency Plumbers and Gas Fitters
Examining Board

Rule No: 720-x-4-.01

Rule Title: Forms, Requirements, and fee Schedule

 New X Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

 This rule has no economic impact.

 X This rule has an economic impact, as explained below:

1. **NEED/EXPECTED BENEFIT OF RULE: To recover the cost incurred by the Board for testing, certifying, and insuring compliance within the plumbing, gas and medical gas industries and allow the Board to retain sufficient resources in the various regulatory and consumer protection programs.**

2. **COSTS/BENEFITS OF RULE AND WHY RULE IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND FEASIBLE MEANS FOR ALLOCATING RESOURCES AND ACHIEVING THE STATED PURPOSE: Increases in fees allow the Board to provide adequate funding of testing, certifying, and compliance within the plumbing, gas, and medical gas industries as well as the consumer protection programs. Collection of additional fees shall be in the same manner as existing fees. No additional resources will be expended by the Board for collection of fee increases.**

3. **EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON COMPETITION: The rule change would have no effect on competition. The cost is uniformly applied.**

4. EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON COST-OF-LIVING AND DOING BUSINESS IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WHERE THE RULE IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED: **The fee increase is minimal and should have minimal, if any, effect on cost of living. The fee increase should have very little impact on business.**

5. EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON EMPLOYMENT IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WHERE THE RULE IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED: **The fee increase is minimal and should have no negative effect on employment in Alabama.**

6. SOURCE OF REVENUE TO BE USED FOR IMPLEMENTING AND ENFORCING THIS RULE: **Board funds will be used implement the enforcement of the rule change.**

7. THE SHORT-TERM/LONG-TERM ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THIS RULE ON AFFECTED PERSONS, INCLUDING ANALYSIS OF PERSONS WHO WILL BEAR THE COSTS AND THOSE WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE RULE:

The short and long term economic impact is negligible when compared to the enhanced ability of the Board to better serve the licensees and offer consumer protection and education programs.

8. UNCERTAINTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ESTIMATED BENEFITS AND BURDENS OF THE RULE, INCLUDING QUALITATIVE/QUANTITATIVE BENEFITS AND BURDEN COMPARISON: **The economic burden to business is negligible as compared to the benefits received by the Board's enhanced ability to offer year-round testing and a more comprehensive consumer protection, outreach, and education programs.**

9. THE EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH: The environment and public health will see a positive effect because of the Board's ability to better ensure health and welfare by ensuring compliance of individuals installing and maintaining the public water supply and sewer collection systems.

10. DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH IF THE RULE IS NOT IMPLEMENTED: The Board's ability to successfully ensure compliance is directly affected by its ability to collect fees. The safety of the state's drinking water and sewage collection systems is paramount to the Board's mission. The health and welfare of the public along with the health of the state's environment are tied to the ability of the Board to accomplish this mission. The inability of the Board to adequately perform this mission would be detrimental to the environment and public health.

**Additional pages may be used if needed.

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Proposed Rule Change

720-x-4-.01

720-x-4-.01 Forms, Requirements, and Fee Schedule. The following forms shall be available in the Board Office as well as on the Board website:

1. Master Plumber and/or Gas Fitter Registration Information Update Form
2. Application for Examination
3. Application for Waiver of Annual Penalties and Fees
4. Apprentice Registration
5. Complaint Form
6. Application for Temporary Revocable Certification as a Journeyman Plumber or Journeyman Gas Fitter
7. Application for Inactive Status
8. Contractor Bond Form
9. Proof of Citizenship or Lawful Presence of Non-Citizen Forms
10. Replacement Card Request

	<u>Requirements</u>	<u>Renewal</u> Fees	<u>Non-Refundable</u> Exam Fees
Apprentice		\$25.00 (Initial w/Registration)	
		\$10.00 \$25.00 (Annually)	
No Written Exam Required. Complete Registration Form and include a copy of Social Security Card <u>Proof of Citizenship or Lawful Presence of Non-Citizen Forms</u> .			
Journeyman Plumber		\$30.00 \$50.00	\$110.00
Requires 2 yr. Registration as Apprentice or completed Board Approved Apprentice Training Program to take required Written Exam <u>exam</u> .			
Journeyman Gas Fitter		\$30.00 \$50.00	\$110.00
Requires 2 yr. Registration as Apprentice or completed Board Approved Apprentice Training Program to take required Written Exam <u>exam</u> .			
Temporary	\$15.00 \$25.00 (one time charge)		
Journeyman Plumber			
Or Gas Fitter			
Requires approved application and <u>current</u> out of state Journeyman/ <u>Master license</u> /certification and expires 10 work days after date of exam.			

Master Plumber~~\$125.00~~ \$150.00**\$160.00**Requires one-yr. Certification as Journeyman Plumber to take required ~~Written-Exam~~ exam**Master Gas Fitter**~~\$125.00~~ \$150.00**\$160.00**Requires one-yr. Certification as Journeyman Gas Fitter to take required ~~Written-Exam~~ exam.**Medical Gas**~~\$10.00~~ \$25.00Requires current certification from National Institute of Testing & Certification**Replacement Card**~~\$5.00~~ \$25.00Lost, misplaced or damaged cards can be replaced; a written statement consisting of the Replacement Card Request Form and ~~\$5.00~~ \$25.00 will be required from the card holder.Replacement cards requested for non-receipt of initial cards issued will also require a written statement, and ~~\$5.00~~ from the card holder.No charge will be assessed in this instance. There will be a 30-day waiting period from the initial issue date before replacement cards will be provided in this instance.

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Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-2 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)

History: Amended Rule

Certified: