



**Department of Planning**  
**POLICY FOR PLUMBERS LICENSING**

**As at November 2017**

**All licences are issued by the calendar year**

**Apprentice Plumber - New Licence and Renewal of Licence**

1. Apprentices shall, at all times, work under the supervision of a master or journeyman plumber licensed by the Department of Planning.
2. Non-Caymanian. The applicant shall have a valid work permit in the field of plumbing or proof that the renewal fee of the relevant work permit has been paid and be employed by a plumbing business. The plumbing business shall have a master or journeyman plumber on staff licensed by the Department of Planning. The Trade and Business Licence of the business shall cover plumbing.
3. If the licence has expired, any unpaid licensing fee for previous years is due upon renewal.

**Journeyman and Master Plumber – New Licence**

1. All applicants are required to take and pass the plumber exam. The Department of Planning determines eligibility for the exam. Eligibility to sit the exam is based on:
  - 1.1 Journeyman applicants shall have a current apprentice licence for at least 2 years, issued by the Department of Planning, or have sufficient work experience, education and a plumber licence from another jurisdiction equivalent to journeyman plumber.
  - 1.2 Master plumber applicants shall have a current journeyman licence for at least 10 years, issued by the Department of Planning, or have sufficient work experience, education and a plumber licence from another jurisdiction equivalent to master plumber.
  - 1.3 The Department assesses work experience, education and the plumber licence from other jurisdictions, the assessment is based on letters of reference from licensed plumbers, past employers, education certificates and licences issued by other jurisdictions.
  - 1.4 Non-Caymanian. The applicant shall have a valid work permit in the field of plumbing or proof that the renewal fee of the relevant work permit has been paid. The applicant shall be employed by a plumbing business. The Trade and Business Licence of the business shall cover plumbing.

**Journeyman and Master Plumber – Renewal of Licence**

1. All applicants shall apply for licence renewal and pay the annual renewal fee, if the licence has expired, any unpaid licensing fee for previous years is due upon renewal.
2. Non-Caymanian. The applicant shall have a valid work permit in the field of plumbing or proof that the renewal fee of the relevant work permit has been paid. The applicant shall be employed by a plumbing business. The Trade and Business Licence of the business shall cover plumbing.
3. If the master or journeyman licence issued by the Department of Planning has not been renewed for 5 years or longer the Department of Planning will determine whether the candidate has to write the journeyman or master plumber exam again.