

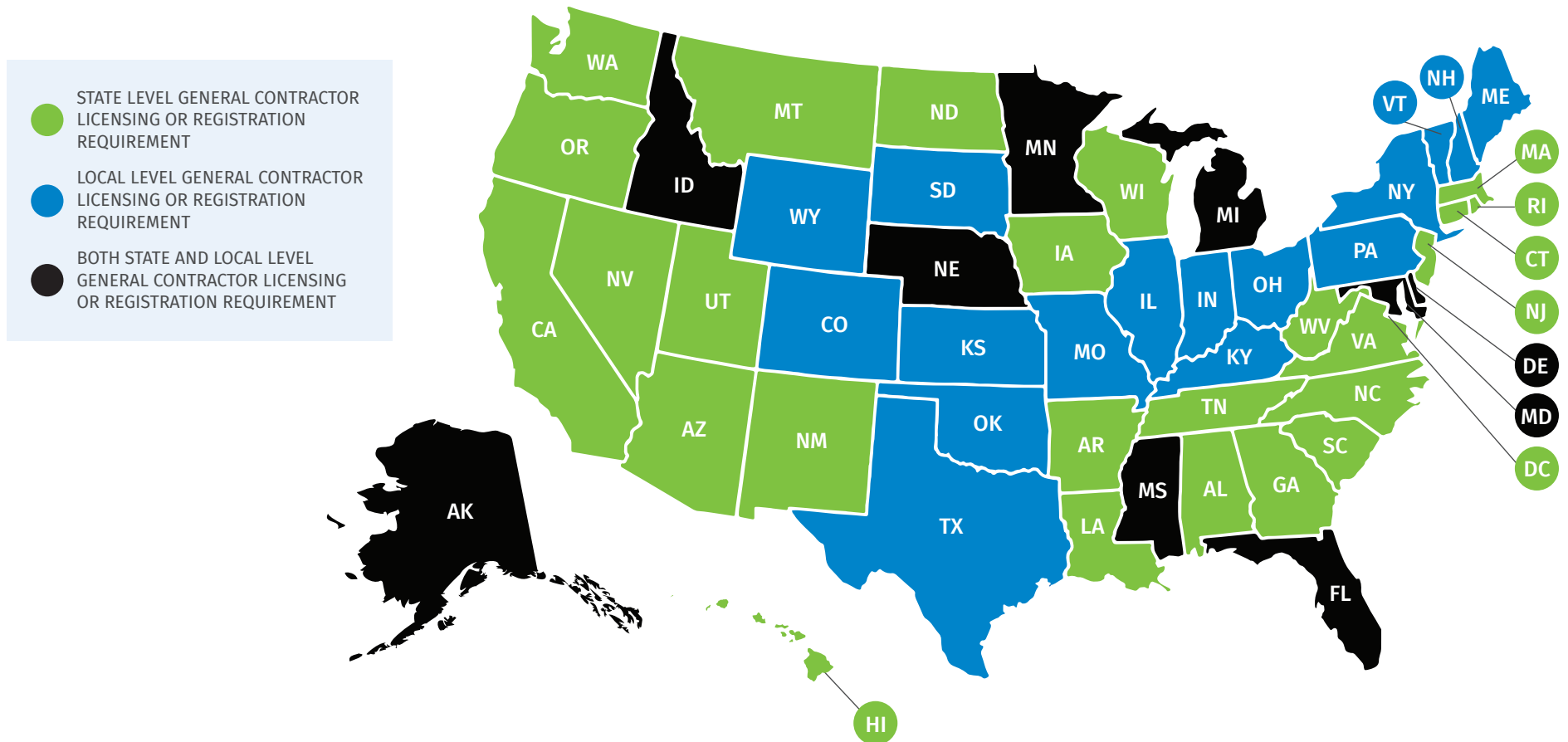
General Contractor Compliance Smart Chart

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Businesses in the commercial, contractor, home improvement, and specialty contractor lines are highly regulated by countless state and local authorities. Contractors of every type, from electrical and commercial to landscape and home remodeling may need to comply with a state's unique contractor licensing laws, specialty classifications, and application requirements before they can start operating.

Some states require contractor licensing while others require registration or certification. While there are some differences between the three, the exact definitions typically vary by state. This general contractor overview details the governing authorities, licensing/registration requirements, and penalties for noncompliance for each.

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	AL	AK
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors	Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	Yes	Yes
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	No	Yes
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE	https://genconbd.alabama.gov/default.aspx	https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/ConstructionContractors.aspx
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION	(334) 272-5030 or (800) 356-6361, Fax: (334) 395-5336	(907) 465-2050, Email: constructioncontractors@alaska.gov
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT	AR, LA, MI, TN	
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	Disciplinary action may range from criminal charges (Class A misdemeanor) to fines or revocation of license	\$1,000 for a first offence; \$1,500 for each subsequent offense
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	No	Yes
NOTES	Section 34-8-1: General Contractor – one who undertakes to construct or superintend the construction, alteration, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, remediation, reclamation, or demolition of any building, highway, sewer, structure, site work, grading, paving or project or any improvement in the State of Alabama where the cost of the undertaking including labor and materials is \$50,000 or more. Swimming Pool construction of \$5,000 or more. Subcontractors performing minimum contracts including labor and materials of \$50,000 (\$5,000 swimming pools) under contract to a licensed prime contractor must be licensed by the board.	General Contractors may perform new home construction, commercial work, and residential remodel work. General contractors that oversee new home construction or perform residential work greater than 25% of the value of a structure being altered must obtain a Residential Contractor license and/or a Residential Contractor Endorsement.

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	AZ	AR
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	Arizona Registrar of Contractors	Arkansas Contractors Licensing Board
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	Yes	Yes
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	No	No
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE	https://roc.az.gov/	https://www.aclb.arkansas.gov/
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION	(602) 542-1525, Fax: (602) 542-1599	(501) 372-4661, Fax: (501) 372-2247 Email: contractors.licensing.board@arkansas.gov
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT	CA, NV, UT	AL, LA, MS, TN
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	Class 1 misdemeanor, punishable by up to six months in jail, a maximum fine of \$2,500, and an 83 percent surcharge.	Class A misdemeanor punishable by a fine between \$100 and \$200 for each offense; each each day constitutes a new offense.
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	No	Yes
NOTES	The Arizona Registrar of Contractors issues separate licenses for commercial and residential work, and dual licenses that cover both commercial and residential, for each particular trade or field of a construction science profession. Classifications include: Engineering Contracting (commercial), General Commercial Contracting, Residential Contracting, Specialty Residential Contracting, General Dual Engineering Contracting, General Dual License Contracting, Specialty Dual License Contracting and Specialty Commercial Contracting.	Commercial License: A commercial license is needed if a contractor performs work of \$50,000 or more, including, but not limited to, labor and materials, on a commercial project. Any project that is not a single-family residence is a commercial project. Residential Builders License: A residential builders license is needed to build a single-family residence, if the cost of the project is more than \$2,000, including, but not limited to, labor and material, unless an exception applies. A Residential Builders License also allows you to perform remodeling on a single-family residence. Residential Remodelers License - New Application: A residential remodelers license is needed to make major structural changes to a single-family residence or to add on to an existing single-family residence, if the project is more than \$2,000, including, but not limited to, labor and material. Home Improvement License: A home improvement license is needed to do specialty work on a single-family residence, if the project is more than \$2,000, including, but not limited to, labor and material. This license is for a contractor who is only responsible for certain types of work (painting, roofing, flooring, etc.). This license does not allow you to build a home or remodel a home.

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	CA	CO
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	Contractor State Licensing Board	No central authority; local jurisdiction only
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	Yes	No
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	No	Yes
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE	https://www.cslb.ca.gov/	
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION	24-Hour Licensing and Consumer Information: (800) 321-CSLB (2752) Outside California: (916) 255-3900	
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT	AZ, LA, NV	
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	Civil fines and penalties between \$200 and \$5,000; misdemeanor charge punishable by up to six months in jail and a \$5,000 fine for a first offense. A second offense is a mandatory 90-day stay in jail and a fine up to 20 percent of the contract price up to \$5,000.	Class 2 misdemeanor punishable by 3–12 months in jail and a fine between \$250 and \$1,000. A subsequent offense is a Class 6 felony, punishable by 12–18 months in jail or a fine between \$1,000 and \$10,000.
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	No	Yes
NOTES	<p>General Contractor License Classifications: (A) General Engineering Contractor, (B) General Building Contractor, (B-2) Residential Remodeling Contractor, and (C) Specialty Contractor</p> <p>Source: California Contractors Law & Reference Book, https://www.cslb.ca.gov/Resources/GuidesAndPublications/LawReferenceBook2021.pdf</p>	General Contractor licensing or permitting required at the local level. Requirements vary by jurisdiction.

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	CT	DE
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	Department of Consumer Protection	Division of Revenue
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	Yes	Yes
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	No	Yes
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE	https://portal.ct.gov/DCP/License-Services-Division/All-License-Applications/Home-Improvement-Applications	https://revenue.delaware.gov/business-tax-forms/contractors-resident-and-non-resident/
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION	(800) 842-2649, Email: dcp.licenseservices@ct.gov	Richard Jezyk, (302) 744-1085 or (302) 577-8265; Email: richard.jezyk@delaware.gov ; Cheryl Taylor, (302) 577-8667; Email: cheryl.taylor@delaware.gov ; Bonding requirements: Keesha Wilson, (302) 577-8299; Email: keesha.wilson@delaware.gov
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT		
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	The first violation can earn a \$1,000 fine, and the second and third violations can be up to \$1,500 and \$3,000, respectively.	§ 2503. Duties of architects, professional engineers, contractors and construction managers as to nonresident contractor licenses. (a) Every architect or professional engineer or contractor or construction manager engaging in the practice of such profession shall furnish the Department of Finance within 10 days after entering into any contract with a contractor or subcontractor not a resident of this State, a statement of the total value of such contract or contracts together with the names and addresses of the contracting parties. (b) In the case of any person or firm failing or refusing to comply with this section, there shall be assessed by the Secretary of Finance a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 for each occurrence.
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	No	No
NOTES	Home Improvement Contractor Registration: Under the Connecticut Home Improvement Act, an individual and/or business is required to register with the Department of Consumer Protection if they are contracting with a consumer to perform work on residential property. Home Improvement is any permanent change to residential property, including but not limited to driveways, swimming pools, porches, garages, roofs, siding, insulation, flooring, patios, landscaping, painting, fences, doors and windows, and waterproofing.	§ 2501. "Contractor" includes every person engaged in the business of: (a.) Furnishing labor or both labor and materials in connection with all or any part of construction, alteration, repairing, dismantling or demolition of buildings, roads, bridges, viaducts, sewers, water and gas mains and every other type of structure as an improvement, alteration or development of real property; a person is a contractor regardless of whether the person is a general contractor or a subcontractor, or whether the person is a resident or a nonresident; in addition "contractor" shall include "construction transportation contractors" which shall include persons engaged in the business of contracting for transporting tangible property of other persons in connection with all or any part of the construction, alteration, repairing, dismantling or demolition of buildings, roads, bridges, viaducts, sewers, water and gas mains and every other type of structure as an improvement, alteration or development of real property but shall not include draypersons as defined in § 2301(a) of this title; or (b.) Real estate development.

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	DC	FL
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs	Construction Industry Licensing Board
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	Yes	Yes
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	No	Yes
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE	https://business.dc.gov/	http://www.myfloridalicense.com/DBPR/construction-industry/
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION	(202) 442-4400, Fax: (202) 442-9445, Email: dcra@dc.gov	(850) 487-1395, Fax: (850) 488-8040 Online Messaging: http://www.myfloridalicense.com/contactus/
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT		
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	Operating in the District without proper licensing can result in a Class 1 infraction that carries a minimum \$2,000 fine for the first offense. If an unlicensed subcontractor is used, both the licensed contractor and unlicensed subcontractor may be issued a Class 1 infraction.	The first offense is a first-degree misdemeanor punishable with up to a year of jail or probation. Subsequent offenses could result in a third-degree felony, with a maximum jail sentence of five years and civil penalties up to \$10,000.
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	No	Yes
NOTES	DC has two different types of construction contractor licenses: 1) Home Improvement Contractor License and 2) General Contractor/Construction Manager.	If you obtain a local, county or city contracting license, you must apply for initial state registration. You may only practice contracting in that county or city, along with any adjoining locales that will accept your registration. If you complete the Florida contractor's examination and apply for initial certification, your licensure will allow you to work throughout the state. You may access both licensure applications and the Florida contractor's examination application online at http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/construction-industry/ . The following categories require registration or certification: general; building; residential; sheet metal; roofing; air-conditioning; mechanical; swimming pool/spa; plumbing; underground utility and excavation; solar and pollutant storage.

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	GA	HI
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors	Professional and Vocational Licensing Board, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	Yes	Yes
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	No	No
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE	https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/46	https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/contractor/
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION	(844) 753-7825, Email Board's Executive Director: https://sos.ga.gov/cgi-bin/EmailED.asp?board=46	(808) 586-2700, Email: contractor@dcca.hawaii.gov
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT	General Contractors Division: Currently, the General Contractors Division has established reciprocity with LA, MS and TN as an available method by which to obtain licensure. Residential Contractors Division: Currently, the Residential Contractors Division has established reciprocity with MS and SC as an available method by which to obtain licensure.	
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	Board may: 1) Require financial restitution to a consumer, 2) Impose administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000 for each violation, 3) Require continuing education, and 4) Assess costs associated with the investigation and prosecution.	Fines starting at \$2,500 per incident
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	No if contract over \$2,500	Yes
NOTES	A license from the State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors is required for the following: 1) Residential-Basic Contractor, 2) Residential-Light Commercial Contractor, 3) General Contractor, and 4) General Contractor Limited Tier. Certain specialty trades or work costing less than \$2,500 does not require the services of a state licensed contractor. (See O.C.G.A. § 43-41-2 for complete definitions)	Generally, anyone who offers to, holds oneself out as able to, or contracts to perform residential, commercial, or public works construction, alterations, or improvements must hold a contractor license. You may apply either as a sole proprietor or an entity (corp., LLC, etc.). If applying as an entity, you must also complete the responsible managing employee ("RME") application.

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	ID	IL
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	Idaho Contractors Board	No central authority; local jurisdiction only
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	Yes	No
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	Yes	Yes
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE	https://apps.dopl.idaho.gov/DOPLPortal/BoardPage.aspx?Bureau=CON	
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION	(208) 334-3233, Email: con@dopl.idaho.gov	
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT	Electrical: CO, ME, MT, NE, NH, NM, ND, OK, OR, SD, TX, WY Plumbing: MT, OR, WA	
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	No Building Permits; No Lien Rights; No Contract Rights; Misdemeanor and upon conviction, each violation shall be punished by a fine of no more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed six (6) months, or by both, in the discretion of the court.	Fines and penalties vary; imposed by local level licensing authorities.
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	No	Yes
NOTES	<p>Requires registration, not licensure: Any person who engages in the business or acts in the capacity of a contractor is required to register. There are some exemptions, see Idaho Code 54-5205.</p> <p>NOTE: HVAC, Public Works, Plumbing, Electrical, and Construction Manager Contractors are required to be licensed with the Division of Building Safety and need only register with the Idaho State Contractors Board if doing work outside that license.</p>	General Contractor licensing or permitting required at the local level. Requirements vary by jurisdiction.

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	IN	IA
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	No central authority; local jurisdiction only	Iowa Division of Labor
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	No	Yes
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	Yes	No
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE		https://www.iowadivisionoflabor.gov/contractor-registration
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION		(515) 242-5871, Fax: (515) 725-2427 Email: contractor.registration@iwd.iowa.gov
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT		
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	Fines and penalties vary; imposed by local level licensing authorities.	Citation up to \$500. Repeated violations are subject to a citation up to \$5,000.
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	Yes	Yes
NOTES	General Contractor licensing or permitting required at the local level. Requirements vary by jurisdiction.	Iowa law requires all individual "Construction Contractors" and businesses performing "construction" work to be registered with the Iowa Division of Labor if they earn at least \$2,000 a year from construction. If your business provides any type of plumbing, mechanical, HVAC, refrigeration, sheet metal or hydronic systems services, you are required to obtain a license with the Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board.

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	KS	KY
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	No central authority; local jurisdiction only	No central authority; local jurisdiction only
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	No	No
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	Yes	Yes
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE		https://dhbc.ky.gov/
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION		Commissioner's Office / Legal Division: (502) 573-0365 Licensing Branch: (502) 573-2002
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT		
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	Fines and penalties vary; imposed by local level licensing authorities.	Fines and penalties vary; imposed by local level licensing authorities.
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	Yes	Yes
NOTES	General Contractor licensing or permitting required at the local level. Requirements vary by jurisdiction.	General Contractor licensing or permitting required at the local level. Requirements vary by jurisdiction. Licenses/certifications required for plumbers, electricians, boiler contractors, sprinkler and/or fire alarm contractors and building inspectors. Source: https://dhbc.ky.gov/

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	LA	ME
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	The Louisiana State Licensing Board	No central authority; local jurisdiction only
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	Yes	No
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	No	Yes
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE	http://www.lslbc.louisiana.gov/	
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION	(225) 765-2301, Online Messaging: http://www.lslbc.louisiana.gov/contact-us/	
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT	Any applicant holding a license in good standing in a comparable classification in another state recognized by the respective agency as a reciprocity state may have the trade portion of the examination waived upon written certification from that state in which the applicant is licensed.	
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	Misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined a sum not to exceed five hundred dollars per day of violation, or three months in prison, or both. Any person who violates any provision of this Chapter shall, after notice and a hearing, be liable to the board for a fine of up to ten percent of the total contract or the value of the work being performed for which there is a violation. In addition to the fine, the board may impose costs and attorney fees for each offense.	Fines and penalties vary; imposed by local level licensing authorities.
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	Yes	Yes
NOTES	A Commercial license is required for commercial projects of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more; one dollar (\$1) or more for hazardous materials; or in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for Plumbing, Electrical or Mechanical. The total value of the project includes the cost of all labor and materials. A Residential license is required for residential building contractors when the cost of the undertaking exceeds \$75,000. Home improvement contractors are required to register with the Board in order to perform home improvement work when the total project value (including labor and materials) exceeds \$7,500, but does not exceed \$75,000. Home improvement contractors performing work in excess of \$75,000, including all labor and materials, are required to be licensed as a residential building contractor.	Architects, engineers, plumbers, electricians, oil burner technicians, manufacturers, dealers and installers of mobile and modular homes are licensed in Maine. For all home construction and home improvement projects over \$3,000, Maine law requires a written contract with a specific provision that prohibits payment up front of more than one third of the contract price. Source: https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/

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	MD	MA
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	Home Improvement Commission, Department of Labor; Home Builder Registration Unit & Consumer Protection Division, Office of the Attorney General	Board of Building Regulation and Standards (BBRS); Division of Professional Licensure; Office of Public Safety and Inspections
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	Yes	Yes
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	Yes	No
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE	https://www.dllr.state.md.us/license/mhic/	https://www.mass.gov/home-improvement-contractor-registration-and-renewal
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION	Consumer Protection Division: (410) 576-6573 or Toll Free: (877) 259-4525 Email: homebuilder@oag.state.md.us Maryland Home Improvement Commission: (410) 230-6309 Email: DLOPLMHIC-LABOR@maryland.gov	Boston Office: (617) 727-3200, Tewksbury Office: (978) 513-9660 Email: OPSI-info@mass.gov Construction Supervisor Licensing: https://www.mass.gov/construction-supervisor-licensing
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT		
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	Misdemeanor and, on first conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding six months and, on a second or subsequent conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding two years or both.	Punishable by up to two years in prison and up to a \$5,000 fine.
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	Yes	Yes
NOTES	The Act requires persons to register who build new homes or who enter into contracts to sell new homes to consumers. Some builders have a single legal entity that both builds the home and sells it to the consumer. For such a builder, that single legal entity will have to register as a home builder. Other builders have one legal entity construct the home and a separate legal entity sell it. For such a builder, both legal entities will have to register as a home builder. Contractors involved in home improvement will need a license from the Maryland Home Improvement Commission. Local municipalities and counties may also require contractor licensing registration or permitting.	All contractors, partnerships, and corporations that solicit, bid on, or perform residential contracting as a contractor or subcontractor on an existing one to four unit owner occupied residential property must be registered as a Home Improvement Contractor. A Construction Supervisor License is required for: 1- and 2-family homes and/or appurtenant structures of any size; most existing 1- to 4-family owner-occupied; buildings less than 35,000 cubic ft. of enclosed space homes.

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	MI	MN
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs	Department of Labor and Industry
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	Yes	Yes
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	Yes	*Yes
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE	https://www.michigan.gov/lara/	https://www.dli.mn.gov/
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION	Bureau's Licensing Division: (517) 241-9316, Fax: (517) 241-0130 Email: lara-bcc-licensing@michigan.gov or bccpermits@michigan.gov	Construction Codes and Licensing Division (CCLD): (651) 284-5012 or (800) 657-3944, Email: dli.license@state.mn.us; Contractor and Business Licenses: (651) 284-5034
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT		
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both. A second guilty offense: Punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both. A person that is not licensed under article 24 as a residential builder or a residential maintenance and alteration contractor and that violates subsection (1) or (2) is guilty as follows: In the case of a first offense, a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$5,000 or more than \$25,000, or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.	Misdemeanor and fines of up to \$10,000.
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	No	No
NOTES	All residential builders and maintenance and alteration contractors who construct, repair, alter or improve a residential or combination residential and commercial structure are required to be licensed. Salesperson Licensing: Anyone who, for compensation, solicits or secures business for a residential builder or maintenance and alteration (M&A) contractor must be licensed to that residential builder or M&A contractor as a residential builder or M&A contractor salesperson. This includes commissioned salespersons, licensed builder or M&A contractors who refer a customer to another builder or M&A contractor for a referral fee, staff at home centers who both sell a product and contract for its installation on behalf of the licensee, and those individuals working in model homes to solicit customers for future construction. A salesperson may only be licensed to one builder or M&A contractor, so serving as a representative for several builders or M&A contractors is not permitted by law.	Residential Contractors, Remodelers, Roofers: Licenses are required for all residential building contractors and remodelers in Minnesota who contract with a homeowner to construct or improve dwellings by offering more than one special skill. Most contractors who provide residential or commercial building construction or improvement services are required to register through this Contractor Registration Program if they do not hold a contractor's license. Contractor License not required for most Subcontractors who do not contract with the homeowner. Yet they must register with us through the Contractor Registration Program. *Cities and counties cannot require a contractor who has a state license to obtain a local license for work that is covered under the state licensing requirements. However, they can require a local license for Certificate of Exemption holders and specialty contractors, and state licensed contractors performing work outside the scope of the state license (for example: work on city-owned property, such as curb cut-ins or sidewalks, HVAC installation or maintenance, or commercial work).

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	MS	MO
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	Mississippi State Board of Contractors	No central authority; local jurisdiction only
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	Yes	No
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	Yes	Yes
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE	https://www.msdoc.us/	
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION	(601) 354-6161 or (800) 880-6161, Email: info@msdoc.us	
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT	Alabama General Board, Alabama Electrical Board, Alabama Heating and Air, Arkansas Contractors Licensing Board, Georgia Board of Residential and General Contractors, Louisiana Licensing Board for Contractors, North Carolina Electrical Contractors Board, North Carolina State Licensing Board for General Contractors, South Carolina Contractors Licensing Board, South Carolina Residential Builders Commission, Tennessee Board for Licensing Contractors	
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	It is unlawful to accept a bid or to contract with an unlicensed subcontractor. Violators could receive a penalty of up to 3% of the total contract amount and/or suspension or revocation of their license.	Fines and penalties vary; imposed by local level licensing authorities.
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	No	Yes
NOTES	<p>All contractors and subcontractors performing work on commercial jobs over \$50,000 (including installation of equipment) require a commercial license. A commercial license is also required for any contract involving the construction, reconstruction, repair or maintenance of fire protection systems on public projects over \$5,000 and private projects over \$10,000.</p> <p>All contractors performing new residential construction over \$50,000, residential remodeling over \$10,000, or residential roofing over \$10,000 require a license issued by MSBOC. If you are performing residential electrical, plumbing, or HVAC work less than \$10,000, a state license is not required, but you must contact the local building official or permit office regarding the local requirements.</p>	General Contractor licensing or permitting required at the local level. Requirements vary by jurisdiction.

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	MT	NE
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	Department of Labor & Industry Divisions	Nebraska Department of Labor
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	Yes	Yes
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	No	Yes
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE	https://erd.dli.mt.gov/work-comp-regulations/montana-contractor/	https://dol.nebraska.gov/conreg/
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION	(406) 444-7734, Fax: (406) 444-4140	(402) 471-2239, Fax: (402) 471-5039 Email: NDOL.ContractorRegistration@nebraska.gov
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT		
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	Construction contractors can be fined up to \$500 per violation for: Performing work without a Contractor Registration (CR) if required to obtain one; performing work with a suspended CR; or transferring their CR to another person.	The commissioner shall issue a citation to a contractor when an investigation reveals that the contractor has violated the registration requirement. Typical citation is \$500.
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	Yes	Yes
NOTES	All construction contractors with employees must register.	The Nebraska Contractor Registration Act requires contractors and subcontractors doing business in Nebraska to register with the Nebraska Department of Labor. A person who performs work or has work performed on the person's own property is not a contractor under this act. A person who earns less than \$5,000 annually or who performs work or has work performed on his or her own property is not a contractor.

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	NV	NH
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	Nevada State Contractors Board	No central authority; local jurisdiction only
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	Yes	No
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	No	Yes
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE	http://www.nvcontractorsboard.com/index.html	
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION	South Nevada: (702) 486-1100, North Nevada: (775) 688-1141 E-mail: customerservice@nscb.state.nv.us	
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT	AZ, CA, UT	
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	Unlicensed contracting is a crime in Nevada. The first offense is a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000, and may be further punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months. The second offense is a gross misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not less than \$2,000 nor more than \$4,000, and may be further punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year. The third or subsequent offense is a category E felony and subject to a fine of not less than \$5,000 not more than \$10,000 and may be further punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not less than one year and not more than four years.	Fines and penalties vary; imposed by local level licensing authorities.
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	No	Yes
NOTES	For the purpose of classification, the contracting business includes the following branches: (a) general engineering contracting, (b) general building contracting, and (c) specialty contracting. Source: NRS 624.215.	General Contractor licensing or permitting required at the local level. Requirements vary by jurisdiction.

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	NJ	NM
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs	New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	Yes	Yes
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	No	No
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE	https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/hic/Pages/default.aspx	http://www.rld.state.nm.us/construction/default.aspx
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION	NJ Division of Consumer Affairs: (973) 424-8150 Email: hicapplication@dca.njoag.gov NJ Department of Community Affairs: (609) 292-7899, Fax: (609) 633-6729 https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/codes/	Construction Industries Division: (505) 476-4700, Email: rldcid@state.nm.us
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT		New Mexico has reciprocal licensing agreements, for a journeyman certificate/license only, with the following states: AK, AR, CO, ID, MT, NE, OK, SD, TX, UT, WY
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	Any contractor who fails to register as required by the Contractors' Registration Act but who continues to sell or make home improvements or who violates any other section of the law is subject to civil monetary penalties of up to \$10,000 for the first offense and up to \$20,000 for each subsequent offense.	Contracting without a license in New Mexico is against the law. If a contractor is working without a license, the Division may stop the construction project and file a criminal charge of unlicensed contracting in Metropolitan or Magistrate Court. Violators will be eligible for licensure one year from date of conviction. If the dollar value of the contracting work is \$5,000 or less, the contractor may be sentenced to the county jail for 90 days or to the payment of a fine of \$300 to \$500, or both. If the dollar value of the contracting work is over \$5,000, the contractor may be sentenced to the county jail for six months or to the payment of a fine of 10% of the dollar value of the contracting work, or both.
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	Yes	No
NOTES	Under New Jersey law, all new home builders and home elevation contractors must be registered with the Division of Consumer Affairs. The Contractor's Registration Act requires that all home improvement contractors register with the N.J. Division of Consumer Affairs and display their registration number listed, NJHIC#, at the following places: 1) within their places of business (the original registration certificate); 2) in all advertisements; 3) on business documents, contracts and correspondence with consumers; and 4) on all commercial vehicles.	Anyone engaged in construction-related contracting in New Mexico must be licensed. This includes general construction work, electrical, mechanical and plumbing and LP gas. The activities that are considered to be contracting in New Mexico are defined in the Construction Industries Licensing Act, NMSA 1978, Section 60-13-3.

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	NY	NC
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	No central authority; local jurisdiction only	North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	No	Yes
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	Yes	No
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE		https://nclbgc.org/
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION		(919) 571-4183, Fax: (919) 571-4703, Email: licensing@nclbgc.org
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT		The Board in its discretion may grant licenses of the same or equivalent classification to general contractors licensed by other states, without written examination upon satisfactory proof furnished to the Board that the qualifications of such applicants are equal to the qualifications of holders of similar licenses in North Carolina and upon payment of the required fee. Examination waiver agreements with SC, TN, LA, and MS.
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	Fines and penalties vary; imposed by local level licensing authorities.	\$1,000 penalty fine, Class 2 misdemeanor.
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	No	Yes
NOTES	General Contractor licensing or permitting required at the local level. Requirements vary by jurisdiction.	Licenses are broken down into limitation and classification. Limitation determines the dollar size of the projects that can be undertaken with the license. Classification determines the type of work that can be performed using the license. The limitation determines the total dollar size of the projects that the licensee can undertake. A limited license allows contractors to undertake individual projects up to \$500,000 each. The intermediate license allows contractors to undertake individual projects up to \$1,000,000 each. The unlimited license has no dollar limit on the size of the projects that can be undertaken.

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	ND	OH
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	North Dakota Secretary of State	No central authority; local jurisdiction only
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	Yes	No
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	No	Yes
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE	https://sos.nd.gov/business/contractors	
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION	Secretary of State: (701) 328-2900 or Toll Free: (800) 352-0867 Fax: (701) 328-2992, Email: sos@nd.gov Administration/Licensing Unit: (701) 328-3665, Email: sosadlic@nd.gov	
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT		
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	Class A misdemeanor: Individual/company may be assessed a civil penalty by the registrar, following written notice to the person of an intent to assess the penalty, in an amount not to exceed three times the amount set forth in section 43-07-07.	Unlicensed contractors can be found guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense and a fourth-degree misdemeanor (M4) on a subsequent offense. A minor misdemeanor carries no jail term and a maximum fine of \$150, while an M4 carries a maximum jail term of 30 days and a maximum fine of \$250. If a violation has occurred, that section may impose civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation per day.
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	Yes	Yes
NOTES	No person may engage in the business nor act in the capacity of a contractor within this state when the cost, value, or price per job exceeds the sum of \$4,000 without first having a license. A "contractor" is any person engaged in the business of construction, repair, alteration, dismantling, or demolition of bridges, highways, roads, streets, buildings, airports, dams, pipelines, and every other type of structure, project, development, or improvement coming within the definition of real or personal property, including the construction, alteration, or repair of property to be held either for sale or rental, and shall include subcontractor, public contractor, and nonresident contractor.	General Contractor licensing required at the local level. Requirements vary by jurisdiction. The Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board (OCILB) issues State Licenses to Commercial Contractors for the following trades: Electrical, HVAC, Hydronics, Plumbing, and Refrigeration.

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	OK	OR
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	No central authority; local jurisdiction only	Oregon Construction Contractors Board
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	No	Yes
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	Yes	No
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE		https://www.oregon.gov/ccb/Pages/index.aspx
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION		Licensing: (503) 378-4621, Fax: (503) 373-2007, Email: ccb.info@state.or.us
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT		Oregon has a reciprocal agreement with the following states. Journeyman Plumbers: ID, MT; General Journeyman Electrician: AR, ID, ME, MT, UT, WA, WY; General Supervising Electrician: AR, UT
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	Misdemeanor; Contracting without an active contractor license or roofing contractor registration in good standing or endorsement, which includes offering to perform work through advertisement or otherwise: (A) First offense: \$500 (B) Second or subsequent offense: \$1,000	(1) \$600 for advertising or submitting a bid to do work as a contractor in violation of ORS 701.021 (2) \$700 per offense for advertising or submitting a bid to do work as a contractor in violation of ORS 701.021 (License requirement) and OAR 812-003-0120 (License Required to Advertise), when one or more previous violations have occurred, or when an inactive, lapsed, invalid, or misleading license number has been used; and (3) \$1,000 per offense for performing work as a contractor in violation of ORS 701.021 (License requirement) when the Board has no evidence that the person has worked previously without having a license and no consumer has suffered damages from the work; and (4) \$5,000 per offense for performing work as a contractor in violation of ORS 701.021 (License requirement), when an owner has filed a complaint for damages caused by performance of that work.
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	Yes	No
NOTES	General Contractor licensing required at the local level. Requirements vary by jurisdiction. General Contractors are not currently required to have a state license in Oklahoma for general contracting. However, trade licenses/registrations are required for performing, or offering to perform, licensed/registered trade work. Skilled trades are regulated by the Construction Industries Board: Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical, Roofing, Building and Construction Inspectors, and Home Inspectors.	A person or joint venture that undertakes, offers to undertake or submits a bid to do work as a contractor must have a current license issued by the Construction Contractors Board and possess an appropriate endorsement as provided in this section. For purposes of offering to undertake or submitting a bid to do work, a partnership or joint venture is licensed and endorsed if any partner or joint venturer whose name appears in the business name of the partnership or joint venture has a current license issued by the board and possesses an appropriate endorsement.

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	PA	RI
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	No central authority; local jurisdiction only	Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	No	Yes
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	Yes	No
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE		http://www.crb.ri.gov/index.php
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION		(401) 921-1590, Email: ricrb@doa.ri.gov
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT		
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	Any home improvement contractor who is not registered is prohibited from offering or performing home improvements. The failure to register is a violation of the law and unregistered contractors face legal action, including civil penalties of \$1,000 or more.	A. Monetary fines and administrative penalties shall be imposed in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 5-65. B. In determining the appropriate fine(s) and/or penalties to impose, the Board shall look to past precedence of the Board for guidance and may consider any mitigating or aggravating circumstances as known to the Board at the time of the determination. Such circumstances may include, but are not limited to the following: 1. The presence of lack of past violations; 2. The Respondent's acceptance of responsibility and candor with the Board; 3. The egregiousness of the violation; and/or 4. Harm to the public. A fine of up to \$5,000 can be imposed for a first violation' subsequent offenses can be fined up to \$10,000 each.
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	Yes	No
NOTES	General Contractor licensing required at the local level. Requirements vary by jurisdiction. All contractors who perform at least \$5,000 worth of home improvements per year are required to register with the Attorney General's Office. https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/resources/home-improvement-contractor-registration/	Every person who engages in a discipline governed by the Board, listed in §§ 1.1 and 1.2(A) of this Part, must be properly registered or licensed with the Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board prior to engaging in those activities.

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	SC	SD
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	Contractor's Licensing Board, Residential Builders Commission	No central authority; local jurisdiction only
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	Yes	No
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	No	Yes
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE	https://llr.sc.gov/clb/clb_general.aspx	
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION	Contractors Licensing Board: (803) 896-4686, Email: contact.clb@llr.sc.gov Residential Builders Commission: (803) 896-4696, Email: contact.rbc@llr.sc.gov	
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT	Yes (exam waiver); waives the technical exam; all qualifiers must take the S.C. Business Management and Law for Commercial Contractor's exam.	
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	Section 40-11-200. Practicing without a license or under the false pretense of impermissibly using another licensee's license; or knowingly submitting false information for the purpose of obtaining a license is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned for one year and fined \$25,000.	Fines and penalties vary; imposed by local level licensing authorities.
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	No	Yes
NOTES	A General or Mechanical Contractor's license is required for anyone performing "commercial" construction over \$5000 in the regulated classifications listed in Title 40, Chapter 11, Section 40-11-410, An Act to Regulate the Practice of General and Mechanical Contracting in S.C. The Residential Builders Commission ("the Commission") licenses/registers those individuals who are qualified by experience to perform residential building, residential specialty contracting, and home inspecting on residential buildings or structures which are not over three floors in height and which do not have more than sixteen units in any single apartment building. It also issues residential business certificates of authorization to those firms qualified to practice residential building, residential specialty contracting, or home inspecting.	General Contractor licensing or permitting required at the local level. Requirements vary by jurisdiction. The South Dakota Board of Technical Professions (SDBTP) is a regulatory board charged with licensing and regulating the professional practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture, and petroleum release services.

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	TN	TX
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	Board for Licensing Contractors, Department of Commerce & Insurance	No central authority; local jurisdiction only
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	Yes	No
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	No	Yes
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE	https://www.tn.gov/commerce/regboards/contractors.html	
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION	(615) 741-8307 or (800) 544-7693 Email: Contractors.Home-Improvement@tn.gov	
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT	Trade exam scores are accepted if you are currently licensed as a "Contractor" by a contractor's board in Alabama (building, HVAC and electrical), Arkansas, Georgia (commercial), Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina (residential and commercial, only), Ohio (electrical and mechanical), or South Carolina. Tennessee also accepts the NASCLA National Commercial exam.	
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	Violation Penalty: \$50 - \$1000 (per T.C.A. § 62-6-103(a)(1) or T.C.A. § 62-6-103(b) Any person, firm or corporation that engages or offers to engage in contracting without a license as required by § 62-6-103 commits a Class A misdemeanor. Additionally, could be deemed ineligible to receive a license until six (6) months after the date the person or corporation engaged or offered to engage in contracting.	Fines and penalties vary; imposed by local level licensing authorities.
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	No	Yes
NOTES	<p>A Contractor's license is required prior to contracting (bidding, offering to engage, or negotiating a price) for projects \$25,000 or more, when acting as one of the following: Prime (General) Contractor – Bidding or contracting directly with the "owner" of the project; Subcontractor – Contracting directly with any contractor (not to the owner) to perform projects when the total cost of that portion on the project is *\$25,000 or more, for the following (includes all materials, equipment, and labor): Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, HVAC, and **Roofing; and Masonry when *\$100,000 and up; Construction Management – When the value of the total project is \$25,000 or more.</p> <p>*Masonry subcontractors must be licensed as a contractor when the project is \$100,000 or more.</p> <p>**Roofing subcontractors must be licensed as a contractor, effective January 1, 2014, in addition to performing work currently as a prime, for projects \$25,000 or more.</p>	General Contractor licensing or permitting required at the local level. Requirements vary by jurisdiction.

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	UT	VT
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, Department of Commerce	No central authority; local jurisdiction only
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	Yes	No
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	No	Yes
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE	https://dopl.utah.gov/contractor/	
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION	(801) 530-6628 or Toll-Free in Utah: (866) 275-3675, Email: b4@utah.gov	
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT	Utah does not have reciprocity. Instead, Utah allows for licensure by endorsement.	
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	Violation Penalty of between \$1,000 - \$2,000 for first offense and between \$2,000 - \$4,000 per day for second offense.	Fines and penalties vary; imposed by local level licensing authorities.
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	Yes	Yes
NOTES	The following are the general contractor classifications: B100 General Contractor; R100 Residential/Small Commercial Contractor; E100 General Engineering Contractor; P200 General Plumbing Contractor; P201 Residential Plumbing Contractor; E200 General Electrical Contractor; E201 Residential Electrical Contractor	General Contractor licensing or permitting required at the local level. Requirements vary by jurisdiction.

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	VA	WA
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	Board for Contractors, Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation	Department of Labor and Industries
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	Yes	Yes
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	No	No
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE	https://www.dpor.virginia.gov/Boards/Contractors/	https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/contractors/register-as-a-contractor/
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION	Licensing Section: (804) 367-8511; Education Section: (804) 367-2224 Board Office: (804) 367-2785, Email: contractors@dpor.virginia.gov	Toll Free: (800) 647-0982 or (360) 902-5226 (Option 2) Email: ContReg@lni.wa.gov
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT		
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	Any person who undertakes work without (i) any valid Virginia contractor's license or certificate when a license or certificate is required by this chapter or (ii) the proper class of license as defined in § 54.1-1100 for the work undertaken, shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$500 per day for each day that such person is in violation; Class 1 misdemeanor	It is a gross misdemeanor (0 - 12 months, maximum fine of \$5000); A person is guilty of a Class C felony (0 - 12 months, maximum fine of \$10,000) for a third or subsequent conviction. The director by rule shall establish a two-year audit and monitoring program for a contractor not registered under this chapter who becomes registered after receiving an infraction or conviction under this chapter as an unregistered contractor. The director shall notify the departments of revenue and employment security of the infractions or convictions and shall cooperate with these departments to determine whether any taxes or registration, license, or other fees or penalties are owed the state.
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	No	No
NOTES	The Board for Contractors licenses businesses engaged in the construction, removal, repair, or improvement of facilities on property owned by others. Contractor licenses consist of two parts: the class of license (A, B, or C), which determines the monetary value of contracts/projects that may be performed, and the classification/specialty, which determines what type of work is allowed. The Board also licenses individuals and firms engaged in residential building energy analysis.	Once registered, contractors can bid, advertise, and perform construction work. This can include constructing, remodeling, repairing and demolishing buildings, roads and other real property. There are two classifications of construction contractors in the state: General contractors can perform most types of construction work. They can hire subcontractors in multiple specialties. However, contractors working with plumbing, electrical, elevators, mobile home installation, boilers, and asbestos have additional requirements for education, examination, and licensing. Specialty contractors can only perform work in the specialty they are registered in. They cannot hire subcontractors.

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	WV	WI
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	Contractor Licensing Board	Department of Safety and Professional Services
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	Yes	Yes
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	No	No
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE	https://labor.wv.gov/Licensing/Contractor_License/Pages/default.aspx	https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/home.aspx
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION	(304) 558-7890, Fax: (304) 558-5174, Email: licensing@wv.gov	(608) 266-2112, Fax: (608) 267-0592, Email: DSPSCredTrades@wisconsin.gov
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT	OH - (Plumbing Classification/Business & Law Exam), AL - (HVAC Classification), OH - (HVAC Classification/Business & Law Exam), OH - (Manufactured Home Installation Classification), TN - (Electrical Classification, General Building Classification, HVAC Classification, Masonry Classification, Multi-Family Classification, Plumbing Classification, Residential Classification, Sprinkler & Fire Protection Classification); NC - (Electrical Classification/Business & Law Exam), OH - (Electrical Classification/Business & Law Exam)	
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	Cease & Desist Order; (1) For a first offense, a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than one \$1,000; (2) For a second offense, a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000, or confinement in the county or regional jail for not more than six months, or both; (3) For a third or subsequent offense, a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000, and confinement in the county or regional jail for not less than thirty days nor more than one year. Any person who undertakes any construction work without a valid license when such license is required by this article, when the total cost of the contractor's construction contract on any project upon which the work is undertaken is \$25,000 or more, shall, in addition to any other penalty herein provided, be assessed by the board an administrative penalty not to exceed \$250 per day for each day the person is in violation.	
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	Yes	Yes
NOTES	With the effective date of June 15, 2021, the West Virginia Legislature passed HB2006 which repeals §21-11 of the State Code, creates and moves the Board to §30-42 of the State Code. Contact and provide the West Virginia Contractor Licensing Board with your scope of work in order to verify the classification(s) and the exam(s) required for obtaining your contractor license. Your request can be sent to Licensing@wv.gov . WV requires every entity to obtain a Business Registration Tax Number. Contact the WV State Tax Department at (304) 558-3333 or (800) 982-8297.	Per Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 305.31, no person may obtain a building permit for a one- and two-family dwelling unless the person complies with all of the following, except as provided under Wis. Stats. § 101.654(1)(b) and (1)(c)(2): Holds a Dwelling Contractor certification or a Dwelling Contractor Restricted certification issued by the Department; Holds or engages, as an employee, a person who holds a certification issued by the Department as a Dwelling Contractor Qualifier.

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WY	
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING	No central authority; local jurisdiction only
STATE LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT	No
LOCAL LEVEL GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT	Yes
STATE AUTHORITY WEBSITE	
AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION	
RECIPROCITY - TRADE EXAM REQUIREMENT	
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE	Fines and penalties vary; imposed by local level licensing authorities.
ELIGIBLE TO FILE PAYMENT CLAIM UNDER MECHANICS LIEN LAW W/O CONTRACTOR LICENSE	Yes
NOTES	General Contractor licensing or permitting required at the local level. Requirements vary by jurisdiction.

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This chart provides summarized information pertaining to General Contractor licensing for all states and the District of Columbia. This chart is not intended as legal advice and is accurate as of February 2023. State and local statute should be consulted for specific language and information.