

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION

PLUMBING CONSULTANT

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose Of This Classification Specification

This classification specification is the basic authority under ER 2.04, Wis. Admin. Code for making classification decisions relative to present and future positions in the Division of Safety and Buildings, Department of Commerce responsible for assuring that plumbing installed in the state is in compliance with the Wisconsin Uniform Plumbing Code and Chapter 145, Wis. Stats. This classification specification is not intended to identify every duty that may be assigned to positions, but is intended to serve as a framework for classification decision-making in this occupational area.

Classification decisions must be based on the “best fit” of the duties within the existing classification structure. The “best fit” is determined by the majority (i.e., more than 50%) of the work assigned to and performed by the position when compared to the class concepts and definition of this specification or through other methods of position analysis. Position analysis defines the nature and character of the work through the use of any or all of the following: definition statements; listing of areas of specialization; representative examples of work performed; allocation patterns of representative positions; job evaluation guide charts, standards or factors; statements of inclusion and exclusion; licensure or certification requirements; and other such information necessary to facilitate the assignment of positions to the appropriate classification.

B. Inclusions

These technical positions are located in the Division of Safety and Buildings within the Department of Commerce. These positions are primarily responsible for plumbing program inspection, consultation, and training as it relates to the Wisconsin Uniform Plumbing Code and Chapter 145, Wis. Stats.

C. Exclusions

Excluded from this classification are the following types of positions:

1. Positions that meet the statutory definition(s) of supervisor and/or management as defined in s. 111.81(19) and (13), Wis. Stats., as administered and interpreted by the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission.
2. Positions that are for a majority of the time (50% or more) engaged in the review of plumbing plans for the design of public buildings and swimming pools and more appropriately classified as Plumbing Plan Reviewer.

- 3 . Positions that are for a majority of the time (50% or more) engaged in soil and site inspections or plan review activities to ensure the enforcement of statutes, rules, and regulations relating to private sewage systems and are more appropriately classified as Private Sewage Plan Reviewer.
- 4 . Positions that are for a majority of the time (50% or more) engaged in repair, installation and maintenance of plumbing fixtures, pipes, and related equipment and are more appropriately classified as Plumbers
5. All other positions that are more appropriately identified by other classification specifications.

D. Entrance Into This Classification

Employees enter positions in this classification by competitive examination.

II. DEFINITION

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These technical positions are responsible for assuring that plumbing installed in the state is in compliance with the Wisconsin Uniform Plumbing Code and Chapter 145, Wis. Stats., enabling the citizens of the state to have a safe, sanitary plumbing drainage system and wholesome potable water for their residences and work places. They provide consulting services to engineers, architects, plumbing designers, master plumbers, project owners, other state agencies, attorneys, legislators and the general public, explaining plumbing design requirements and engineering principles as required by the uniform plumbing code and Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 145; investigate consumer complaints regarding possible health hazards, environmental concerns and plumbing code violations from the general public, the Department of Justice Consumer Complaints Division, and the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection; conduct physical inspections of plumbing installations in all state-owned buildings, hospitals and nursing homes prior to occupancy, and other buildings used by the general public; issue written directives to correct violations of the uniform plumbing code and Chapter 145, Wis. Stats., and seek enforcement by injunctive relief as outlined in Chapter 145 Wis. Stats., for non-compliance; monitor licensed plumbers and apprentices on a routine basis by checking the licenses of the installers at the time of the plumbing inspections; and provide instruction to master plumbers and their registered appliance learners on the licensing requirements of Chapter 145 of the Wisconsin Statutes, explaining the educational requirements and procedures to follow when applying for the restricted plumbers' license. Positions work under general supervision.

III. QUALIFICATIONS

Qualifications required for these positions will be the education, training, work or other life experience that would provide reasonable assurance that the knowledge and skills required upon appointment have been acquired. These knowledge and skills include: Certification as a Plumbing Inspector, Type 1; knowledge of Wisconsin Administrative Code, Chapters Comm 2 – 25, 81 – 87, and 90; knowledge of plumbing law, Chapter 145, Wis. Stats.; hydraulics and pneumatics relating to plumbing drainage and water supply systems; plumbing terminology and symbols; skill in understanding blueprints, specifications, calculations and detail; knowledge of related materials, fixtures, appliances, devices, equipment and appurtenances in connection with water supply, water distribution and drainage systems;

knowledge of model plumbing codes; along with knowledge and skill in communication and organization .

NOTE: A Master Plumbers License is required.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

This classification was modified effective June 15, 2003 and announced in Bulletin MRS-SC-162 to describe positions that have been collapsed to a single level classification as part of a classification modification project for the technical classifications.

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