

Limited Liability Company (LLC) Filing Instructions

G.L. c. 142, §3B allows a plumber to obtain a corporation or partnership license in order to practice the profession utilizing an organizational structure containing benefits with regards to taxation and liabilities, debts or other obligations. This statute was written several decades prior to the enactment of Chapter 281 of the Acts of 1995 which created limited liability companies (“LLC’s”). Consistent with the legislative intent that plumbing work may only be performed with a license and since LLC’s were intended to be able permitted to carry on any lawful business, trade, profession, purpose or activity, the Board will consider an LLC a corporation for purposes of G.L. c. 142, §3B, thus allowing LLC’s to engage in the practice of plumbing.

The plumbing LLC application must be filled out following the instructions below:

Acceptance of a Plumbing Certificate by an LLC is subject to the following policies and shall be presented at the time of application before the issuance of a Plumbing Certificate.

1. A copy of the Certificate of Organization, that was filed, signed and stamped by the Secretary of State for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, must be presented with your application.
2. The installation of plumbing work must be specifically stated and documented as one of the professional services the LLC shall render on the Certificate of Organization that is submitted.
3. The master plumber to whom the Plumbing Certificate is to be issued (a copy of which must be provided to the Secretary of State’s Office) must be named as a Manager of the LLC (as defined in G.L. c. 156C, §2) on the documents submitted, stamped, and adopted by the Secretary of State,
4. A fee of \$225, made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, must accompany the application before the issuance of an initial Plumbing Certificate.

NOTE

- The Board may issue the LLC a Plumbing Corporation Certificate, this is only to reflect the Board’s interpretation of G.L. c. 142, §3 referenced above.
- A new application must be filed for an existing LLC that is changing the current master plumber who is the Manager on record. This application must contain the following:
 - a) A notarized letter from the former master plumber stating resignation, termination, or disassociation from the LLC;
 - b) The current license issued to the LLC must be surrendered to the Board’s office;
 - c) A copy of the certificate of change of manager or such other form as required by the Secretary of State’s Office; and
 - d) Include the original and new Certificate of Organization

IMPORTANT

A current certificate issued in the former master plumbers name must be returned or be subject to the Board, or its designee, for review.