

Requirements to Obtaining your License

A **Contractors License (Residential Basic)** is required in **Georgia** when the project exceeds \$2,500.

- Pre-approval from the state is required to sit for the examination.
- Please note that the **Georgia Business and Law exam is also required** to be passed to obtain your contractor's license.
- Applicants must have 2 years of proven experience working as or be employed by a residential contractor
- had significant responsibility for the successful performance and completion of at least 2 projects falling within the residential/basic category in the 2 years preceding the application
- Must be a minimum of 21 years old. Must complete and sign authorization for background check, including criminal history
- Applicants must have their own bank submit a credit reference form covering bank accounts used to operate a contracting business for the past two years OR submit to the Division a credit report detailing ones credit history that was run within the past 45 days.
- Must provide copy of an insurance certificate showing proof of workman's compensation insurance as required by Georgia law and liability insurance in a minimum amount of \$300,000. If applicant is applying as an individual, such proof shall be on behalf of the individual. If applicant is applying as a qualifying agent, such proof shall relate to the business organization

Work that can be Done Under this License

A **Residential Contractor** is a person who performs contractor work or activity relative to detached one-family and two-family residences and one-family townhouses not over 3 stories in height. Also included are their accessory buildings and structures. There are no individual project size limitations.

Applying to get your License

To apply, contact the state of Georgia at 1-478-207-2440. A nonrefundable fee of \$200.00 must be submitted with application.

Reciprocity Agreements

This license has reciprocity with Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Tennessee. However, you must have held the same classification of license in these states for at least three years to qualify for reciprocity.

Continuing Education

Applicants are required to complete 3 hours of continuing education each year.

Exam Details

- The fee for the exam is \$72.
- The Georgia Residential Basic Exam has 90 questions and a time limit of 230 minutes.
- A 70% is required to pass.
- Topics on the exam include sitework, footings, and foundation; concrete and concrete reinforcement; masonry; carpentry; metals; roofing; associated trades; general code and construction knowledge; and OSHA safety.
- To schedule your exam, you must first obtain pre-approval from the board. Then, contact PSI at 1-800-733-9267.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT

http://sos.ga.gov/plb/acrobat/laws/49_Residential_And_General_Contractors_43-41.pdf