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Thousands Expected to Apply for New, Home Remodel License

Contractors State License Board responds to need for an additional license classification in the home remodel industry amid increased homeowner demand for qualified remodelers.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Contractors State License Board ([CSLB](http://www.cslb.ca.gov)) invites qualified candidates to apply for a new residential remodel license that will open doors for tens of thousands of people to become licensed in the construction industry.

The new B-2 Residential Remodeling Classification (B-2) is available for qualified home remodeling or handyperson candidates working on bathroom and kitchen remodels, replacement of cabinets, flooring, plumbing and electrical fixtures and other home improvement projects. However, the work can't involve structural alterations on load-bearing walls.

“Expanding the pathway to licensure will support small business growth within the construction industry and will further protect consumers,” said Dave Fogt, CSLB Registrar. “This new license addresses evolving consumer construction needs along with a need for specialized licensure in the home remodeling industry.”

A CSLB license allows contractors to compete for construction jobs on a level playing field and is required for any construction job totaling \$500 or more. CSLB licensees have passed tests, documented their experience, undergone background checks, are bonded, and are required to carry workers compensation insurance for their employees.

Qualified applicants for the B-2 license must meet certain experience, testing and other business requirements. Those interested in applying are encouraged to attend a CSLB [Get Licensed to Build Workshop](#) for questions about the initial [application](#) process.

CSLB expects to begin administering B-2 exams in August 2021.

Learn more about the B-2 license on the CSLB [B-2 webpage](#) or by watching a new [B-2 video](#).

Before signing any construction contract, consumers are encouraged to [check a license](#) on CSLB's website.

ABOUT CSLB: *CSLB operates under the umbrella of the [California Department of Consumer Affairs](#). CSLB licenses and regulates more than 281,000 construction contractors in California and is regarded as one of the leading consumer protection agencies in the United States. In 2020, CSLB helped consumers recover \$26 million in ordered restitution.*

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