

Occupational Authorizations

Arkansas Fire Protection Licensing Board

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CLASS A AND B HYDROSTATIC TESTING TECHNICIAN

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated: 258

Entity Division Name:

Scope of Practice: Conducts hydrostatic testing in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. §§ 20-22-601, et seq. the Arkansas Fire Protection Licensing Board Rules and Regulations for Portable/Fixed Systems, applicable NFPA standards, and applicable Department of Transportation regulations.

Statutory Requirement(s): 20-22-601. Legislative intent.
It is the purpose and intent of this subchapter to provide for monitoring the sale, installation, and servicing of portable fire extinguishers and the sale, installation, and servicing of fixed fire protection systems and the planning, sale, installation, and servicing of fire protection sprinkler systems and to provide for the registration, licensure, and monitoring of businesses and persons providing the services, in order to protect and promote public safety by minimizing personal injury and property damages which might result from inadequate, unreliable, unsafe, or improperly installed or maintained portable fire extinguishers, fixed fire protection systems, or fire protection sprinkler systems.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code §17-4-104, do you provide an automatic licensure to a uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas, a uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; and the spouse of a uniformed service member who is stationed in, resides in, or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; and a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state?

No

If NO, the rule establishing the expedited process and procedure:

- [Rule for Expedited Process and Procedure for Military Service Member or Spouse](#)

Fees & Penalties			
Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Exam: Class A Initial	\$60.00	Once
Fee	Exam: Class B Initial	\$60.00	Once
Fee	Exam: Class A Retake	\$30.00	Once
Fee	Exam: Class B Retake	\$30.00	Once
Fee	Renewal: Class A	\$15.00	Annually
Fee	Renewal: Class B	\$10.00	Annually
Penalty	Expired Renewal: Class A Expired 1-90 Days	\$22.50	Once
Penalty	Expired Renewal: Class A Expired 91-365 Days	\$30.00	Once
Penalty	Expired Renewal: Class A Expired 366 days - 2 years	\$45.00	Once
Penalty	Expired Renewal: Class B Expired 1-90 Days	\$15.00	Once
Penalty	Expired Renewal: Class B Expired 91-365 Days	\$20.00	Once
Penalty	Expired Renewal: Class B Expired 366 Days - 2 years	\$30.00	Once
Administrative Rules Documents			
Document Type	Document		
Rules	2008-Fire-Xtinguisher-Rules.pdf		
Supporting Evidence Documents			

No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided

FIRE SPRINKLER INSPECTOR

Authorization Type: Licensure

of Individuals Regulated: 220

Entity Division Name:

Scope of Practice: The Inspector is an experienced and trained individual who is employed by a Fire Protection Sprinkler System Contractor to visually examine and verify the installed system appears to be in operating condition and free of physical damage in accordance with the nationally adopted NFPA 25 standard. The Inspector also acts as a liaison and informant for the fire department by signing systems off as described in the tagging system later described in this document. Where the installer's initial installment is covered under the contractor's and manufacturer's warranties the inspector must have the competence to provide assurance that the system components are working properly even after the warranties have been exhausted.

Statutory Requirement(s): 20-22-601. Legislative intent.
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No

If NO, the rule establishing the expedited process and procedure:

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Fees & Penalties			
Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Exam: Initial	\$150.00	Once
Fee	Exam: Retake	\$28.00	Once
Fee	Renewal	\$150.00	Annually
Penalty	Expired Renewal: 1-90 days	\$225.00	Once
Penalty	Expired Renewal: 91-365 Days	\$300.00	Once
Penalty	Expired Renewal: 366 days - 2 years	\$450.00	Once

Administrative Rules Documents	
Document Type	Document
Rules	2008-Sprinklers-R-R.pdf

Supporting Evidence Documents

No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided

FIRE SPRINKLER RESPONSIBLE MANAGING EMPLOYEE (RME)

Authorization Type: Licensure

of Individuals Regulated: 102

Entity Division Name:

Scope of Practice: All drawings, executed by a contracting firm requires authentication from an RME licensed with the Board who thus signified the drawings have satisfied the requirement of the contract and either have been submitted or approved by the applicable authorities having jurisdiction. The RME is physically involved with insuring the Design Process has been executed in a manner agreeable with the rules and regulations. The RME may perform the role of an inspector in addition to the primary role expressed above.

Statutory Requirement(s): 20-22-601. Legislative intent.
It is the purpose and intent of this subchapter to provide for monitoring the sale, installation, and servicing of portable fire extinguishers and the sale, installation, and servicing of fixed fire protection systems and the planning, sale, installation, and servicing of fire protection sprinkler systems and to provide for the registration, licensure, and monitoring of businesses and persons providing the services, in order to protect and promote public safety by minimizing personal injury and property damages which might result from inadequate, unreliable, unsafe, or improperly installed or maintained portable fire extinguishers, fixed fire protection systems, or fire protection sprinkler systems.

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No

If NO, the rule establishing the expedited process and procedure:

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Fees & Penalties			
Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Exam: Initial	\$300.00	Once
Fee	Exam: Retake	\$28.00	Once
Fee	Renewal	\$300.00	Annually
Penalty	Expired Renewal: 1-90 days	\$450.00	Once
Fee	Expired Renewal: 91-365 days	\$600.00	Once
Penalty	Expired Renewal: 366 days - 2 years	\$900.00	Once

Administrative Rules Documents	
Document Type	Document
Rules	2008-Sprinklers-R-R.pdf

Supporting Evidence Documents

No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided

FIXED FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM TECHNICIAN

Authorization Type: Licensure

of Individuals Regulated: 237

Entity Division Name:

Scope of Practice: Conducts installation, inspection, testing and maintenance of fixed fire protection systems in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. §§ 20-22-601, et seq. the Arkansas Fire Protection Licensing Board Rules and Regulations for Portable/Fixed Systems and applicable NFPA standards. These systems includes fixed, clean agent, CO2, and Halon.

Statutory Requirement(s): 20-22-601. Legislative intent.
It is the purpose and intent of this subchapter to provide for monitoring the sale, installation, and servicing of portable fire extinguishers and the sale, installation, and servicing of fixed fire protection systems and the planning, sale, installation, and servicing of fire protection sprinkler systems and to provide for the registration, licensure, and monitoring of businesses and persons providing the services, in order to protect and promote public safety by minimizing personal injury and property damages which might result from inadequate, unreliable, unsafe, or improperly installed or maintained portable fire extinguishers, fixed fire protection systems, or fire protection sprinkler systems.

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No

If NO, the rule establishing the expedited process and procedure:

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Fees & Penalties

Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Exam: Initial (Per System Type)	\$60.00	Once
Fee	Exam: Retake (Per System Type)	\$30.00	Once
Fee	Renewal (Per System Type)	\$30.00	Annually
Penalty	Expired Renewal (Per System Type): Expired 1-90 days	\$45.00	Once
Penalty	Expired Renewal (Per System Type): 91-365 days	\$60.00	Once
Penalty	Expired Renewal (Per System Type): 366 days - 2 years	\$90.00	Once

Administrative Rules Documents

Document Type	Document
Rules	2008-Fire-Xtinguisher-Rules.pdf

Supporting Evidence Documents

No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided

PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER TECHNICIAN

Authorization Type: Licensure

of Individuals Regulated: 806

Entity Division Name:

Scope of Practice: Conducts installation, inspection, testing and maintenance of portable fire extinguishers in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. §§ 20-22-601, et seq. the Arkansas Fire Protection Licensing Board Rules and Regulations for Portable/Fixed Systems and NFPA 10.

Statutory Requirement(s): 20-22-601. Legislative intent.
It is the purpose and intent of this subchapter to provide for monitoring the sale, installation, and servicing of portable fire extinguishers and the sale, installation, and servicing of fixed fire protection systems and the planning, sale, installation, and servicing of fire protection sprinkler systems and to provide for the registration, licensure, and monitoring of businesses and persons providing the services, in order to protect and promote public safety by minimizing personal injury and property damages which might result from inadequate, unreliable, unsafe, or improperly installed or maintained portable fire extinguishers, fixed fire protection systems, or fire protection sprinkler systems.

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No

If NO, the rule establishing the expedited process and procedure:

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Fees & Penalties			
Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Exam: Initial	\$60.00	Once
Fee	Exam: Retake	\$30.00	Once
Fee	Renewal	\$30.00	Annually
Penalty	Expired Renewal: Expired 1-90 days	\$45.00	Once
Penalty	Expired Renewal: Expired 91-365 days	\$60.00	Once
Penalty	Expired Renewal: Expired 366 days - 2 years	\$90.00	Once
Administrative Rules Documents			
Document Type	Document		
Rules	2008-Fire-Xtinguisher-Rules.pdf		
Supporting Evidence Documents			

No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided

SPRINKLER FITTER

Authorization Type: Licensure

of Individuals Regulated: 317

Entity Division Name:

Scope of Practice: The Fitter receives approved drawings as signed off by the company's RME and is in charge of installing the sprinkler system according to such drawings. Once completed, the Installer must perform testing and provide documentation for such testing in accordance with the appropriate NFPA standard. The role of this individual is "installation" and this individual's competency falls under the jurisdiction of the company's RME.

Statutory Requirement(s): 20-22-601. Legislative intent. It is the purpose and intent of this subchapter to provide for monitoring the sale, installation, and servicing of portable fire extinguishers and the sale, installation, and servicing of fixed fire protection systems and the planning, sale, installation, and servicing of fire protection sprinkler systems and to provide for the registration, licensure, and monitoring of businesses and persons providing the services, in order to protect and promote public safety by minimizing personal injury and property damages which might result from inadequate, unreliable, unsafe, or improperly installed or maintained portable fire extinguishers, fixed fire protection systems, or fire protection sprinkler systems.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code §17-4-104, do you provide an automatic licensure to a uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas, a uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; and the spouse of a uniformed service member who is stationed in, resides in, or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; and a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state?

No

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Fees & Penalties

Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Exam: Initial	\$50.00	Once
Fee	Exam: Retake	\$28.00	Once
Fee	Renewal	\$50.00	Annually
Penalty	Expired Renewal: Expired 1-90 days	\$75.00	Once
Penalty	Expired Renewal: Expired 91-365 days	\$100.00	Once
Penalty	Expired Renewal: Expired 366 days - 2 years	\$150.00	Once

Administrative Rules Documents

Document Type	Document
Rules	2008-Sprinklers-R-R.pdf

Supporting Evidence Documents

No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided

PORTABLE APPRENTICE

Authorization Type: Permit

of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name:

Scope of Practice: A specific individual to whom a permit has been issued by the Board to perform various acts of service under the direct supervision of a person holding a valid license to perform such acts

Statutory Requirement(s): 20-22-613 subsection (c)
Every person or firm servicing any portable fire extinguisher in this state shall service the portable fire extinguisher under the standards and procedures prescribed in the rules of the board.
Portable Rules Section 4 (e) 15

Pursuant to Arkansas Code §17-4-104, do you provide an automatic licensure to a uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas, a uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; and the spouse of a uniformed service member who is stationed in, resides in, or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; and a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state?

If NO, the rule establishing the expedited process and procedure:

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Fees & Penalties			
Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Portable/Fixed Apprentice Permit	\$15.00	Once
Administrative Rules Documents			
Document Type	Document		
Rules	2008_Fire_Xtinguisher_Rules.docx		
Supporting Evidence Documents			

No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided

SPRINKLER APPRENTICE

Authorization Type: Permit

of Individuals Regulated: 244

Entity Division Name:

Scope of Practice: 20-22-613 Section (c)

Statutory Requirement(s): 2008 Rules

Section 4

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No

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Fees & Penalties

Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Apprentice Sprinkler Pertime	\$25.00	Annually

Administrative Rules Documents

Document Type	Document
Rules	2008_Sprinklers_R_R.doc

Supporting Evidence Documents*No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided*

ALC – Occupational Licensing Review Subcommittee Occupational Entity Questionnaire

Responses to the following questions are due via email to Subcommittee staff no later than the 15th of the month immediately preceding the month the occupational authorization is scheduled for review by the Subcommittee.

1. Would consumers be at risk of substantial harm if Arkansas did not have this occupational authorization? Consumers would be at risk of substantial harm if Arkansas no longer had the licenses issued by the Fire Protection Licensing Board. These licenses ensure that installers of sprinkler systems and fire suppression systems are properly educated and know how to accurately install the systems, which are life saving systems in an emergency. What instances of specific and substantial harm have been documented in the past year? No instances of substantial harm have been documented in the past year.
2. How many complaints were made to the occupational entity by consumers being harmed by unauthorized practitioners? No complaints were filed that specifically addressed harm by unauthorized practitioners. Instances of unauthorized practitioners were reported to the Board and the individuals were contacted and either took steps to become licensed or ceased practicing. What specific action was taken by the occupational entity? N/A
3. How many complaints were made to the occupational entity by consumers being harmed by authorized practitioners? None What specific action was taken by the occupational entity? N/A
4. Were any applicants who otherwise met authorization requirements denied an authorization in the past year? If so, why? No applicants who met requirements were denied an authorization.
5. How much does the occupational entity collect annually in fees, and what are annual expenses? FY25 – Fees: \$288,525 & Annual Expenses: \$213,219.56 How much money does the occupational entity have in reserves? FY25 – Fund Balance: \$650,123.55
6. If the occupational entity has a positive amount in reserves, when was the last time reserve funds were used? Last time the Fund Balance was used for an expense other than the standard annual expenses was in FY24. For what purpose? The use of the Fund Balance in FY24 was for the purchase of computers for testing.

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Occupational Entity Questionnaire

7. Does the occupational entity have any other sources of revenue? **Other than licensing fees and permits, the Board collects fines and penalties.** Could occupational authorization fees be reduced without causing the occupational entity to be underfunded? **No, the annual fees collected could not be reduced.**
8. How many applicants for the occupational authorization fail each year? **Although individual licensees may not pass the examination on the first attempt, the applicants may take the examination as many times as necessary to pass therefore rarely does an applicant actually fail,** Does the occupational entity track how many applicants that do not progress are veterans, women, or minorities? **No**
9. Can applicants complete the training requirements for this occupational authorization with vocational or non-traditional education (e.g., apprenticeships)? **Yes.** What percentage of applicants complete apprenticeships? **100% as all applicants receive an apprentice permit prior to sitting for the examination.**
10. In what ways would removal of the occupational authorization or reduction of occupational authorization requirements be harmful to current authorization holders? **The current license holders build their businesses around the issuance of the occupational authorization. A reduction in requirements could result in higher insurance costs for the license holders.**