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CSLB Makes New B-2 License Available, First Classification in Over a Decade

SACRAMENTO – On June 1, the Contractors State License Board ([CSLB](#)) will begin accepting applications for the **new** B-2 Residential Remodeling Classification. This classification is available to licensees and applicants whose principal contracting business involves working on existing homes with residential wood frame structures which require at least three unrelated trades or crafts for a single contract ([SB 1189](#)).

The B-2 classification provides a pathway to licensure for many unlicensed people who are currently working on remodeling and small home improvement projects that don't qualify for a B-General Building License because the contracted work does not include framing or rough carpentry. "Consumers employing a licensed contractor have reduced liability and greater consumer protection. Licensees benefit from licensure as they have opportunities to lawfully advertise, and compete on a level playing field for jobs," said Dave Fogt, CSLB Registrar.

To qualify for the B-2 Residential Remodeling Classification, contractors and applicants must have at least four years of experience working in three or more trades or crafts for residential remodeling projects. Applicants can substitute up to three years of the experience requirement with qualifying education.

Please note that the B-2 license classification has the following restrictions:

- Limited to working on existing residential wood frame structures
- Cannot make structural alterations to load-bearing partitions and walls
- Cannot install or extend electrical or plumbing systems but can make modifications to existing systems (e.g., install recessed lighting or alter plumbing for two shower heads)
- Cannot install or replace an HVAC system

Also, applicants will need to take and pass the B-2 exam as well as comply with other licensure requirements such as maintaining a license bond and complying with workers compensation insurance requirements.

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