

Who Can Obtain a Permit

The purpose of this guide is to outline the required qualification for personnel who may be making application for permits or performing work within the City.

All contractors must have a valid and subsisting City of Langford Business License.

LICENSED RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS

The Homeowner Protection Act provides for the licensing of residential builders and makes third-party warranties mandatory on new home construction throughout the province. As of July 1, 1999, all residential builders applying for a building permit are required to be licensed by the Licensing and Consumer Services – BC Housing (formerly HPO).

An owner-builder, defined as a person who builds a single, detached home for their own personal use, not more than once in any 18-month period, does not have to be licensed or provide third-party home warranty insurance on their home. This home will, however, still be subject to the 10-year Statutory Protection provisions contained within the Act.

Please visit <https://www.bchousing.org/licensing-consumer-services> for further information with respect to becoming a Licensed Residential Builder.

PLUMBING WORK

The 2018 British Columbia Building Code, PART 7, Plumbing Services requires that personnel performing installation, alteration or repair on a plumbing system shall:

- Possess a British Columbia tradesman's qualification certification as a plumber;
- Be an indentured apprentice supervised by a journeyman possessing a British Columbia tradesman's qualification certification as a plumber; or
- Be the registered owner and occupant or intended occupant of the single family dwelling in which plumbing work will occur. It may be necessary for the owner to provide evidence that he can satisfactorily complete the proposed work.

SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Personnel performing installation, alteration or repair on a sprinkler system shall:

- Possess a British Columbia tradesman's qualification as a sprinkler system installer;
- Be an indentured apprentice supervised by a journeyman possessing a British Columbia tradesman's qualifications as a sprinkler systems installer; or
- Be the registered owner and occupant or intended occupant of the single family dwelling in which the sprinkler work will occur. It may be necessary for the owner to provide evidence that he can satisfactorily complete the proposed work.