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Water Conditioning Installer Applications Now Available – License Required April 1, 2016

Changes to state law (Senate Bill 15-202) create new requirements for water conditioning installations. Effective April 1, 2016, anyone installing water conditioners must be registered with the State Plumbing Board or be a licensed plumber. There are three new registrations types for non-plumbers to perform water-conditioning installation. Please **submit your application now** to ensure you are registered by the April 1, 2016 deadline. The new registration types are:

- **Water Conditioning Installer:** Allowed to plan, lay out, and install water conditioning appliances in one-, two-, three-, and four-family dwellings, extending not more than two stores above ground. In order to qualify for this registration, an applicant must possess and maintain an active Certified Installer (CI) certification from the Water Quality Association or an equivalent certification as approved by the Plumbing Board.
- **Water Conditioning Principal:** Allowed to do the same as a Water Conditioning Installer, but also includes responsibility for supervision of such work. In order to qualify for this registration, an applicant must possess and maintain an active Certified Installer (CI) certification and an active Certified Water Specialist (CWS) or Master Water Specialist (MWS) certification from the Water Quality Association or equivalent certification(s) as approved by the Plumbing Board.
- **Water Conditioning Contractor:** Undertakes or offers to undertake for another the planning, laying out, supervising, installing, or making of additions, alterations, or repairs in the installation of water conditioning appliances in one-, two-, three-, and four-family dwellings, extending not more than two stories above ground. A permit and inspections will be required for all water conditioning installations, and can be obtained by the Water Conditioning Contractor. A Water Conditioning Contractor must employ a full-time water conditioning principal.

Licensed plumbers are still allowed to perform water conditioning installations, as before. Permitting and inspection of water conditioning installations will begin on April 1, 2016.

Please review the updated Colorado State Plumbing Rules (effective 4/1/16) to familiarize yourself with other aspects of water conditioning regulation. Applications for the three water conditioning registration types are now available. Please **submit your application now** to

ensure you are registered by the April 1, 2016 deadline. *After April 1, a person may not install water conditioners without a registration or license issued by the State Plumbing Board.*

Questions? Please visit our website at www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/Plumbing

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