

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3783

By: Sneed of the House

and

Bullard of the Senate

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11 An Act relating to professions and occupations;
12 establishing the Endorsed Plumbing Apprentice
13 License; defining terms; providing eligibility and
14 examination requirements; providing for penalties;
15 providing for codification; and providing an
16 effective date.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1024 of Title 59, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. "Endorsed Apprentice" or "Endorsed Plumbing Apprentice"
22 means a registered apprentice who met the qualifications, pursuant
23 to OAC 158:30-5-1 and OAC 158:30-9-1, with completion of a formal
24 education program approved by the Committee of Plumbing Examiners of

1 at least one thousand (1,000) hours substituting for two (2) years of
2 experience, to sit for the journeyman examination and received a
3 passing score on the examination, but who is working to complete the
4 required one (1) year of verifiable experience of at minimum two
5 thousand (2,000) hours as a registered apprentice prior to being
6 issued the journeyman plumber license in the appropriate category.

7 B. Registered apprentices interested in sitting for the
8 journeyman examination may apply for approval to sit for the
9 examination by meeting the qualifications. Registered plumbing
10 apprentices interested in sitting for the journeyman examination may
11 apply for approval to sit for the examination by meeting the
12 following requirements:

- 13 1. The applicant shall be at least seventeen (17) years of age;
- 14 2. The applicant shall be a registered plumbing apprentice;
- 15 3. The applicant shall submit proof of successful completion of
16 a formal education program of at least one thousand (1,000) hours
17 approved by the Committee of Plumbing Examiners, with no grade lower
18 than seventy percent (70%) in all trade courses, and be in good
19 standing with the school;
- 20 4. The applicant shall submit transcripts showing the
21 Committee-approved schools, the Committee-approved formal education
22 program, courses, hours attended, grades, any certificates achieved,
23 and a vocational diploma or certificate of completion for the
24 specific formal educational program and school that has been

1 approved by the Committee. The Administrator shall make the final
2 determination on acceptability of the described supporting
3 documentation; and

4 5. The applicant shall submit a completed endorsed plumbing
5 apprentice application form designating the journeyman examination
6 license category, all required supported documentation, the
7 apprentice application fee as set forth in OAC 158:30-9-2 and
8 Section 1000.5 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and the
9 examination fee (unless the examination fee is paid directly to a
10 testing provider) to the Construction Industries Board.

11 C. If the endorsed plumbing apprentice completes one (1) year
12 of verifiable experience of at minimum two thousand (2,000) hours
13 within three (3) years after the date the endorsed apprentice
14 received a passing score of the journeyman examination, and if the
15 endorsed apprentice is at least eighteen (18) years of age, the
16 endorsed apprentice may apply for a journeyman plumber license
17 without further journeyman examination by submitting a completed
18 journeyman plumber license application form demonstrating a total
19 period of no less than three (3) years of experience, all required
20 supporting documentation, the journeyman application fee and the
21 initial journeyman license fee as set forth in OAC 158:30-9-2 and
22 Section 1000.5 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and is in
23 compliance with all licensing requirements. No endorsed apprentice
24 shall renew or receive an endorsed apprentice registration beyond

1 three (3) years after passing the journeyman examination to obtain
2 an endorsed apprentice registration, and if no journeyman license
3 application is received within this time, then he or she shall be
4 required to apply and retest for the appropriate examination for
5 licensure or may submit an application for a regular, nonendorsed
6 apprentice registration.

7 D. Any endorsed plumbing apprentice who is found to have
8 violated the Plumbing License Law of 1955 or any plumbing industry
9 regulations and who retakes the examination shall be issued an
10 appropriate administrative citation or penalty for any and each
11 violation, to be handled pursuant to the Administrative Procedures
12 Act.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.
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15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
16 OVERSIGHT, dated 03/09/2026 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.
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