

**STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR
RESIDENTIAL AND GENERAL CONTRACTORS
Residential Division Board Meeting
March 8, 2011 Conference Call**

The Residential Division of the State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors met via conference call on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, for the purpose of conducting Board business.

The following Board members were present:

Mark Herbert, Division Chairperson
Bob Barnard
Steve Cash
Andy Cooper
Keely Fennell
Allen Richardson

Others present:

Tanja Battle, Executive Director
Scarlett Shell, Assistant Attorney General
JoAnne Sims, Board Support Specialist

At 2:00 p.m. Chairperson Herbert established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Vote to Post Amended Rule

A motion was made by Allen Richardson, seconded by Bob Barnard, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to post the following amended rule:

553-12-.02 Continuing Education-Residential. Amended.

(1) Residential contractors by virtue of their training, education and/or experience have been licensed by the State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors and therefore are eligible to provide the public with needed professional services. In furnishing these services the licensed residential contractor occupies a unique position of public trust. It is essential in maintaining this trust that each licensed residential contractor continuously strive to increase his or her technical skills and knowledge.

(2) Pursuant to the provision of O. C. G. A Section 43-41-6(k), the Residential Division prescribes the following regulations establishing requirements of continuing professional education to be met from time to time by licensed residential contractors in order to demonstrate that they are continuing their professional education as a condition to continued licensure beginning with the 2012 renewal cycle.

(a) For the 2012 renewal, An applicant for renewal of his or her residential license must have completed 3 hours of acceptable continuing education each year for a Residential Basic license and 6 hours of continuing education each year for a Residential Light Commercial license. For the 2014 renewal and thereafter, an applicant for renewal of his or her residential license must have completed 3 hours of acceptable continuing education each year for a Residential Basic license and 6 hours of continuing education each year for a Residential Light Commercial license, with a year being July 1st through June 30th.

(b) Upon renewal of an existing license and as a condition to the renewal thereof, residential contractors licensed in the state of Georgia shall maintain and furnish to the Residential Division, upon request or

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random audit, official documentation of having completed three (3) hours of continuing education during each year for a Residential Basic license and six (6) hours of continuing education during each year for a Residential Light Commercial license. Official documentation of course attendance must be maintained by a licensed residential contractor for at least two (2) years following the end of the biennium during which the course is taken.

(c) Compliance with all continuing education requirements is a condition for license renewal. Failure to complete all hours of mandatory continuing education shall serve as grounds to deny the renewal of a license and may also result in disciplinary action being taken against a licensee.

(d) The Residential Division may relax or suspend the requirements of continuing education for reasons of individual hardship or health of the applicant.

A motion was made by Allen Richardson, seconded by Bob Barnard, and the Residential Division voted unanimously that the formulation and adoption of this new rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 43-41-5 and 43-41-6.

A motion was made by Allen Richardson, seconded by Bob Barnard, and the Residential Division voted unanimously that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 43-41-5 and 43-41-6 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of residential and general contracting.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

JoAnne R. Sims, Board Support Specialist

Minutes Edited/Reviewed by:

Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director