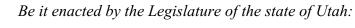
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	FIRE SPRINKLER INSTALLATION CERTIFICATION
	AMENDMENTS
	2022 GENERAL SESSION
	STATE OF UTAH
	Chief Sponsor: Ashlee Matthews
	Senate Sponsor:
LON	G TITLE
Gene	eral Description:
	This bill modifies the requirements to install a fire sprinkler system.
High	lighted Provisions:
	This bill:
	requires an individual who seeks to obtain a certification in fire sprinkler fitting to:
	 complete certain training requirements; and
	 pass the Star fire sprinklerfitting mastery examination;
	 provides a grace period for a licensed general building contractor to comply with the
new o	certification requirements; and
	 makes technical changes.
Mon	ey Appropriated in this Bill:
	None
Othe	r Special Clauses:
	None
Utah	Code Sections Affected:
AME	ENDS:
	58-55-308 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339





28	Section 1. Section 58-55-308 is amended to read:
29	58-55-308. Scope of practice Installation, repair, maintenance, or replacement
30	of gas appliance, combustion system, or automatic fire sprinkler system Rules.
31	(1) (a) The commission, with the concurrence of the director, may adopt reasonable
32	rules pursuant to Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to define and
33	limit the scope of practice and operating standards of the classifications and subclassifications
34	licensed under this chapter in a manner consistent with established practice in the relevant
35	industry.
36	(b) The commission and the director may limit the field and scope of operations of a
37	licensee under this chapter in accordance with the rules and the public health, safety, and
38	welfare, based on the licensee's education, training, experience, knowledge, and financial
39	responsibility.
40	(2) (a) The work and scope of practice covered by this Subsection (2) and Subsection
41	(3) is the installation, repair, maintenance, cleaning, or replacement of a residential or
42	commercial gas appliance or combustion system.
43	(b) The provisions of this Subsection (2) apply to any:
44	(i) licensee under this chapter whose license authorizes the licensee to perform the
45	work described in Subsection (2)(a); and
46	(ii) person exempt from licensure under Section 58-55-305.
47	(c) Any person described in Subsection (2)(b) that performs work described in
48	Subsection (2)(a):
49	(i) must first receive training and certification as specified in rules adopted by the
50	commission, with the concurrence of the director, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3,
51	Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
52	(ii) shall ensure that any employee authorized under other provisions of this chapter to
53	perform work described in Subsection (2)(a) has first received training and certification as
54	specified in rules adopted by the division.
55	(d) The division may exempt from the training requirements adopted under Subsection
56	(2)(c) a person that has adequate experience, as determined by the division.
57	(3) The division may exempt the following individuals from the certification
58	requirements adopted under Subsection (2)(c):

59	(a) a person who has passed a test equivalent to the level of testing required by the
60	division for certification, or has completed an apprenticeship program that teaches the
61	installation of gas line appliances and is approved by the Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship
62	Training; and
63	(b) a person working under the immediate one-to-one supervision of a certified natural
64	gas technician or a person exempt from certification.
65	(4) (a) The work and scope of practice covered by this Subsection (4) is the
66	installation, repair, maintenance, or replacement of an automatic fire sprinkler system.
67	(b) The provisions of this Subsection (4) apply to an individual acting as a qualifier for
68	a business entity in accordance with Section 58-55-304, where the business entity seeks to
69	perform the work described in Subsection (4)(a).
70	(c) [Before] Except as provided in Subsection (4)(d), before a business entity described
71	in Subsection (4)(b) may perform the work described in Subsection (4)(a), the qualifier for the
72	business entity shall[: (i) be a licensed general building contractor; or (ii)] obtain a certification
73	in fire sprinkler fitting from the division by providing evidence to the division that the qualifier
74	has [met the following requirements]:
75	(i) (A) [completing] completed a Department of Labor federally approved apprentice
76	training program; or [completing]
77	(B) completed two-years experience under the immediate supervision of a licensee who
78	has obtained a certification in fire sprinkler fitting; and
79	[(B)] (ii) [passing] passed the Star fire sprinklerfitting mastery examination offered by
80	the National Inspection Testing and Certification Corporation or an equivalent examination
81	approved by the division.
82	(d) (i) As used in this Subsection (4)(d), "legacy qualifier" means an individual who:
83	(A) as of May 4, 2022, is acting as a qualifier for a business entity licensee in
84	accordance with Section 58-55-304;
85	(B) is a licensed general building contractor; and
86	(C) does not meet the requirements described in Subsection (4)(c).
87	(ii) A legacy qualifier may perform the work described in Subsection (4)(a) before
88	<u>January 1, 2026.</u>
89	(iii) On or after January 1, 2026, before a legacy qualifier performs the work described

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in Subsection (4)(a), the legacy qualifier shall obtain a certification in fire sprinkler fitting from the division:

(A) in accordance with Subsection (4)(c); or

- (B) by passing the examination described in Subsection (4)(c)(ii) and providing to the division proof of work experience that demonstrates the legacy qualifier installed six or more sprinkler systems in the preceding three years.
- [(d)] (e) The division may also issue a certification in fire sprinkler fitting to a qualifier for a business entity who has received training and experience equivalent to the requirements of Subsection (4)(c), as specified in rules adopted by the commission, with the concurrence of the director, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- (5) This section does not prohibit a licensed specialty contractor from accepting and entering into a contract involving the use of two or more crafts or trades if the performance of the work in the crafts or trades, other than that in which the contractor is licensed, is incidental and supplemental to the work for which the contractor is licensed.