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[Sec. 3-2-1. - Definitions.](#)

(a)

General. As used in this chapter, "the board" will mean construction industry license board, and the following words and terms shall have meanings as found in F.S. section 489.105: certificate, certified contractors, contractor, contracting, air conditioning contractors (class A), air conditioning contractors (class B), air conditioning contractors (class C), building contractors, general contractors, mechanical contractors, plumbing contractors, residential contractors, roofing contractors, sheet metal contractors, commercial swimming pool/spa contractors, residential swimming pool/spa contractors, maintenance swimming pool/spa contractors, underground utility and excavation contractors, specialty contractors, primary qualifying agent, secondary qualifying agent, registered contractors, and registration. The term electrical contractor shall have the meaning as found in F.S. section 489.505.

(b)

Journeyman electrician means any person qualified to perform work in the electrical trade while employed and supervised by a master electrician and who is licensed under the provisions of this chapter.

All electricians, whether master or journeyman will be issued cards indicating the type of license held and will be required to exhibit them upon the request of the building official, building inspectors or code compliance officers.

(c)

Local specialty contractors: Local specialty contractors are engaged in, but not necessarily limited to, one (1) or more of the following trades:

(1)

Acoustical and insulation contractors are those who are qualified to install, maintain, repair, alter, or extend any insulation primarily installed to prevent loss or gain of heat from rooms or buildings. They are also those who are qualified to install, maintain, repair, alter, or extend any insulation primarily installed to prevent loss or gain of heat from internal or external sources in pipes, vessels, ducts, or built-up refrigerated boxes or rooms. They are also qualified to install acoustical materials and non-structural domed ceilings.

(2)

Aluminum contractors are those who are qualified to work with aluminum and vinyl products and whose services are limited to the erection, repair, and alteration of aluminum carports, screened areas, sliding glass doors, retractable screens, storm shutters, porches on existing foundations, roofovers of mobile homes, soffit and fascia, and gutters and downspouts; the installation of vinyl and aluminum siding on residential and commercial projects; and the replacement of glass or vinyl windows in existing openings. An aluminum contractor may perform limited carpentry necessary and incidental to such work but may not perform any work which affects the structural integrity of the building or structure. Aluminum contractors may not perform concrete or masonry work.

(3)

Asphalt paving and coating contractors are those who have the knowledge and skills to construct driveways, parking lots, sidewalks, and patios with asphalt materials, and may also coat, seal or paint the striping of the above-mentioned areas.

(4)

Building demolition contractors, explosive. State license only. Permits for this type of demolition will be issued at the discretion of the building official on an "as needed" basis, with the approval of the authorized zoning, public safety, and fire prevention officials, and upon notification to the sheriff's office.

(5)

Building demolition contractors, non-explosive are those who are qualified and have the knowledge and skill to demolish buildings and structures. A building demolition contractor, non-explosive, is limited to demolishing buildings two (2) habitable stories in height or less. A state certified or registered contractor or local specialty contractor shall not be required to obtain a local building demolition, non-explosive, contractor license if said contractor is licensed to build the type of structure or improvement being demolished.

(6)

Building movers are those who are qualified to move buildings or structures from one (1) site to another in accordance with all applicable building, zoning and traffic laws. Permits for building moving will be issued at the discretion of the building official on an "as needed" basis.

(7)

Cabinet and trim carpentry contractors are those who have the knowledge and skills to install or maintain nonstructural finished wood products including paneling, flooring, trim, cabinetry, countertops, non-structural dome ceilings, interior doors and all hardware incidental thereto, soffit and fascia, and weatherproofing. Such contractor may not perform any work which affects the structural integrity of the building. Cabinet and trim carpentry contractors may install countertops made from materials other than wood or laminate, may perform minor "punch-out" type work on new construction such as minor drywall repair or painting touch up and may install manufactured partitions in restrooms.

(8)

Carpentry contractors are those who are qualified to and have the knowledge and skill to construct wooden structures and install wood products, including but not limited to, rough framing, including metal studs, structural and non-structural walls, trusses, sheathing, paneling, trim carpentry, roof dry-ins, soffit and fascia, gutters and downspouts, all types of siding materials applied to existing framework, dome ceilings, weatherproofing and installation of storm and security shutters, and doors and pre-glazed windows, but not garage doors. Carpentry contractors shall also be permitted to perform the work of a cabinet and trim carpenter and drywall contractor as provided herein.

(9)

Ceramic tile, terrazzo, and marble contractors are those who are qualified to mix, prepare, seal or finish terrazzo, prepare the base and set tile, including pool tile, set marble or granite counter tops.

(10)

Concrete place and finish contractors are those who are qualified to batch and mix aggregates, cement, and water to agreed specifications, to construct forms and framework for the casting and shaping of concrete including placement of mesh reinforcement bars, and steel reinforcement bars (rods) incidental thereto, to pour, place, and finish concrete. This section would also apply to concrete sidewalks and driveways. Concrete place and finish contractors can install brick pavers and apply decorative materials to driveways, lanais and patios.

(11)

Concrete/masonry contractors are those who are qualified to select, cut and lay brick and concrete block or any other unit masonry products, lay brick and other clay products, rough cut and dress stone, artificial stone and precast blocks, glass brick or block, or any person who is qualified to batch and mix aggregates, cement and water to agreed specifications, to construct forms and framework for the casting and shaping of concrete, to place and erect reinforcing steel and miscellaneous embedded steel, to place mesh reinforcement, plastic vapor barriers and edge forms, and to pour, place and finish concrete including flatwork. Concrete/masonry contractors can apply decorative materials to driveways, lanais and patios. This category shall also include those who are qualified to install tie beams and alternative wall systems, erect pre-cast or pre-stressed concrete products, and those who are qualified to install poured concrete roof deck systems. Concrete/masonry contractors shall also be permitted to perform the work of a plaster stucco and spraycrete contractor as provided herein.

(12)

Door, window and garage door contractors are those who are qualified and have the knowledge and skill to install, repair or replace any door, window and garage door, including storm and security shutters, including any work necessary and incidental to such installation, repair or replacement. May perform the installation of vinyl and aluminum siding on residential and commercial projects. Such contractor may not perform any work which affects the structural integrity of the building.

(13)

Drywall contractors are those who are qualified to install gypsum drywall products to wood and metal studs, to wood and steel joists and to metal runners in buildings of unlimited area and height. The scope of work shall include the preparation of the surface over which

the drywall product is to be applied, including the placing of non-structural metal studs, runners and all necessary trim, and to spray coat drywall with a plaster aggregate mixture.

(14)

Fence contractors are those who are qualified to install, maintain or repair fencing on grade, including pre-cast concrete and pre-fabricated fences, and swimming pool mesh safety barriers which meet all applicable safety, zoning and building codes.

(15)

Glass and glazing contractors are those who are qualified to install all types of windows, select, cut, assemble and install all makes and kinds of glass and glass work, and execute the glazing frames, panels, sash and door and holding metal frames, ornamental decorations, mirrors, and glass tub and shower enclosures.

(16)

Grade, fill, and clearing contractors are those who are qualified to grade and fill lots, remove materials such as rock, gravel, sand, surface debris, and vegetation, including the grubbing of roots, removal of trees, clearing the land and leveling the surface incidental and necessary thereto, install driveway culverts and stormwater collection systems incidental thereto, including non-marine rip rap, in compliance with local building and zoning regulations and environmental laws. This is not to be construed as a license to perform underground utility work as defined herein nor to demolish buildings or structures, unless a permit has been obtained by a contractor licensed to perform these services and said contractor has listed the grade, fill and clear contractor as the subcontractor of record.

(17)

Job site cleanup contractors are those who are responsible for the removal of all non-usable construction materials, trash, etc., from commercial and residential construction sites.

(18)

Landscaping contractors, commercial are those who are qualified to install trees, shrubs, plants and accessory materials, including non-marine rip rap on commercial jobsites.

(19)

Lawn irrigation contractors are those who are qualified to install, maintain, repair, alter, or extend all piping and sprinkler heads for the irrigation of laws. Such contractor may connect lawn irrigation piping to the pump, and the electrical controller to a service disconnect provided for that purpose, but may not otherwise connect to, alter, or repair any source of water intended for potable use, or connect to, alter or repair any electrical pump or any electrical pump wiring system or power supply in conjunction with the irrigation system.

(20)

Marine construction contractors are those who are qualified with the experience and skill to construct, maintain, alter or repair seawalls, retaining walls, bulkheads, revetments, docks, decks, boat lifts, piers, wharves, groins and other marine structures, including pile driving. Marine construction contractors may also perform dredging operations, install and maintain rip rap, and perform concrete work incidental to davit installation. Marine construction contractors shall also be permitted to perform the work of a pile driving contractor as provided herein.

(21)

Painting contractors are those who are qualified to use spraying equipment as well as hand tools to finish both exterior and interior work. A painting contractor may do paper hanging, sandblasting, and roof painting. A painting contractor may also apply paint, acrylic, or other materials for coating of driveways, lanais, and patios.

(22)

Pile driving contractors are those who are qualified with the experience and skill to drive piling, including sheet piling, and construction foundations, including the excavating, forming and placing of reinforcing steel and concrete, and performing other work incidental thereto.

(23)

Plaster, stucco, and spraycrete contractors are those who are qualified to coat surfaces with a mixture of sand or other aggregate, including river rock, gypsum plaster, Portland cement, or quick-lime and water, or any combination of such material as to create a permanent surface coating. May also apply paint, acrylic, or other materials for coating of driveways, lanais, and patios. This shall include the installation of pre-manufactured or decorative stone. Such contractor may apply and affix gypsum or metal lath or any other product prepared or manufactured, including the placing of metal studs and runners to which lath is to be applied, to provide key or suction bases for the support of plaster coatings. Such contractors cannot form a structural concrete pool shell.

(24)

Sign contractors are those who are qualified to install, repair, add to or change non-electrical signs in accordance with building and zoning codes.

(25)

Sign contractors, electrical are those who are qualified to install, repair, alter, add to, or change any electrical wires, apparatus, raceways, conduit, or any part thereof on electrical signs and are qualified to erect signs. Such contractor may connect to an existing sign circuit and may contract for and take out building permits for the erection of signs in accordance with building and zoning codes.

(26)

Structural steel contractors are those who are qualified to erect structural steel shapes and plates, including such minor field fabrication as may be necessary, of any profile, perimeter or cross-section that are or may be used as structural members for buildings and structures, including riveting, bolting, welding and rigging, only in connection therewith. Structural steel contractors may install handrails.

(27)

Swimming pool/spa water treatment and cleaning contractor means any person whose scope of work involves the water treatment and cleaning of any swimming pool, hot tub, or spa, whether public or private. The scope of such work does not include any piping and piping repairs, replacement and repair of existing equipment, installation or repair of equipment, tile, coping, filter equipment or chemical feeders, replastering, construction of decks, footers, stemwalls and steps, and reinstallation or addition of pool heaters. A state certified or registered commercial pool/spa contractor, residential pool/spa contractor or swimming pool/spa servicing contractor shall not be required to obtain a local swimming pool/spa water treatment and cleaning contractor license. A swimming pool/spa water treatment and cleaning contractor is not permitted to drain a swimming pool of more than twenty (20) percent of its capacity.

(d)

Certificates of competency for the following specialty contractors will remain valid so long as the contractor renews the certificate of competency in accordance with section 3-2-22. However, no new certificates of competency will be issued.

(1)

Reinforcing steel contractors are those who are qualified to fabricate, place and tie steel reinforcing bars (rods) of any profile, perimeter, or cross-section, that are or may be used to reinforce concrete buildings and structures in such a manner that under all agreed specifications, steel reinforcing bars (rods) for concrete buildings and structures can be fabricated, placed and tied. In addition, these contractors will also be allowed to install swimming pool reinforcing steel bars (rods).

(2)

Rip rap contractors are those who are qualified to use stone, compressed shell, and similar material to prevent the erosion of the soil, and to form or construct an erosion prevention wall or embankment.

(3)

Shed tie-down contractors are those who are qualified to place and tie down all types of portable utility sheds in accordance with local building and zoning regulations.

(4)

Swimming pool shell contractors are those who are qualified to excavate form and install concrete pool shells according to methods approved by applicable state and county codes.

(5)

Tennis court contractors are those who are qualified to construct, maintain or repair tennis courts, including the preparation of the surface, drainage, paving, surface topping, concrete, asphalt, posts and fencing; provided, however, that any required electrical installations shall only be performed by a licensed electrical contractor.

(e)

Only state certified contractors are recognized for the following specialty contractors.

(1)

Alarm system contractors.

(2)

Alarm system contractor I.

(3)

Alarm system contractor II.

(4)

Elevator installation contractors.

(5)

Fire extinguish dry.

(6)

Fire sprinkler system.

(7)

Fire suppression system.

(8)

Liquid petroleum gas.

(9)

Mobile home dealers and manufacturers.

(10)

Mobile home set up contractor.

(11)

Specialty structure contractor.

(f)

The following are also regulated by this chapter:

(1)

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(2)

Home inspectors are those who are qualified to inspect one-family, two-family and three-family residences not exceeding two (2) habitable stories in height. Any person performing home inspections must hold his/her own certificate of competency. The home inspector, the company which is qualified by the home inspector, and the company which employs the home inspector, are prohibited from performing, or contracting to perform, any work requiring a contractor's license on a residence for one (1) year following an inspection of that residence pursuant to this authority.