

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.