

**JOINT STATEMENT OF  
THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF CONTRACTORS ("MSBOC")  
AND  
MISSISSIPPI STATE LIQUEFIED COMPRESSED GAS BOARD ("MS LC GAS BOARD")**

**CLARIFICATION OF LICENSURE / PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS  
WHEN LIQUEFIED COMPRESSED GAS LINES ARE BEING INSTALLED / REPAIRED**

**PURPOSE:** Due to the existence of confusion with regard to the licensing / permitting requirements for persons / entities performing liquefied gas plumbing, mechanical, and heating work relating to residential construction and improvement projects, this Joint Statement is being issued in order to clarify when applicable subcontractors are required to hold the license / permit from these boards, including instances when a license / permit may be required from both boards before work may be performed.

- (1) Passage of House Bill No. 1163 during the 2022 legislative session resulted in amendments to Miss. Code § 73-59-2, including an expanded requirement for licensing with the Mississippi State Board of Contractors that now includes (but not limited to):
  - (d) Any subcontractor, of any tier, performing the following work or within the following trade, on any residential construction or residential improvement project, no matter the dollar amount of the construction or improvements:
    - (i) Electrical;
    - (ii) Plumbing;
    - (iii) Mechanical; and/or
    - (iv) Heating, ventilation and/or air conditioning.

Although no dollar amount for the subcontractor's work is required, the project the subcontractor's work is a part of must still meet the monetary threshold of a "residential construction" project (\$50,000) or "Residential Improvement" project (\$10,000) before the MBOC licensure requirements are triggered. See Miss. Code §§ 73-59-1 and 73-59-2.

- (2) Pursuant to Miss. Code § 75-57-47, an Operating Permit must be obtained from the Mississippi State Liquefied Compressed Gas Board "before any person shall be granted a permit to, or shall engage in or continue in the business of . . . installing, altering, extending, changing or repairing of any liquefied compressed gas system, appliance or container . . ." <sup>1</sup>
- (3) Instances exist where a project may require a license from neither board, one board, or possibly both boards. Non-exhaustive examples clarifying when the licensing / permitting requirements are triggered are as follows:
  - (a) If the project involves the installation, altering, extending, changing or repairing of any liquefied compressed gas system, appliance or container then the person / entity performing the work must always hold a permit issued by the MS LC GAS BOARD.

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<sup>1</sup> The term "permit" means a grant of authorization from the LC Gas Board to engage in the line of business, similar to a license as issued by the MSBOC. The LC Gas laws do not require an individual to obtain an advance permit for each individual job performed, but simply require advance authorization to engage in LC Gas activity in general.

- (b) If the project is part of a residential construction project exceeding \$50,000, or a residential improvement project exceeding \$10,000, then the subcontractor must always hold a license issued by the MSBOC. This is true regardless of the cost of the subcontracted portion of the overall project.
- (c) In instances where the MSBOC license is required also involves liquefied compressed gas systems, appliances or containers, then the person / entity performing such work must hold both a license from the MSBOC and also a permit issued by the MS LC GAS BOARD.
- (d) A person qualified and licensed by the MSBOC to perform plumbing, mechanical, and/or heating, ventilation and/or air conditioning work may not perform liquefied gas installation without holding an additional permit issued by the MS LC GAS BOARD.
- (e) A person qualified and permitted by the LC GAS BOARD to install, repair or change LC Gas systems must also hold a license from the MSBOC for any other plumbing, mechanical, heating, ventilation and/or air conditioning work in situations within the jurisdiction of the MSBOC.
- (f) Persons performing only LC Gas system installation, repair or change, involving no other construction or improvement activities, are only required to hold a permit from the MS LC GAS BOARD regardless of the dollar amount of the project. The MSBOC does not exert jurisdiction over persons performing only LC Gas system installation, repair or change.

Any questions pertaining to this joint statement may be directed to the MSBOC or MS LC GAS BOARD at telephone numbers listed below

**MISSISSIPPI STATE LIQUEFIED COMPRESSED GAS BOARD**

via the MS State Fire Marshal's Office, LC Gas Division at telephone 601-359-1061.

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