

# State of Illinois Retired Plumber's License Application

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**Please type or print legibly:**

Last Name	First	Middle
Address		
City	State	ZIP
Plumbing License Number	Expiration Date of Last Current License	
Date of Birth	Height	Weight
Brief explanation of your current employment situation and why you are requesting a retired plumber's license		
I will comply with the requirements and restrictions contained in the Illinois Plumbing License Law for retired plumbers (see reverse side).          <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <span>_____ Signature</span> <span>_____ Date Signed</span> </div>		Please attach a 1"x1" photograph for your license.          <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 80px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center; padding: 10px;">           ATTACH PHOTO HERE         </div>

## **Illinois Department of Public Health Retired Plumber License**

### **What is a "retired plumber" license and who is eligible to apply for one?**

An Illinois retired plumber license is issued by the state Department of Public Health to a person with the training and skill needed to perform plumbing but who is retired from the practice of plumbing.

To be eligible for a retired plumber license, an individual must hold an Illinois plumbers license, in good standing, and—

- be at least 62 years old or physically unable to perform the responsibilities of a licensed plumber (if physically disabled, an affidavit signed by a physician must be submitted to the Department); and
- voluntarily surrender to the Department his or her Illinois plumber license in exchange for a retired plumber license.

### **As a licensed retired plumber, can I still perform plumbing work in Illinois?**

A licensed retired plumber cannot perform plumbing as defined in the Illinois Plumbing License Law (except as an owner and occupant of a single family residence); cannot sponsor or supervise apprentice plumbers; cannot inspect plumbing; and cannot fulfill the requirement in that law that every firm, association, partnership or corporation engaged in plumbing work must include at least one licensed plumber. A retired plumber who violates any of these rules shall forfeit his/her right to any Illinois plumbing license.

### **Why would a licensed plumber want to surrender his/her license for a retired plumber license?**

The retired plumber license is intended for those individuals who want to retire and do not expect to perform plumbing in Illinois. This license allows these plumbers to continue to carry a state license proving their plumbing competence (at the substantially reduced fee of \$25 annually) and provides them with the option of reinstating or restoring their regular plumber license, if desired, for much less than an individual whose plumber license has expired.

### **If I surrender my Illinois plumber license for a retired plumber license, what would I have to do to reinstate or restore my plumber license?**

To reinstate a plumber license, an individual may surrender his/her retired plumber license for five years from the date the original plumber license was surrendered. The fee for processing such a reinstatement is \$25, in addition to the usual fee of \$100 for the regular plumber license.

After five years, a retired plumber may not simply reinstate his plumber license, but he/she may restore it by examination. To do so, the retired plumber must apply for the plumber examination with the proper fee (\$100) and successfully pass the exam. After passing the exam, the fee for a plumber license is \$100.

### **For what term is a retired plumber license issued? Can I surrender it for a plumber license indefinitely?**

Like a plumber license, a retired plumber license is issued for no more than one year (expiring on the next April 30). An individual can hold a retired plumber license indefinitely, but he/she must renew it each year by paying the required annual \$25 fee and must not perform plumbing. If it has been less than five years since the plumber license was surrendered, it can simply be reinstated. If more than five years have passed since the plumber license was surrendered, the applicant must successfully re-take the licensing exam before the plumber license can be restored.

### **I recently let my plumber license expire because I did not want to pay \$100 annually for a license I was not using. Had I been aware of the retired plumber license, I would have opted for that instead of letting my license expire. Is it possible for someone in my situation to secure a retired plumber license?**

Effective July 30, 1992, the plumber licensing fee increased from \$25 to \$100. Any individual who meets the eligibility requirements outlined above in the first question on or after July 30, 1992, will be given the opportunity to secure retroactively a retired plumber license. A retired plumber license issued retroactively will only be valid for one year, however, and it will be necessary to renew it (one or more times) retroactively to bring it to a current status. (For example, if it has been three years since an individual's plumber license expired, he/she would have to pay \$75—\$25 for each of the three years—to bring the license to current status.)

## ***Plumbing***

Plumber/Apprentice Name \_\_\_\_\_

Plumber/Apprentice ID # \_\_\_\_\_  
(If already assigned)

# Child Support Certification

By law, (5ILCS 100/10-65 (C)), all applicants, regardless of whether they have children or not, must certify whether they are or are not delinquent in the payment of child support. If this is not completed, your application will be returned to you for further information.

Please check one statement below:

- ☐ Does not apply to me.
- ☐ I am more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order.
- ☐ I am in compliance with a child support order.

I understand that if I refuse to complete this certification or if I provide false/fraudulent information, I could lose my license, be fined or have other penalties assessed. Therefore, I declare that I have examined this form and, to the best of my knowledge, all statements are true, correct and complete.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: Illinois Department of Public Health  
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