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CCLD 2025 Spring Seminar: Residential Applications of the Minnesota State Plumbing Code and DLI Licensing Updates

The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI), Construction Codes and Licensing Division's (CCLD), 2025 Spring Seminar will focus on residential plumbing plan reviews and plumbing inspections during the morning session. The afternoon session will cover licensing and enforcement updates and changes and address frequently asked questions and hot topics related to residential construction.

Attendees will receive seven continuing education credits toward licensing requirements. Full-day attendance is required to receive credits.



Speakers

- Brad Jensen and colleagues, CCLD Plumbing
- Sean O'Neil and Anthony Thompson, CCLD Licensing and Enforcement
- Jesse Szykulski, CCLD Education

When and where

- April 9, 2025: Development Services and Infrastructure Center, 4001 West River Parkway, Rochester, MN, 55901
- April 10, 2025: Redwood Area Community Center, 901 Cook Street, Redwood Falls, MN, 56283
- April 16, 2025: Holiday Inn - Detroit Lakes, 1155 Highway 10 East, Detroit Lakes, MN, 56501
- April 17, 2025: Black Bear Casino, 1785 Highway 210, Carlton, MN, 55718
- April 30, 2025: MNDOT Training and Conference Center, 1900 West County Road I, Shoreview, MN, 55126
- May 1, 2025: Camp Ripley Educational Center Rm. 167, 15000 Highway 115, Little Falls, MN, 56345

Continuing education

Each session includes seven hours of continuing education credit for building officials.

Cost

\$85 per session.

Registration

[View session dates and times and register.](#)

Questions?

Contact Don Sivigny at don.sivigny@state.mn.us or 651-284-5874 (office) or 651-280-8467 (cell) for more information.

Adult-sized changing facilities and window cleaning safety features updated

New code language for adult-sized changing facilities is effective Aug. 15, 2025. [View the updated rule language](#). The 2020 Minnesota Accessibility Code remains in effect with no other changes.

New code language for window cleaning safety features is effective Nov. 7, 2025. [View the updated rule language](#). The 2020 Minnesota Building Code remains in effect with no other changes.

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Schedule of board and council meetings

Below is a schedule of meetings for boards and council supported by CCLD. Visit dli.mn.gov/about-department/boards-and-councils to view meeting minutes, agendas, rulemaking documents and schedules for these meetings and additional boards and councils.

Board of Electricity

- April 8, 2025
- July 8, 2025
- Oct. 14, 2025

Construction Codes Advisory Council

- TBD

Board of High Pressure Piping

- July 10, 2025

Plumbing Board

- April 15, 2025
- July 15, 2025
- Oct. 21, 2025

Interested in serving on a board or council?

Visit dli.mn.gov/about-department/boards-and-councils for more information about how to apply.

Updated misclassification law impacts the construction industry

Misclassifying workers who are employees as independent contractors is a violation of Minnesota law. Misclassification harms workers and gives an unfair competitive advantage to employers who violate the law. Following the 2024 legislative session the laws regarding misclassification in Minnesota were updated.

March 1, 2025, the independent contractor test changed from 9 to 14 elements. While many of the 14 requirements are substantially the same or similar to the earlier version of the law, contractors should review the updates to ensure compliance.

To help employers with compliance, [new materials, FAQs and a presentation about the law](#) are available.

Technical Advisory Groups continue review, recommendations

The Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs) studying the 2024 International Building Code, International Energy Conservation Code, International Mechanical Code, International Fuel Gas Code, model codes, the A117.1 Standard for Accessibility and A17.1 Standard for Elevators and conveyance equipment have concluded their meetings and staff members are drafting rule language based upon TAG recommendations.

The [Residential Energy Code TAG](#) is currently meeting on alternate Monday mornings. TAG members are reviewing International Residential Code Chapter 11 and will be amending to increase efficiency above model code to ensure compliance with Minnesota Statutes 326B.106, subp. 4, item (g).

The [Commercial Energy Code TAG](#) will be meeting on alternate Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. starting March 18, 2025. TAG members will review adoption of the ASHRAE 90.1-2022 Energy Standard and will be amending to increase efficiency above model code to ensure compliance with Minn. Stat. 326B.106, subp. 4, item (e).

The [Single Exit Stairway Apartments](#) TAG studying safety criteria necessary for single exit stairway apartment buildings up to 75 feet in height to be equivalent to other types of apartment buildings in Minnesota will have its initial meeting April 10, 2025, at 9 a.m. This meeting will be open to the public and offered in-person and virtually.

Unlicensed Maple Grove contractor fined \$11,000

- An unlicensed contractor operating out of Maple Grove was found to have engaged in residential remodeling, electrical and plumbing work without being licensed. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and fined \$11,000.
- A licensed Prior Lake residential building contractor was found to have breached contracts with homeowners by failing to complete projects after receiving payments. DLI revoked the contractor's license and assessed a \$37,500 fine, which was stayed contingent on full future compliance.
- An Illinois contractor was found to have engaged in unlicensed elevator work in the state of Minnesota. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and fined \$5,000, which was stayed contingent on full future compliance.
- A Ham Lake contractor was found to have performed plumbing work without a contractor license. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and fined \$2,500, which was stayed contingent on full future compliance.
- A Minneapolis contractor was found to have engaged in residential building construction, electrical and plumbing work without having the required licenses. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and fined \$7,000, of which \$5,000 was stayed contingent on full future compliance.



Enforcement actions

More information

View summaries of enforcement actions at dli.mn.gov/workers/homeowners/file-complaint-and-view-enforcement-actions. Contact us at 651-284-5069 or dli.contractor@state.mn.us.

Staff present about electrical safety at Minnesota carnivals and fairs

DLI Electrical Representatives Steven Dudley and Michael Moreen attended the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs annual convention in Bloomington, Minnesota, in January 2025.

Each year during this convention, DLI staff members meet individually with carnival owners, inflatable operations, circuses, food vendors, fair board members and others attendees who use electricity at carnivals, festivals and fairs. Staff answer questions or concerns they may have from the previous year and about the coming season.



Michael Moreen, left, and Steven Dudley present during the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs convention.

At this convention, Moreen and Dudley offered two presentations about electrical licensing, safety and inspections. One presentation was tailored for carnival owner-operators and the other for members of fair boards.

Electrical licensing requirements for HVAC, water heater replacements

It is important that HVAC and plumbing contractors in Minnesota understand electrical licensing requirements when replacing HVAC equipment and electric water heaters. These requirements ensure that electrical work is conducted safely and legally, protecting both workers and property owners.

HVAC equipment replacement

For HVAC contractors, the process of replacing furnaces and air conditioners involves specific licensing requirements. According to Minnesota Statutes 326B.38, subd. 4, an HVAC contractor can replace these units without hiring a licensed electrician under certain conditions:

Employee requirements:

- The work must be performed by an employee of the HVAC contractor.
- The employee must have completed an approved HVAC apprenticeship program in Minnesota or hold any class of personal license issued by DLI. It is important to note, however, that no DLI-approved HVAC apprenticeship programs currently exist.

Branch circuit connection:

- The HVAC contractor is allowed to disconnect and reconnect the existing branch circuit connection without modifying the circuit. If any modification to the circuit is required, a licensed electrical contractor must be hired.

Electric water heater replacement

Licensed plumbers or HVAC contractors are required to hire a licensed electrical contractor for replacement of electric water heaters. This is because state law defines replacing an electric water heater as “electrical work” which requires proper electrical licensing and inspections (Minn. Stat. 326B.33 and 326B.36). There is no exemption for electric water heaters in Minn. Stat. 326B.38, subd. 4.

Minor remodel criteria for plumbing plan review revised

Plumbing Plan Review at DLI has revised the criteria for minor remodel projects exempt from plan review by increasing the number of plumbing fixtures from five to seven. [View more information about minor remodel plumbing projects including a checklist](#) to determine if your project requires plumbing plan review.