

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Department of Commerce in accordance with Ohio Revised Code § 119.03 intends to amend one rule governing Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board: Applicant Qualifications to take contractor licensing examination found in Ohio Administrative Code § 4101:16-2-01.

The following rule is being amended for the reasons set forth below:

Rule Number 4101:16-2-01:

This rule package allows for a broader range of applicants to qualify to take an examination for a license issued by the Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board (the Board). Previous requirements only permitted applicants to provide W-2 and copies of permits pulled on commercial jobs to satisfy the experience requirements necessary to obtain a contractor license issued by the Board. Under the proposed rule, the range of permissible experience that can be considered by the Board is significantly broadened to include new categories and documentation. The proposed rule specifically permits the Board to consider Schedule Cs (certain 1099 forms as evidence), apprenticeship graduate certificates, journeyman cards, and continuing education hours taken by applicants as evidence of applicant experience.

The Department will conduct a public hearing on the proposed rules on July 30, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the offices of the Division of Industrial Compliance, 6606 Tussing Road, Training Room 1, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-9009.

The proposed rules are available by contacting the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance, Office of Division Counsel, 6606 Tussing Road, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068, by calling (614) 752-7124. The proposed rules are also available at the following website: www.registerofohio.state.oh.us.

At the public hearing, any person affected by the proposed actions may appear and be heard in person, by the person's attorney, or both, may present the person's position, arguments, or contentions, orally or in writing, offer and examine witnesses, and present evidence tending to show that the proposed rule or amendments, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

Any person who wishes to present his or her position, arguments or contentions in writing may do so by mailing his or her written comments to the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance, Office of Division Counsel, 6606 Tussing Road, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068. Written comments may also be submitted at the hearing. All written comments must be submitted to the Department no later than 5:00 p.m. July 30, 2024. Written comments submitted after this date may be considered as time and circumstances permit.

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