



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Applicant:

Enclosed is the application from the Contractors State License Board (CSLB).

**Please be aware that nearly half of all applications submitted to CSLB are inaccurate or incomplete and must be returned for correction.**

**Please complete your application in its entirety to ensure that your application is accepted for processing by CSLB.**

After an application has been accepted by CSLB as complete (also known as “posted”), the applicant will be sent instructions on the process for obtaining and submitting fingerprints, as required by law. (*Business and Professions Code sections 144 and 7069*)

An incomplete application can needlessly delay your license. Delays can last several weeks or even months and possibly result in the application being deemed abandoned and becoming void and the application fee being forfeited. (*Business and Professions Code sections 7074 and 7138 and Title 16, California Code of Regulations section 813*)

**Spending a few extra minutes now may save you weeks or months later!**

Before you submit your application, follow these simple directions.

- **Sign the form.**
- **Fill out all applicable information.**
- **Make sure you submit Certification of Work Experience forms that have been filled out completely, ensuring that you have provided four (4) years of applicable experience in the classification for which you are applying.**

**Carefully read the General Information and Instructions** that immediately precede the application package and follow the specific instructions that are contained throughout the application to help ensure that your application is complete and accurate.

**Please be aware that there are no schools or application preparation organizations that are affiliated with or agents of CSLB, although some may have company names that are confusingly similar to CSLB.** If you discover that an organization has misrepresented itself as being associated with CSLB, you should submit a complaint to CSLB or the California Department of Consumer Affairs. However, official CSLB examination study guides are available free of charge on CSLB’s website.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING CONVICTIONS PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

As part of the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) application process and as required by law, the applicant must be fingerprinted if they have not been fingerprinted by CSLB before or if the applicant's previous fingerprint record was purged by CSLB due to a voided application; disassociated, revoked, or cancelled license or registration; or for some other reason. After an application is accepted by CSLB as complete (also known as "posted"), the applicant will be sent instructions on the process for obtaining and submitting fingerprints, usually via live scan electronic transmission.

The applicant's fingerprints will be compared to the records of the California Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. **If an applicant has ever been convicted of a crime, their criminal record information will be reported to CSLB.** This includes DUIs and other Vehicle Code violations resulting in a conviction. Even if you pled "no contest," had the conviction set aside, or judgment deferred pursuant to Penal Code sections 1000 or 1203.4 (commonly understood as "expunged"), the past conviction will still be reported to CSLB.

Under certain circumstances, CSLB may request that an applicant provide mitigating information regarding their criminal history by completing and submitting the Disclosure Statement Regarding Criminal Plea/Conviction form that is available on CSLB's website on the Forms and Applications page. CSLB's Criminal Background Unit will contact the applicant if it is requesting this additional information. If so, the applicant can complete the disclosure and send an email scan of it to [CBU@cslb.ca.gov](mailto:CBU@cslb.ca.gov) or fax to 916-255-4135. Please note, completing the form or any other disclosure of mitigating evidence is voluntary, and the applicant may choose not to disclose any information. An applicant's choice not to disclose information shall not be a factor in a board's decision to grant or deny an application for licensure. (See Bus. & Prof. Code, § 480(f)(2).

Applicants with criminal convictions are not automatically denied licensure – each applicant is reviewed individually based on the applicable sections of law. When reviewing criminal convictions, CSLB considers factors such as the nature and severity of the crimes, the amount of time that has passed since the convictions, and any evidence of rehabilitation submitted by the applicant. CSLB has several regulations to review criminal convictions, including Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations sections 868, 868.1, and 869. Section 868 guides how to evaluate whether a crime is substantially related to the qualifications, duties, or functions of a licensee or registrant. Section 868.1 guides whether a felony financial crime is directly and adversely related to the fiduciary qualifications, duties, or functions of a licensee or registrant; and Section 869 guides whether an applicant has made a showing of rehabilitation.

For rehabilitation evaluation, in addition to other evidence of rehabilitation, CSLB is generally looking at how much time has passed since the conviction without further violations of law.

# APPLICATION FOR ORIGINAL CONTRACTOR LICENSE

## General Information and Instructions

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Listed below is general information to assist you as you complete the attached application. Detailed instructions are also provided that address the content of the application section by section. Please refer to the Applicants page on the Contractors State License Board's (CSLB) website ([www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov)) for more detailed information about the licensing process.

**Do not submit this General Information and Instructions portion with your completed application** – the actual application begins immediately following this section on Application – Page 1 of 4 and includes the Certification of Work Experience and the Owner-Builder B-General Building Construction Project Experience form, if needed. Before you submit your application, please review and be sure you have complied with the following items.

- **Enclose the nonrefundable \$450 application fee with your completed application for licensure in a single classification.** CSLB cannot process your application without the appropriate fee made payable to the Registrar of Contractors. The initial license fee (\$200 for sole owner and \$350 for non-sole owner) should be submitted separately after you pass the examination. If approved for the military expedite and initial license fee reduction provision (see instructions under Military), these initial license fees will be reduced by 50%. (*Business and Professions Code [BPC] sections 7137 and 7138*) **Examination fees are paid directly to CSLB's approved testing vendor when the examinations are scheduled.**
- **Your application may be returned to you if it is insufficient or incomplete.** You must provide any missing information, make corrections, and resubmit your completed application to CSLB within **90 days** after the date that it was returned to you, or your application will be deemed abandoned and become void. You cannot reinstate an abandoned application – you must submit a new application and \$450 application fee if you wish to pursue licensure. (*BPC 7074 and Title 16, California Code of Regulations [16 CCR] section 813*)

**Complete the application and all accompanying forms legibly in black or dark blue ink or on CSLB's website using the Easy-Fill feature.** Please make sure that you and other authorized individuals sign and date the forms, where applicable.

- **Leave no space blank.** If a particular question or request for information does not apply to you, write "N/A" in the blank space to indicate that you have read the question and determined that it is not applicable.
- The "#" symbol is used interchangeably with the word "number" where space is limited on the application.
- If you need additional copies of forms (e.g., Certification of Work Experience, Section 4 – Personnel Full Legal Names and Addresses), please make copies of the blank forms before you begin or print additional copies from the CSLB website, under the Forms and Applications page.

### SECTION 1 – BUSINESS NAME AND ADDRESS

#### Business Name Styles (Box 1)

In accordance with BPC section 7059.1, the business name for a contractor license **must not be misleading in relation to the classification(s) issued to the license and must be compatible with the type of business entity licensed** (see *Section 2 on next page*). For example, it would not be acceptable for ABC123 Tile to apply for a C-10 Electrical contractor license, but it would be acceptable for ABC123 Construction to apply for a B-General Building contractor license or for ABC123 Tile to apply for a C-54 Ceramic and Mosaic Tile contractor license. In addition, it would not be acceptable for a sole ownership or proprietorship to use the words "partners" or "incorporated" in its business name.

#### Business Addresses, Phone and Email (Boxes 3a – 3c)

- You **must** provide an address of record (mailing address) for your business that will be made available to the public if you become licensed. This address will be published on CSLB's website and will also be used for all official correspondence, notices, and orders from CSLB, such as renewal notices. P.O. boxes and private mailboxes (PMB) are acceptable for the address of record.
- You **must also** provide a business street address that will be used only for CSLB's internal administrative purposes – it will not be published on CSLB's website. P.O. boxes and PMBs are **not** acceptable for the business street address.

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- You are also asked to provide business phone and business fax numbers and a business email address. The business phone number is published on CSLB's website. If you have an email address at which you are currently receiving emails, you must provide it (BPC 7083.2). The email provided will not be part of your public license record. CSLB emails important license updates and changes to the law that may affect your license. All emails CSLB sends to the email address you provided are presumed to be received.

### **Classification Requested (Box 2)**

Listed below are the contractor license classifications. **Only one classification may be requested on an original application when an examination is required.** For a complete description of the classifications, refer to the License Classifications link on the Applicants page of CSLB's website.

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| A General Engineering Contractor                                   | C-29 Masonry Contractor                           |
| B General Building Contractor                                      | C-31 Construction Zone Traffic Control Contractor |
| B-2 Residential Remodeling Contractor                              | C-32 Parking and Highway Improvement Contractor   |
| 2 Insulation and Acoustical Contractor                             | C-33 Painting and Decorating Contractor           |
| C-4 Boiler, Hot Water Heating and Steam Fitting Contractor         | C-34 Pipeline Contractor                          |
| C-5 Framing and Rough Carpentry Contractor                         | C-35 Lathing and Plastering Contractor            |
| C-6 Cabinet, Millwork and Finish Carpentry Contractor              | C-36 Plumbing Contractor                          |
| C-7 Low Voltage Systems Contractor                                 | C-38 Refrigeration Contractor                     |
| C-8 Concrete Contractor  | C-39 Roofing Contractor                           |
| C-9 Drywall Contractor   | C-42 Sanitation System Contractor                 |
| C-10 Electrical Contractor   | C-43 Sheet Metal Contractor                       |
| C-11 Elevator Contractor   | C-45 Sign Contractor                              |
| C-12 Earthwork and Paving Contractors                              | C-46 Solar Contractor                             |
| C-13 Fencing Contractor  | C-47 General Manufactured Housing Contractor      |
| C-15 Flooring and Floor Covering Contractors                       | C-49 Tree and Palm Contractor                     |
| C-16 Fire Protection Contractor                                    | C-50 Reinforcing Steel Contractor                 |
| C-17 Glazing Contractor  | C-51 Structural Steel Contractor                  |
| C-20 Warm-Air Heating, Ventilating and Air-Conditioning Contractor | 53 Swimming Pool Contractor                       |
| C-21 Building Moving/Demolition Contractor                         | C-54 Ceramic and Mosaic Tile Contractor           |
| C-22 Asbestos Abatement Contractor                                 | C-55 Water Conditioning Contractor                |
| C-23 Ornamental Metal Contractor                                   | C-57 Well Drilling Contractor                     |
| C-27 Landscaping Contractor  | C-60 Welding Contractor                           |
| C-28 Lock and Security Equipment Contractor                        | C-61 Limited Specialty Classification (see below) |

The C-61 Limited Specialty classification is for contractors who specialize in work not listed above (for example, C-61/D-50 Suspended Ceilings) or who perform work that is a specialized part of an existing classification (for example, C-61/D-29 Paper Hanging). The License Classifications link on the CSLB website contains a full listing of the subcategories of the C-61 classification.

### **SECTION 2 – BUSINESS ENTITY (Box 4)**

Applicants must designate their business entity. Below is information on the five business entity types that are covered by this application. Contractor licenses are also issued to joint ventures – such applicants must submit the separate Application for Joint Venture License, available at CSLB's website on the Forms and Applications page.

Corporations and LLCs must be registered and in good standing (not suspended or otherwise restricted) with California Secretary of State (SOS) in order to be licensed and remain licensed with CSLB. California SOS can be reached by calling (916) 653-6814 or by visiting their website at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov). Applicants who wish to change their business entity after the application is posted should withdraw their application and submit a new one.

### **Sole Owner**

Check the "Sole Owner" box if the business is owned by only one individual person and is not a corporation or an LLC.

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### Partnership

Check the “Partnership” box if the business is a partnership. Partnerships must provide their federal employer identification number (FEIN), which is available from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The IRS can be reached by calling (800) 829-1040. Personal Social Security numbers are **not** acceptable for the FEIN. Limited Partnerships must be registered with the California SOS and in good standing prior to being issued a contractor license.

### Corporation

Check the “California Corporation” box if the business is a corporation. Corporations must be registered with the California SOS and in good standing prior to being issued a contractor license. Corporations must provide a current and active California SOS registration number where indicated in Section 2 of the application.

### Limited Liability Company

Check the “Limited Liability Company” box if the company is a limited liability company. LLCs must be registered with the California SOS, must be in good standing, and have filed their statement of information prior to being issued a contractor license. LLCs must provide a current and active registration number where indicated in Section 2 of the application.

If your business entity is an LLC, before you submit your application, please be aware that the following additional requirements apply to LLC licenses (*please refer to CSLB’s website for more information*):

- **\$100,000 Surety Bond.** LLC licenses are required to file a \$100,000 surety bond (in addition to the \$25,000 contractor’s bond) for the issuance, reissuance, reinstatement, reactivation, and renewal of an LLC license for the benefit of any employee or worker damaged by the LLC’s failure to pay wages, interest on wages, or fringe benefits, as well as other contributions. (*BPC sections 7071.6 and 7071.6.5*)
- **\$1 Million Liability Insurance Minimum.** LLC licenses are required to carry liability insurance with the aggregate limit of \$1 million for licensees with five or fewer persons and/or companies listed as personnel of record, plus an additional \$100,000 required for each additional personnel, not to exceed \$5 million total. (*BPC section 7071.19*)
- **Personnel of Record.** Every person and/or company that is an officer, responsible manager, member, or director of an LLC must be listed as personnel of record on LLC applications. All individuals who are members of the personnel of record are subject to fingerprinting. LLC officers and members must be listed on the LLC’s record with California SOS. LLCs may also have additional officers who may not be included on the official California SOS record, but who must be listed on this application and who will become part of the contractor license (*BPC section 7065*).

### Tribal Business

Check the “Tribal Business” box if the business is a federally recognized tribe under BPC 7025.1

A tribal business can be verified by submitting any one of the following three documents along with the application.

- A resolution that ratifies the charter for this tribal business under federal law (“IRA Section 17 corporation”).
- A resolution authorizing this tribal corporation under tribal laws (“tribally chartered corporation”).
- Articles of incorporation or by-laws for this tribal corporation.

## SECTION 3 – QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL FULL LEGAL NAME AND ADDRESS

The terms “**qualifying individual**” and “**qualifier**” are used interchangeably. The qualifying individual is the person who meets the experience and examination requirements for the license and who is responsible for exercising **supervision and control** of their employer’s or principal’s construction operations to secure compliance with CSLB’s laws, rules, and regulations. (*BPC section 7068.1 (a)*) “Supervision and control” means “direct supervision or control” or monitoring and being available to assist others to whom “direct supervision and control” has been delegated. “Direct supervision or control” means supervising construction, managing construction activities by making technical and administrative decisions, checking jobs for proper workmanship, and/or supervision on construction sites.

A qualifying individual is required for every classification on every license issued by CSLB. The qualifying individual may or may not be the owner of the business.

You must complete the personnel information requested in Sections 3 and 4 of the application for each individual and company that will be listed on the license.

- **Line 5a – Full legal names are required.** You must provide the full legal name of all personnel. If an individual does not have a middle name, write “None” or “No Middle Name” in the space provided. If an individual has only an initial for their first or middle name, write “(Initial Only)” after the initial.
- Provide qualifier’s date of birth where requested.

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- **All applicants are required to provide their U.S. Social Security number (SSN) or individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) if an individual does not have an SSN.**
- **Box 5b** – You must **also** provide a residence street address for the qualifier that will be used only for CSLB’s internal administrative purposes – it will not be published on CSLB’s website unless it is also the business address. P.O. boxes and PMBs are **not** acceptable for the qualifier’s residence street address.
- **Line 6** – Please enter any previous or current license numbers held by the qualifier in the provided box. Also enter the percentage of the new business owned/held by the qualifier (ranging between zero and 100%), the qualifier’s driver’s license number, and the qualifier’s home phone number.
- **Box 7** – Check the appropriate box that identifies the title/position of the qualifying individual. The **title/position must be compatible with the business entity type**, as entered in Section 2 above. Please be sure your selected title/position complies with the following:
  - Sole owner entity** = either Owner or Responsible Managing Employee (RME) – see below
  - Partnership entity** = either Qualifying Partner or RME
  - Corporation entity** = either Responsible Managing Officer (RMO) or RME
  - LLC entity** = any one of RMO, Responsible Managing Manager, Responsible Managing Member, or RME
  - Tribal Business entity** = either RMO or RME
- An **RME is a bona fide employee** who is permanently employed by the applicant and is actively engaged in the operation of the applicant’s contracting business for at least 32 hours or 80% of the total hours per week such business is in operation, whichever is less.
- **Box 8** – You **must** print and sign your name and indicate the date below the certification statement at the bottom of Page 1 of the application. Failure to sign your application will result in the application being returned to you for correction.

#### **SECTION 4 – PERSONNEL FULL LEGAL NAMES AND ADDRESSES** (Other than Qualifying Individual)

**You must complete the personnel information requested in Section 4 of the application for each individual and company that will be listed as personnel on the license**, other than the qualifier listed in Section 3. Be sure to include the applicant’s business name at the top of the page where requested.

- See Section 3 above for instructions on how to complete the specific fields of this section. If more than four (4) personnel must be reported, please make a copy of the blank form. All personnel **must** print and sign their names below the certification statement and include the date that the form was signed.
- Every person who is an officer, member, responsible manager, or director of a corporation, tribal business, or limited liability company seeking licensure under this chapter shall be listed on the application as a member of the personnel of record. (BPC 7065 (b) (1))
- LLCs can have managers or members that are corporations or other LLCs, as opposed to individual people. When an LLC has corporate or LLC managers or members, complete Section 4 for those companies, omitting the fields that do not apply (e.g., date of birth, SSN/ITIN, and driver license number). Since corporations and LLCs are incapable of signing documents (e.g., applications, renewals, etc.), you must also report at least one individual person who will be an authorized signer for that company. To do this, you must complete a portion of Section 4 using this individual person’s personal information. Identify that person as the “Authorized Signer for \_\_\_\_\_” (inserting the name of the corporation or LLC on behalf of which the individual person will sign). This individual person will not be part of the official license personnel of record (unless they are also an actual responsible manager, member, or officer of the applicant LLC), but their information will be maintained by CSLB for signing purposes only.



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## General Information and Instructions *(continued)*

### **SECTION 5 – REQUIRED APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

Be sure to include the applicant's business name at the top of the page where requested. **All** questions must be answered, unless otherwise indicated, and all requested explanations and documentation must be provided, or the application will be returned for correction. Failure to thoroughly and accurately complete this section of the application can delay the licensure process or result in denial of the application.

#### **Fingerprint Requirement**

**Please be sure to read the Important Notice Regarding Convictions on the front of this application packet. All applicants for licensure are required to submit a full set of fingerprints for the purpose of conducting a criminal background check.** Fingerprints will be compared to the records of the California Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to determine whether a criminal history exists. Your license will not be issued until CSLB receives fingerprint results from both DOJ and FBI. Even though you may have been fingerprinted previously for an employer or another regulatory body, you will need to undergo the fingerprinting and criminal history check process again specifically for CSLB. California Penal Code section 11142 prohibits criminal history information from being released to any entity other than the requesting agency that you have authorized to receive it.

After an application has been accepted by CSLB as complete (also known as "posted"), each individual listed on the application who needs to fingerprint will be sent instructions on the process for obtaining and submitting fingerprints. Individuals in California are required to fingerprint by electronic live scan; individuals outside of California can fingerprint either by electronic live scan in California or by submitting hard card fingerprints that are completed in the applicant's location, as explained in the instructions that are sent after the application has been posted. Please note that submitting hard card fingerprints can significantly delay the licensure process due to the extra processing needed at DOJ and FBI. For more information, please visit CSLB's website and view information on the Applicants page.

#### **Translator for Examination (Question 15)**

Check the "Yes" box if you have difficulty understanding or reading the English language and you would like to use a translator to read the examination to you. Complete question #15 by listing in what language your translator will read the examination. The translator you choose must be approved in advance by CSLB. If you check the "Yes" box, information will be sent to you regarding the translator process. Some of CSLB's examinations have been translated into Spanish. If the applicant selects "Spanish" as their preferred language and there is an examination available in that language, they will be scheduled for that examination.

### **SECTION 6 – QUALIFIER EDUCATION, APPRENTICESHIP, LICENSURE, AND MILITARY SERVICE**

#### **Education and Apprenticeship (Question 16)**

CSLB may grant up to three years of credit toward the four-year experience requirement for completed training in an accredited school and/or apprenticeship program in the construction trade for which the applicant is applying. (*T16 CCR section 825*). For formal education, request a certified official transcript from the applicant's educational institution. Include the sealed official transcript with the application when submitting. Degrees obtained outside of the United States must be translated, if in a language other than English, and evaluated by an accredited evaluation service in the U.S. before being submitted to CSLB.

For apprenticeship programs, the applicant must submit a copy of their apprenticeship certificate and indicate the dates of the program where requested on the application.

#### **Reciprocity (Question 17)**

Applicants who are seeking licensure in California and who are licensed in the same classification in another state may be eligible for the waiver of the trade examination if the qualifier meets the requirements for reciprocity (*BPC section 7065.4*). Please see CSLB's website ([www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov)) for more information. If you are licensed in a state and classification recognized by the Board, please have the licensing agency from your state complete a "License Verification Request" form and submit it with this application. The California Law and Business Examination will still be required if the applicant has not passed California Law and Business Examination within the last five (5) years. (See CSLB's website for more information on reciprocity on the Applicants page.)

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## General Information and Instructions *(continued)*

### Military Service (Questions 18 and 19)

#### **Expedited Processing and 50% reduction of Initial License fee for Military Personnel**

CSLB will expedite the licensure process and reduce the initial licensing fee by 50% for an applicant who is a current active-duty member of the Armed Forces or who was not dishonorably discharged after having served as an active-duty member of the United States Armed Forces or the National Guard or Reserves. Please provide the following documentation: Evidence of your current military duty (copy of your military orders) or your previous military service (copy of your latest DD 214 long form – Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty showing discharge status or a copy of a current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by this state or another state with the word "Veteran" printed on its face) or for National Guard discharge status (copy of your NGB 22 form), or for Reserves discharge status (copy of your DD256 form).

#### **Expedited Licensure Application Processing for Service Members Enrolled in Skillbridge**

CSLB will expedite the licensure process for service members who are enrolled in a Skillbridge program. Please provide documentation of enrollment in a Skillbridge program, such as an official letter from a commanding officer, in order to qualify for expedited processing.

#### **Expedited Processing and Fee Waiver for Military Personnel Spouses or Domestic Partners**

CSLB will expedite the licensure process and waive the application fee and initial license fee for an applicant who:

- Is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active-duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in California under official active-duty military orders.  
**AND**
- Holds a current license in another state, district, or territory of the United States in the profession or vocation for which the applicant seeks a license from the board.

If you answer "Yes" to question 19 and you would like to be considered for this expedited processing and waiver of licensure fees, please provide a copy of your current license from the other state, district, or territory of the United States documenting a contractor license, registration, permit, or certificate in the same classification for which you are seeking licensure **AND** documentation of your marriage or legal union **AND** your spouse's or partner's active military duty. For example, in addition to the licensure documentation, attach a copy of the marriage certificate or certified declaration/registration of domestic partnership filed with the Secretary of State **AND** military orders establishing a duty station in California. For other forms of "legal union" not recognized by California, you may submit other documentary evidence of legal union issued by the state that recognizes your legal union for consideration by CSLB in meeting this requirement.

**If all of the above-mentioned requirements are met and all the required documentation is submitted with the application, the application fee and the initial license fee will be waived. All other fees will still be required.**

#### **Credit for Military Experience and Training**

CSLB may grant credit toward licensure requirements for applicable work experience and training received while the applicant was an active-duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States performing duties in the classification for which they are applying. This work experience and training must be reported on a Certification of Work Experience form and must be supported by acceptable documentation. Include a copy of your Joint Service Transcripts (military transcripts) for evaluation. You may also provide evidence of current military duty (copy of applicant's military orders) or previous military service (copy of applicant's DD 214 – Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty). If you are claiming military experience, please be sure to check the "Yes" box for Question 18 on the application, as discussed above.

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### Immigration Status Expedites (Question 20)

CSLB will expedite the licensure process for an applicant who immigrated to the United States of America in certain circumstances. Please check the “yes” box to question 20 on this application if:

- You were admitted to the United States as a refugee pursuant to section 1157 of title 8 of the United States Code;
- You were granted asylum by the Secretary of Homeland Security or the United States Attorney General pursuant to section 1158 of title 8 of the United States Code; or,
- You have a special immigrant visa and were granted a status pursuant to section 1244 of Public Law 110-181, Public Law 109-163, or section 602(b) of title VI of division F of Public Law 111-8, relating to Iraqi and Afghan translators/interpreters or those who worked for or on behalf of the United States government.

If you selected YES, you must attach evidence of your status as a refugee, asylee, or special immigrant visa holder. Failure to do so may result in application review delays. Acceptable evidence includes:

- Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record, with an admission class code such as “RE” (Refugee) or “AY” (Asylee) or other information designating the person a refugee or asylee.
- Special immigrant visa that includes “SI” or “SQ.”
- Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551), commonly known as a “Green Card,” with a category designation indicating that the person was admitted as a refugee or asylee.
- An order from a court of competent jurisdiction or other documentary evidence that provides reasonable assurance that the applicant qualifies for expedited licensure.

### MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

#### Experience and Examination Information

Applicants for licensure must meet specific experience and examination requirements, as explained below. Waivers of the trade examination may be granted under certain circumstances, as indicated on the next page. **If you qualify for examination waiver or exemption, do not use this application** – please instead use the Application for Original Contractor License – Waiver (7065) (form 13A-1A).

#### **Experience Requirements**

To be eligible for licensure, the qualifying individual must have had, within the last 10 years, at least four (4) years of experience in the classification for which they are applying. The experience must be at no less than a journeyman level, or as a foreman, supervising employee, contractor, or owner-builder. Owner-builder experience can only be used to qualify for a B-General Building classification, and certain requirements must be met. Please see the general information page of the Certification of Work Experience form for more information. A “journeyman” is defined as an experienced worker who is fully qualified (as opposed to a trainee) and is able to perform the trade without supervision, or one who has completed an apprenticeship program. **Experience is documented on the Certification of Work Experience form. (T16 CCR section 825)**

#### **Examination Eligibility Requirements**

The qualifying individual for a contractor license is required to pass the written Law and Business Examination and a specific trade examination if required (BPC section 7065) unless they meet the requirements for a waiver (see next page for information regarding examination waivers). These examinations are administered by an approved testing vendor and fees for the examinations are paid directly to the vendor by the applicant. Information about scheduling examinations will be mailed to you once the application is posted. Official CSLB examination study guides are available free of charge on CSLB’s website under the Applicants tab. These study guides are available in English and Spanish.

#### **Re-Examination**

If you are required to take an examination, subject to some limitations, you have 18 months after the approval of your application to achieve a passing score on the examinations(s). During that time, you may take the examinations(s) as many times as needed within retesting guidelines. These re-examinations are administered by an approved testing vendor and the fee for the re-examinations are paid directly to the vendor by the applicant each time you reschedule an examination. Scheduling re-examinations will be done through the PSI Exams account. If a candidate fails one or both of their examinations, they must go to their PSI account to select the date, time, and location for their next examination. Candidates must wait 21 days after taking an examination before they may try it again. *(See BPC section 7074 for more detailed information on re-examinations).*

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### Reasonable Accommodation – The Americans with Disabilities Act

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), CSLB provides reasonable accommodation for applicants with disabilities that may affect their ability to take the required examinations. Applicants wishing to request reasonable accommodation pursuant to the ADA must complete the Special Accommodation Request for Examination form (available on the Forms and Applications page on CSLB's website) and submit it to CSLB with the appropriate supporting documentation. In order to make the necessary arrangements to accommodate candidate needs, the form and supporting documentation should be submitted as soon as possible. As soon as the reasonable accommodation is approved, candidates may contact PSI Exams to schedule and pay for their examination(s).

### Examination Waivers and Exemptions

The examination may be waived if the qualifying individual is currently or has been in the last five (5) years, actively engaged in the construction business and meets specific waiver requirements as mandated by law or has been actively licensed in good standing or has passed the required examinations in the classification for which they are applying. *(See BPC sections 7065 – 7065.4 for a complete list.)* If you are applying for licensure based on waiver of or exemption from the trade and Law and Business examinations, you should complete the Application for Original Contractor License – Examination Waiver (7065) instead of this application.

In addition, the trade examination may be waived if the qualifier meets the requirements for reciprocity. Please see CSLB's website ([www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov)) for more information. If you are licensed in a state and classification recognized by the Board, have the licensing agency from your state complete a "License Verification Request" form and submit it with this application. The Law and Business Examination will still be required if the applicant has not passed that examination within the last five (5) years. *(See CSLB's website for more information on reciprocity on the Applicants page.)*

### Random Application and Experience Review

By law, CSLB must randomly review three percent (3%) of applications, including the experience claimed on Certifications of Work Experience forms that must be verifiable through payroll records or similar documents. In the event that your application is selected for review, please see CSLB's website for a Summary of Acceptable Documentation *(located at CSLB's website on the Applicants page)* that may be submitted to CSLB to support claimed experience. In addition, CSLB staff may contact the certifier of experience or other parties to verify experience. *(BPC section 7068 and T16 CCR 824)*

### C-22 Asbestos Abatement Contractor License

The C-22 – Asbestos Abatement contractor performs abatement, including containment, encapsulation, or removal, and disposal of asbestos containing construction materials, as defined in Section 6501.8 of the Labor Code, in and on buildings and structures. All work performed and all documentation prepared by an asbestos abatement contractor shall be done in accordance with DOSH regulations and requirements.

The Board shall not issue an asbestos abatement contractor license unless the applicant or contractor is duly registered with DOSH pursuant to Section 6501.5 of the Labor Code or has an active application for registration in process with DOSH. All holders of the C-22 – Asbestos Abatement classification shall have completed DOSH registration training requirements, as contained in Section 1529 of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations.

You may wish to contact DOSH prior to applying for the asbestos certification or the C-22 – Asbestos Abatement classification to be sure that you understand their requirements for registration since DOSH registration is required in order to perform asbestos-related work. DOSH's Asbestos Contractors' Registration Unit (ACRU) can be reached at (916) 574-2993 or [ACRU@dir.ca.gov](mailto:ACRU@dir.ca.gov), or you can visit their website at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/ACRU/ACRUhome.htm>.

### C-47 General Manufactured Housing Contractor License

Prior to obtaining a C-47 – General Manufactured Housing contractor classification, you must complete a federally approved initial installer training. Along with your application, please submit a "Certificate of Completion of Training" from a qualified trainer approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The license applicant is responsible for ensuring the training program is approved by HUD. Existing C-47 license holders are exempt from the requirement.

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## General Information and Instructions *(continued)*

### **Bond, Insurance, and Other Licensure Requirements**

**All contractors** must meet specified bond, insurance, and other requirements for licensure with CSLB, as indicated below. Failure to maintain a required bond or insurance may result in the suspension of the license. For information on bonds, see *A Guide to Contractor License Bonds*, available on CSLB website under the Resources tab and then choose CSLB Publications. Bonds may be submitted to CSLB electronically by the issuing surety company.

#### **Contractor's Bond**

**All contractors** must have a \$25,000 contractor's bond on file with CSLB. (*BPC section 7071.6*)

#### **Bond of Qualifying Individual**

An **additional** \$25,000 qualifying individual's bond must be filed for **all** contractors that are qualified by an RME, or under certain other circumstances for corporate and LLC contractors when the qualifying individual (RMO, responsible managing manager, or responsible managing member) holds less than 10 percent of the voting stock of the corporation or membership interest in the LLC. (*BPC section 7071.9*). Tribal businesses are exempt from this specific requirement.

#### **LLC Employee/Worker Bond**

**All** LLC licenses are required to have an **additional** \$100,000 employee/worker bond on file with CSLB for the benefit of workers employed by or contracted to work for an LLC. (*BPC section 7071.6.5*)

#### **Disciplinary Bond**

A license that has been disciplined may be required to have an **additional** disciplinary bond on file with CSLB in an amount fixed by the Registrar at not less than \$25,000 or more than \$250,000. (*BPC section 7071.8*)

#### **Workers' Compensation Insurance**

Workers' compensation is required when a contractor has employees, including an RME and/or home improvement salespersons. It is also required for all contractors applying for the C-8 Concrete, C-20 Warm-Air Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning, C-22 Asbestos Abatement, C-39 Roofing, and C-61/D-49 Tree Service classifications, whether or not they have any employees. The Certificate of Insurance must be issued in the business name shown on this application. Contractors that have no employees and are not otherwise required to have workers' compensation insurance must complete the Exemption from Workers' Compensation form, available on CSLB website's Forms and Applications page. (*BPC section 7125*)

#### **LLC Liability Insurance**

**All** LLC licenses are required to have liability insurance in an amount that is not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more than five million dollars (\$5,000,000). The amount is determined based on the number of personnel of record on the license. For five (5) or fewer personnel, the amount is \$1 million. For each additional member of personnel, the amount increases by \$100,000, up to a maximum of \$5 million. For example, an LLC that has eight (8) personnel would be required to carry a \$1,300,000 liability insurance policy. (*BPC section 7071.19*)

#### **Asbestos Open Book Examination**

**All** qualifiers must complete the Asbestos Open Book Examination as part of the licensure process. Information about this examination and the link to take it can be found on CSLB's website at [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov). (*BPC section 7058.5*) Completion of this required open book examination does not authorize the licensee to engage in asbestos-related work.

#### **Reissuance or Reassignment of License Number**

If the qualifier has previously been licensed, it may be possible to have the previous license number reissued or reassigned under certain circumstances. Sole owner numbers may be reissued to corporations or LLCs, and corporate license numbers may be reissued to LLCs. To request the reissuance of a license number, the applicant must complete and submit with their application the Request for License Number Reissuance form (13A-1h), available on the Forms and Applications page on CSLB's website. (*BPC section 7075.1*)

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### **Construction Management Education Account**

A grant program was established in 1991 to provide funds for qualified public post-secondary schools that teach construction management. You may voluntarily contribute to the account when paying the application fee or the license renewal fee. If you would like to make a voluntary contribution, please mark the box on the top portion of Page 1 of the application, write in the dollar amount in the space provided, and include that dollar amount in the total amount paid with your application, or submit a separate check or money order made payable to CSLB/Construction Management Education Account. (See *BPC sections 7139.2 and 7139.4.*)

### **Collection of Social Security Numbers, Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers, and Federal Employer Identification Numbers**

With the exception of the driver's license number, all information requested on the application is mandatory, including disclosure of U.S. Social Security numbers (SSN), individual taxpayer identification numbers (ITIN), and federal employer identification numbers (FEIN). Collection of the SSN, ITIN, and FEIN is authorized by BPC sections 30, 31, and 7145.5. SSNs, ITINs, and FEINs are used exclusively for the purpose of tax enforcement, compliance with any judgment or order for family support in accordance with Family Code section 17520, measurement of employment outcomes of students who participate in career technical education programs offered by the California Community Colleges as required by BPC section 30, and investigation of tax evasion and violations of cash-pay reporting laws as set forth in Section 329 of the Unemployment Insurance Code. If you fail to disclose your SSN, ITIN, or FEIN, your application will not be processed, and you will be reported to the Franchise Tax Board; they may assess a \$100 penalty against you.

### **Collection of Personal Information**

CSLB collects the personal information requested on the following form as authorized by BPC sections 30, 31, 114.5, 115.5, 141, 480, 7066, 7069, 7072, 7073, and 7145.5 and T16 CCR section 816. CSLB uses this information to identify and evaluate applicants for licensure, issue and renew licenses, and enforce licensing standards set by law and regulation. Submission of the requested information is mandatory. CSLB cannot consider your application for licensure unless you provide all of the requested information. You may review the records maintained by CSLB that contain your personal information, unless the records are identified as confidential information and exempted from disclosure by the Information Practices Act, including Civil Code section 1798.40. CSLB makes every effort to protect the personal information you provide us; however, it may be disclosed in response to a Public Records Act request as allowed by the Information Practices Act; to another government agency as required by state or federal law or as provided in Civil Code section 1798.24; or in response to a court or administrative order, a subpoena, or a search warrant. The Custodian of Records is responsible for maintaining the information on this form and may be contacted at the address and telephone number listed in the letterhead at the top of this General Information and Instructions portion for questions about this notice or access to records.

### **Resources on the Licensing Process**

CSLB has a variety of publications available to help you become a licensed contractor and to maintain your license. You can order free publications from or view documents on CSLB's website ([www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov)), by writing to CSLB at the address listed below, or by calling the 24-hour automated phone system at (800) 321-CSLB (2752). Please visit CSLB's website or call the toll-free phone number to find out how to order the current edition of the *California Contractors License Law & Reference Book* or other publications.

### **Application Processing – Follow Your Application Status Online**

When CSLB receives your application, an acknowledgement letter will be sent to you that explains how to check the status of your application online at [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov) or by calling (800) 321-CSLB (2752) using the Application Fee Number and Personal Identification Number (PIN) provided in the acknowledgement letter.

Please include your Application Fee Number in any correspondence. All correspondence should be sent to:

Contractors State License Board  
9821 Business Park Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95827-1703  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 26000, Sacramento, CA 95826-0026

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### **CERTIFICATION OF WORK EXPERIENCE FORM**

Following the application in this packet, you will find the **Certification of Work Experience form that must be completed by the qualifying individual on the application and certified by a qualified and responsible person who has direct knowledge of the experience and time period listed.** The experience must be verifiable through payroll records or similar documents. **Corrections on the certification forms must be initialed by the certifier.** Forms containing strikeouts or modifications that may compromise the validity of the work experience certification may not be accepted.

To assist the certifier in completing Part 2 of the Certification of Work Experience form, a listing of the License Classifications is available through a link on the Applicants page of CSLB's website ([www.CSLB.ca.gov](http://www.CSLB.ca.gov)). This document may be used as a reference when listing the specific trade duties that the qualifier has performed or supervised in the classification for which they are applying.

The Certification of Work Experience form may not be required if the qualifier has ever served as the qualifier on a license in the same classification for which they are currently applying.

### **OWNER-BUILDER B-GENERAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXPERIENCE FORM**

Pursuant to BPC section 7044, owners who build or improve structures on their own property are exempt from the licensure laws for contractors under certain circumstances. **The Owner-Builder B-General Building Construction Project Experience form must be completed by the qualifier on the application if they are claiming experience as an owner-builder working on projects on their own property.** The experience must be verifiable through building permits, final inspections, or similar documents. Please see CSLB's website for the listing of Acceptable Supporting Experience Documentation (*located at CSLB's website on the Applicants page*) that may be submitted to CSLB to support claimed experience. (*BPC section 7068 and T16 CCR section 824*) A separate form is required for each project on the owner-builder's property. A Certification of Work Experience form must also be completed by the qualifying individual on the application and certified by a qualified and responsible person who has direct knowledge of the experience performed on the project.



**CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

9821 Business Park Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827  
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 26000, Sacramento, CA 95826  
 800-321-CSLB (2752) | [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov) | [CheckTheLicenseFirst.com](http://CheckTheLicenseFirst.com)

**Application for Original Contractor License**

**Application Fees**

- Single classification application ..... \$450
  - Initial license fee (sole owner) \* ..... \$200
  - Initial license fee (non-sole owner) \* ..... \$350
  - Total fees required (sole owner) ..... \$650
  - Total fees required (non-sole owner) ..... \$800
- Initial license fee to be paid after examinations  
 \* Military Veterans see question #18

The application fee for a single classification (\$450) is not refundable once the application has been filed.  
 Attach a money order or a personal, business, certified, or cashier's check made payable to the Registrar of Contractors. Do not send cash.  
 There is a \$25 service charge for each dishonored check.  
 Voluntary contribution to Construction Management Education Account \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please type or print neatly and legibly in black or dark blue ink.

**SECTION 1 – BUSINESS NAME AND ADDRESS**

**Business Name:** The legal business name will appear on the license and is the actual name under which the contracting business will operate. The full business name must be provided. The business name must not be misleading in relation to the classification(s) issued for that license and must be compatible with the type of business entity licensed. Please refer to the General Information and Instructions for information on business name styles.

<b>1. FULL NEW BUSINESS NAME</b>		<b>2. CLASSIFICATION REQUESTED</b> <i>(Only one classification may be requested on the original application if an exam is required.)</i>	
3a. BUSINESS MAILING ADDRESS Number/Street or P.O. Boxes		City	State ZIPCode
3B. BUSINESS STREET ADDRESS Number/Street Only – NO P.O. Boxes or PMBs		City	State ZIPCode
3c. BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER ( )	BUSINESS FAX NUMBER ( )	BUSINESS EMAIL ADDRESS	

**SECTION 2 – BUSINESS ENTITY**

**Corporations** must provide a current and active California Secretary of State corporate registration number below. Please be sure to write the corporate titles (president, secretary, and treasurer) in the space provided for the appropriate personnel in Sections 3 and 4. **Partnerships** must list their federal employer identification number (FEIN) below (personal Social Security numbers and individual taxpayer identification numbers [ITIN] are not acceptable). **Limited liability companies (LLC)** must provide a current and active California Secretary of State registration number below. If this LLC has officers, please be sure to write the titles (president, secretary, and treasurer) in the space provided for the appropriate personnel in Sections 3 and 4. **Tribal businesses** must list the tribe under which they are incorporated as a business and list the qualifying individual and officers for their company. (See the General Information and Instructions for more information.)

4. NEW BUSINESS WILL OPERATE AS A (check only one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Ownership (not a corporation or LLC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership – Federal Employer ID # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> California Corporation # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Company # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Federally recognized tribe _____	

**SECTION 3 – QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL FULL LEGAL NAME AND ADDRESS**

**Qualifying Individual (Qualifier):** A qualifying individual is required for every classification on every license issued by CSLB. You must provide full legal names of all individuals. (See the General Information and Instructions for more information on completing this section.)

5a. QUALIFIER'S FULL LEGAL NAME Last			First	Middle	DATE OF BIRTH	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER or ITIN
5b. RESIDENCE ADDRESS Number/Street Only – NO P.O. Boxes or PMBs			City	State	ZIP Code	
6. QUALIFIER'S EXISTING / PREVIOUS CSLB LICENSE NUMBER(S) (If none, enter "N/A")		PERCENTAGE OF NEW BUSINESS OWNED BY THE QUALIFIER _____ %	DRIVER LICENSE NUMBER	RESIDENCE PHONE NUMBER ( )		

7. TITLE OR POSITION (check only one) For LLC and corporations qualified by a Responsible Managing Officer, the corporate title you provide in this section must exactly match the corporate title listed on SOS records.

Owner (sole ownership only)    Qualifying Partner    Responsible Managing Employee (RME)\*    Responsible Managing Member

Responsible Managing Manager    Responsible Managing Officer (RMO) – Title(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\* RMEs are prohibited from having an active sole owner license. Please visit CSLB's website for an Application to Inactivate Contractor's License, if needed.

8. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that all statements, answers, and representations made in this application, including all supplementary statements attached hereto, are true and correct, and that I have reviewed the entire contents of this application. In signing and submitting this application, I certify that I agree to the Examination Security Acknowledgement (see the General Information and Instructions for more information). I also authorize the Franchise Tax Board to provide CSLB with required tax information pursuant to Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 7145.5.

Date	Signature	Printed Name
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Applicant's Business Name (as listed in Section 1 of this application): \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION 4 – PERSONNEL FULL LEGAL NAMES AND ADDRESSES (Other than Qualifying Individual)**

The following must be **completed by all individuals and companies that will be listed on the license**. You must provide **full legal names** of all individuals. Each individual must sign the certification statement under penalty of perjury. (See the *General Information and Instructions regarding company personnel*.)

9a. PERSONNEL FULL LEGAL NAME Last First Middle			DATE OF BIRTH	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER or ITIN	
RESIDENCE ADDRESS Number/Street Only – <b>NO</b> P.O. Boxes or PMBs City			State	ZIP Code	DRIVER LICENSE #
TITLE OR POSITION ( <b>check only one</b> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> General Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Officer - Title(s) _____				RESIDENCE PHONE NUMBER ( )	
I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that all statements, answers, and representations made in this application, including all supplementary statements attached hereto, are true and correct, and that I have reviewed the entire contents of this application. In signing and submitting this application, I also authorize the Franchise Tax Board to provide CSLB with required tax information pursuant to BPC section 7145.5.					
Date	Signature		Printed Name		

9b. PERSONNEL FULL LEGAL NAME Last First Middle			DATE OF BIRTH	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER or ITIN	
RESIDENCE ADDRESS Number/Street Only – <b>NO</b> P.O. Boxes or PMBs City			State	ZIP Code	DRIVER LICENSE #
TITLE OR POSITION ( <b>check only one</b> ) <input type="checkbox"/> General Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Officer - Title(s) _____				RESIDENCE PHONE NUMBER ( )	
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Date	Signature		Printed Name		

9c. PERSONNEL FULL LEGAL NAME Last First Middle			DATE OF BIRTH	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER or ITIN	
RESIDENCE ADDRESS Number/Street Only – <b>NO</b> P.O. Boxes or PMBs City			State	ZIP Code	DRIVER LICENSE #
TITLE OR POSITION ( <b>check only one</b> ) <input type="checkbox"/> General Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Officer - Title(s) _____				RESIDENCE PHONE NUMBER ( )	
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Date	Signature		Printed Name		

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS Number/Street Only – <b>NO</b> P.O. Boxes or PMBs City			State	ZIP Code	DRIVER LICENSE #
TITLE OR POSITION ( <b>check only one</b> ) <input type="checkbox"/> General Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Officer - Title(s) _____				RESIDENCE PHONE NUMBER ( )	
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Date	Signature		Printed Name		

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## SECTION 5 – REQUIRED APPLICATION QUESTIONS

**All questions in this section must be answered.** Questions 10 - 12 pertain to **all** individuals listed on this application (qualifying individual and all personnel listed in Section 4), and Questions 13 – 15 pertain to the qualifying individual only.

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**10. To the best of your knowledge, is anyone listed on this application (or any company the person is or was a part of) named in or responsible for any unsatisfied final judgments, liens, and/or claims against any bond or cash deposit pertaining to a construction project?**

Yes     No

If you checked "Yes" for this question, you are required to attach a statement identifying all judgments (pending or on record), liens, past due unpaid bills, claims, or suits and a detailed explanation of the situation. Include the names and addresses of the parties involved. If the obligation was or is being discharged in bankruptcy, attach a copy of the bankruptcy filing and a copy of the creditors list.

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**11. To the best of your knowledge, has anyone on this application (or any company the person is or was a part of, or any immediate family member of the applicant) ever received a citation from CSLB or had a contractor license or other professional or vocational license or registration denied, suspended, revoked, or otherwise disciplined by this state or elsewhere (i.e., other U.S. state, U.S. territory, agency of the federal government, or other country)?**

Yes     No

For the purposes of responding to this question, "disciplined" is an administrative action that resulted in a restriction or penalty being placed on any license you have or have possessed, such as a revocation, suspension, probation, or reprimand.

(Check "No" if the license or registration was suspended due to lack of a bond, workers' compensation or other required insurance, a qualifier, or family support.)

If you checked "Yes" for this question, you are required to attach a statement detailing the events leading to this action.

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**12. To the best of your knowledge, has anyone on this application failed to resolve any outstanding final liabilities, which include taxes, additions to tax, penalties, interest, and any fees that may be assessed by CSLB, the Department of Industrial Relations, the Employment Development Department, the Franchise Tax Board, or the State Board of Equalization (BOE)?**

Yes     No

If you checked "Yes" for this question, you are required to attach a statement regarding the outstanding liabilities. In relation to BOE liabilities, you must indicate if you have entered into an installment payment agreement for that liability with the BOE and provide verification that you are in compliance with the terms of that agreement, if applicable.

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**13. (This question must be answered by the qualifying individual.)** Direct supervision and control over construction operations includes any one or a combination of the following activities: supervising construction, managing construction activities by making technical and administrative decisions, checking jobs for proper workmanship, or direct supervision on construction job sites. **Will you, as the qualifying individual, perform one or more of these duties?**

Yes     No

**14. (This question must be answered only if the qualifying individual is a responsible managing employee [RME].)** Business and Professions Code Section 7068 (c) states in part that a RME is a bona fide employee that is permanently employed by the applicant and is actively engaged in the operation of the business, meaning working at least 32 hours per week or 80% of the total hours per week that the applicant's business is in operation. **Will you, as the responsible managing employee, meet the requirements of Business and Professions Code Section 7068 (c)?**

Yes     No

**15. The examinations are administered in English.** Will you require the use of a CSLB-approved translator?

Yes     No

If yes, in what language will your translator read the examination? \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant's Business Name (as listed in Section 1 of this application): \_\_\_\_\_

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## **SECTION 6 – QUALIFIER EDUCATION, APPRENTICESHIP, LICENSURE, AND MILITARY**

Applicants must answer the following questions and may be granted credit toward licensure requirements or receive expedited processing as noted below. Please refer to the General Information and Instructions for more information. If you checked "Yes" in response to any question, please provide the requested documentation.

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### **16. Have you completed an educational or apprenticeship program?**

If you checked "Yes" for this question, you may be granted credit for **completed training in an accredited school** if you:

- Submit transcripts for a four-year degree, two-year degree (or less), technical training (must include course hours and descriptions), and all other degrees in a business or construction-related field.

**Transcripts must be certified official and received directly from the educational institution in a sealed envelope.**

(If you received your degree outside the United States, your transcripts must be translated, if in a language other than English, and evaluated by an accredited evaluation service that does business within the United States.)

Yes  No

You may be granted credit for a **completed apprenticeship program** if you:

- Submit a copy of your apprenticeship certificate; **AND**
- Enter the beginning and ending dates of your completed apprenticeship program:

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year Month/Day/Year

(The apprenticeship period cannot overlap the journeyman-level experience period being certified on the Certification of Work Experience.)

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### **17. Are you licensed in another state in the same classification for which you are seeking licensure?** If you checked "Yes" for this question, you must provide a License Verification Request form that is completed by the licensing agency from the other state, please see CSLB's website to see if your state and classification qualifies.

Yes  No

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### **18. Are you serving in, or have you previously served in, the United States Armed Forces?**

If you checked "Yes" for this question, please provide the following documentation for review to potentially receive expedited processing and a 50% reduction in the initial license fee:

- Evidence of your current military duty (copy of your military orders) or your previous military service (copy of your latest DD 214 long form – Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty showing discharge status or Copy of Driver's License with "Veteran" endorsement) or National Guard discharge (form NGB 22), Reserves discharge (form DD 256), or proof of enrollment in Skillbridge. See instructions section under **Military**.

Yes  No

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### **19. The CSLB will expedite the licensure process and waive the license application fee and the initial license fee charged by the board for an applicant who is the spouse of an active-duty member of the Armed Forces stationed in California and meets both of the following requirements:**

Are you married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active-duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in California under official active-duty military orders?

Yes  No

**AND**

Do you hold a current license in another state, district, or territory of the United States in the profession or vocation for which you seek a license from the board?

If you checked "Yes" for this question, please provide documentation of current licensure AND marriage, partnership or legal union AND active-duty military orders as described in the instructions under **Military**.

If all required documentation is submitted with the application the application fee and initial license fee will be waived. All other fees will still be required.

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### **20. Were you admitted to the United States of America under one of the circumstances described below?**

Yes  No

1. Admitted as a refugee pursuant to section 1157 of title 8 of the United States Code; 2. Granted asylum by the Secretary of Homeland Security or the United States Attorney General pursuant to section 1158 of title 8 of the United States Code; 3. You have a special immigrant visa and were granted a status pursuant to section 1244 of Public Law 110-181, Public Law 109-163, or section 602(b) of title VI of division F of Public Law 111-8, relating to Iraqi and Afghan translators/interpreters or those who worked for or on behalf of the United States government.

If you checked "Yes" for this question, please provide documentation as described in the instructions.

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## **STATE TAX AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS NOTICE**

The State Board of Equalization and Franchise Tax Board may share taxpayer information with CSLB. You are obligated to pay your state tax obligation. CSLB may suspend or refuse to issue, reactivate, reinstate, or renew a license if your state tax obligation, child support obligation, or any outstanding final liability to CSLB, the Department of Industrial Relations, or the Employment Development Department is not paid. (BPC sections 30, 31, and 7145.5)

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## CERTIFICATION OF WORK EXPERIENCE General Information

- This form must be filled in completely in order to document the applicant's work experience, or the application will be returned for correction or completion. The qualifying individual on the application (as listed on Page 1 of the application) and certifier (a qualified and responsible person who verifies the experience in the classification for which the applicant is seeking licensure) must type or print neatly and legibly in black or dark blue ink – pencil is not acceptable.
- **FORMS CONTAINING STRIKEOUTS OR MODIFICATIONS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- **Corrections on the Certification of Work Experience forms must be initialed by the certifier.**
- **Original signatures are required** – faxed, photocopied, or stamped signatures are not acceptable.
- All qualifying individuals and certifiers must be at least 18 years old.
- All Certification of Work Experience forms must be submitted with the application.
- The Certification of Work Experience form, when filed with an application, becomes the property of CSLB and is kept as a matter of record. **Keep a copy of the completed and signed form for your records** – you may be asked to provide further documentation or testimony to verify your experience. A random three percent (3%) of applications are subject to review, and experience must be verifiable through payroll records and similar documents. CSLB staff may contact the certifier or other parties to verify experience.
- If you have ever served as a qualifier on a license in the classification for which you are now applying, you may not need to complete this form. However, if you are applying for a waiver of the examination pursuant to Business and Professions Code (BPC) sections 7065.1(b) or 7065.1(c), you do need to complete this form. *(Please refer to CSLB's website for more information on examination waivers.)* **NOTE: If you had a previous application that was denied on the basis of a lack of qualifying work experience, you must complete this form, regardless of whether or not you passed the examination.**
- **Anyone who knowingly procures or offers false or forged documents to be filed, registered, or recorded in any public office in California is guilty of a felony. (Penal Code section 115)**

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### PART 1 – QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL (APPLICANT) INFORMATION

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- **The qualifying individual (qualifier) must complete Part 1 in its entirety before the certifier completes Part 2.**
- Lines 2 and 3 request the business name of company, license number of company, and company's business street address of the place where your experience was gained, which may or may not have been your employer.

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### PART 2 – WORK EXPERIENCE AND CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

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- **The certifier must complete Part 2 in its entirety after the qualifying individual has completed Part 1.**
- **The qualifying individual must document at least four (4) years of journey-level or higher experience in the classification for which they are applying. The experience must have been obtained within the last 10 years.**
- **The qualifying individual's work experience must have been completed at the level of journeyman, foreman, supervising employee, or contractor, as defined below (Title 16, California Code of Regulations [T16 CCR] section 825). Also defined below are "owner-builder" and "self-employed individual."**
  - A **"journeyman"** is an experienced worker who is fully qualified (as opposed to a trainee) and is able to perform the trade without supervision, or a person who has completed an apprenticeship program. *(T16 CCR section 825)*
  - A **"foreman"** or **"supervising employee"** is a person who has the knowledge and skills of a journeyman and directly supervises construction projects.
  - A **"contractor"** is an individual who is currently a licensed California contractor, a former licensed California contractor, or an out-of-state licensed contractor. A contractor has the skills necessary to manage the daily activities of a construction business, including field supervision.
  - An **"owner-builder"** (a person who performs B-General Building classification work **solely on their own property**, pursuant to BPC section 7044) or a **"self-employed individual"** must have the knowledge and skills of a journeyman as listed above and the skills necessary to manage the daily activities of a construction business, including field observation. Owner-builders must complete and submit an Owner-Builder B-General Building Construction Project Experience form for each owner-builder project on their own property, in addition to the Certification of Work Experience form.
- The Description of Classifications document may be used as a reference only and is available through a link on the Applicants page of CSLB's website.
- **The certifier (a qualified, responsible person who is able to verify the work experience of the qualifier) must complete, date, and sign under the certification statement on line 9 at the bottom of the form.** The certifier can be an employer, fellow employee, journeyman, union representative, contractor, or business associate. This form will help CSLB determine whether the qualifier has the experience necessary to become a qualified contractor.
- **The certifier must have direct knowledge of the qualifier's experience during the time period listed.** "Direct knowledge" means personal knowledge of the experience that does not depend on outside information or hearsay. The certifier must be able to certify that the qualifier demonstrated a level of knowledge and skills expected of a journeyman or higher in the classification for which they are applying.
- **Any licensee whose signature appears on a falsified Certification of Work Experience form, or who otherwise certifies false or misleading experience claims submitted by an applicant to obtain a contractor license, will be subject to disciplinary action. (BPC section 7114.1)**

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Please detach this General Information and Instructions portion before submitting the completed application package to CSLB.



Certification of Work Experience

Please read the General Information on the previous page before beginning this form.

The qualifying individual from Page 1 of the application must complete the information in Part 1 below; then, the certifier (person certifying the experience) must complete Part 2. The experience must be verifiable through payroll records or similar documents. If additional space is needed to list the trade duties, please attach a separate sheet that must also be signed under the same certification statement contained below in line 9. Use a separate form for each employer or work setting. If you need additional forms, please make a copy of this blank form or visit CSLB's website to print the form.

Please type or print neatly and legibly in black or dark blue ink – pencil is not acceptable.

FORMS CONTAINING STRIKEOUTS OR MODIFICATIONS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED. Corrections must be initialed by the certifier.

PART 1 – QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL (APPLICANT) INFORMATION

The qualifying individual must complete Part 1 in its entirety before the certifier completes Part 2.

1. QUALIFIER'S FULL LEGAL NAME Last First Middle
2. BUSINESS NAME OF COMPANY WHERE EXPERIENCE WAS GAINED – OR, IF YOU WERE SELF-EMPLOYED, LEAVE THIS SPACE BLANK AND CHECK THIS BOX [ ] (If you checked the box, skip line 3 and go to line 4.) LICENSE NUMBER OF COMPANY WHERE EXPERIENCE WAS GAINED
3. COMPANY'S BUSINESS STREET ADDRESS Number/Street Only – NO P.O. Boxes City State ZIP Code
4. WAS THE EXPERIENCE OBTAINED WORKING ON YOUR OWN PROPERTY AS AN OWNER-BUILDER (see previous page for definition)? [ ] Yes [ ] No If you checked "Yes" above, use the Owner-Builder B-General Building Construction Project Experience form to provide information on completed projects.

PART 2 – WORK EXPERIENCE AND CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

The certifier must complete Part 2 in its entirety after the qualifying individual (applicant) has completed Part 1.

5. APPLICANT'S JOURNEYMAN-LEVEL OR HIGHER [ ] FULL-TIME [ ] PART-TIME } FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR(S) and \_\_\_\_\_ MONTH(S) TIME-BASE WORKED IN SPECIFIC TRADE DUTIES (check one): (Do not claim credit for full-time work if applicant worked only part-time or if trade duties in requested classification were only one component of entire job. For example, if applicant worked half-time in specific trade duties for six (6) years, write "3 years" in the space above.)
6. IN THE SPACE BELOW, LIST ALL SPECIFIC TRADE DUTIES APPLICANT PERFORMED OR SUPERVISED IN THE CLASSIFICATION FOR WHICH THEY ARE APPLYING. PLEASE REFER TO THE DESCRIPTION OF CLASSIFICATIONS DOCUMENT FOR ASSISTANCE. (Do not list office work or individual project names.)
7. My business relationship to \_\_\_\_\_ is or was (check all that apply): [ ] Employer [ ] Contractor (License Number \_\_\_\_\_) [ ] Foreman or Supervisor [ ] Journeyman [ ] Fellow Employee [ ] Union Representative [ ] Business Associate
8. CERTIFIER'S STREET ADDRESS Number/Street Only – NO P.O. Boxes City State ZIP Code
PHONE NUMBER ( ) FAX NUMBER ( ) EMAIL ADDRESS
9. I certify that I have direct knowledge of the work covering the time period outlined above. I certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the information stated above is true and correct.
Date Signature Printed Name

Note: For information on the collection of personal information, please refer to the General Information and Instructions at the beginning of this application package, under the heading "Collection of Personal Information."

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Owner-Builder B-General Building Construction Project Experience

This form must be completed ONLY if the qualifying individual indicates on the Certification of Work Experience form that they obtained B-General Building classification experience working on their own property as an owner-builder.

Use a separate form for each project. If you need additional forms, please make a copy of this blank form or visit CSLB's website to print the form. Please type or print neatly and legibly in black or dark blue ink. Incomplete forms are not accepted.

Form with 11 numbered sections for project details: 1. QUALIFIER'S (OWNER-BUILDER) FULL LEGAL NAME, 2. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS, 3. DO/DID YOU PERSONALLY OWN THE PROPERTY, 4. START DATE, COMPLETION DATE, and work time, 5. STRUCTURE/PROJECT SQUARE FOOTAGE, 6. BUILDING PERMIT NUMBER, 7. DESCRIBE THE FULL SCOPE OF THIS PROJECT, 8. LIST ALL THE TRADE DUTIES YOU PERSONALLY PERFORMED, 9. EXPLAIN HOW YOUR PAST EXPERIENCE, TRAINING, AND/OR EDUCATION PREPARED YOU TO PERFORM WORK ON THIS PROJECT, 10. PROVIDE THE NUMBER OF LABORERS USED AND THE TRADES THEY PERFORMED, 11. PROVIDE THE NUMBER OF GENERAL CONTRACTORS OR SUBCONTRACTORS USED AND THE TRADES THEY PERFORMED.



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