

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to swimming pool and spa contracting;
 3 amending s. 489.111, F.S.; revising eligibility
 4 requirements for taking the swimming pool/spa
 5 servicing contractor's licensure examination;
 6 providing an effective date.

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 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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10 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
 11 489.111, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 489.111 Licensure by examination.—

13 (2) A person shall be eligible for licensure by
 14 examination if the person:

15 (c) Meets eligibility requirements according to one of the
 16 following criteria:

17 1. Has received a baccalaureate degree from an accredited
 18 4-year college in the appropriate field of engineering,
 19 architecture, or building construction and has 1 year of proven
 20 experience in the category in which the person seeks to qualify.
 21 For the purpose of this part, a minimum of 2,000 person-hours
 22 shall be used in determining full-time equivalency.

23 2. Has a total of at least 4 years of active experience as
 24 a worker who has learned the trade by serving an apprenticeship
 25 as a skilled worker who is able to command the rate of a
 26 mechanic in the particular trade or as a foreman who is in
 27 charge of a group of workers and usually is responsible to a
 28 superintendent or a contractor or his or her equivalent,

29 provided, however, that at least 1 year of active experience
30 shall be as a foreman.

31 3. Has a combination of not less than 1 year of experience
32 as a foreman and not less than 3 years of credits for any
33 accredited college-level courses; has a combination of not less
34 than 1 year of experience as a skilled worker, 1 year of
35 experience as a foreman, and not less than 2 years of credits
36 for any accredited college-level courses; or has a combination
37 of not less than 2 years of experience as a skilled worker, 1
38 year of experience as a foreman, and not less than 1 year of
39 credits for any accredited college-level courses. All junior
40 college or community college-level courses shall be considered
41 accredited college-level courses.

42 4.a. An active certified residential contractor is
43 eligible to take the building contractors' examination if he or
44 she possesses a minimum of 3 years of proven experience in the
45 classification in which he or she is certified.

46 b. An active certified residential contractor is eligible
47 to take the general contractors' examination if he or she
48 possesses a minimum of 4 years of proven experience in the
49 classification in which he or she is certified.

50 c. An active certified building contractor is eligible to
51 take the general contractors' examination if he or she possesses
52 a minimum of 4 years of proven experience in the classification
53 in which he or she is certified.

54 5.a. An active certified air-conditioning Class C
55 contractor is eligible to take the air-conditioning Class B
56 contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 3

57 | years of proven experience in the classification in which he or
58 | she is certified.

59 | b. An active certified air-conditioning Class C contractor
60 | is eligible to take the air-conditioning Class A contractors'
61 | examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 4 years of
62 | proven experience in the classification in which he or she is
63 | certified.

64 | c. An active certified air-conditioning Class B contractor
65 | is eligible to take the air-conditioning Class A contractors'
66 | examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 1 year of proven
67 | experience in the classification in which he or she is
68 | certified.

69 | 6.a. An active certified swimming pool servicing
70 | contractor is eligible to take the residential swimming pool
71 | contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 3
72 | years of proven experience in the classification in which he or
73 | she is certified.

74 | b. An active certified swimming pool servicing contractor
75 | is eligible to take the swimming pool commercial contractors'
76 | examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 4 years of
77 | proven experience in the classification in which he or she is
78 | certified.

79 | c. An active certified residential swimming pool
80 | contractor is eligible to take the commercial swimming pool
81 | contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 1
82 | year of proven experience in the classification in which he or
83 | she is certified.

84 | d. An applicant is eligible to take the swimming pool/spa

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85 servicing contractors' examination if he or she has
86 satisfactorily completed 60 hours of instruction in courses and
87 20 hours of in-field, hands-on instruction related to the scope
88 of work covered by that license and approved by the Construction
89 Industry Licensing Board by rule ~~and has at least 1 year of~~
90 ~~proven experience related to the scope of work of such a~~
91 ~~contractor.~~

92 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2014.