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### **Ohio contractors to use new licensing exam**

Contractors in Ohio will now have to pass an International Code Council examination to become licensed in the state. The International Code Council recently signed an agreement with Ohio's Department of Commerce to provide testing services for the Ohio Construction Industry Examining Board (OCIEB).

Ohio requires contractors in the construction industry to be licensed. Starting this May, the International Code Council will administer tests for the state's trade and Business Law examination requirements for master plumbers, master electricians and master HVAC contractors, as well as the state's refrigeration and hydronic heating categories.

"Contractor licensing is a vital part of ensuring public safety in our communities," said International Code Council Vice President of Certification and Licensure David S. Nelson. "Contractor licensing is especially effective when jurisdictions also certify their building officials and enforce up-to-date building codes, such as the International Codes; both of which the state of Ohio does."

Ohio currently enforces the 2000 International Building, Mechanical and Plumbing Codes, and the 2000 International Fuel Gas Code by reference. The state also requires professional certification for its building, mechanical, plumbing, electrical and fire inspectors.

The International Code Council Contractor Examination Program works with participating jurisdictions as a third part testing agency for contractor exams. International Code Council examinations are the foundation for contractor licensing in 16 states, the District of Columbia and the Cayman Islands. The International Code Council Examination Program offers over 60 examinations covering building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical and specialty areas.

For more information about contractor licensing in the state of Ohio, or the International Code Council Contractor Examination Program, visit [www.iccsafe.org/contractor](http://www.iccsafe.org/contractor), or call 1-877-783-3926.

The International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states that adopt codes choose the International Codes developed by the International Code Council.