

The La Crosse Area Builders Association is advising all homebuilders and remodelors

New Rules Affect Eligibility to Pull Permits

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Beginning January 1, 2008, no for-hire person or business may obtain a building permit for a one or two-family dwelling unless that person or business:

1. holds a dwelling contractor certification (aka "certification" that required the business to show proof of insurance)*

AND

2. the individual(s) in the company who pulls a building permit holds a dwelling contractor qualifier credential. This newly created "qualifier" credential shows proof of continuing education.

Did you hold the Dwelling Contractor Financial Responsibility Certificate on April 11, 2006?

If No: "New Builders"

Individuals who did not hold a state Dwelling Contractor Financial Responsibility Credential on April 11, 2006, must take 12 hours of pre-approved class-work* and receive a passing score of 70 percent to obtain their initial Qualifier Credential. The Department of Commerce approves all classes.

After passing the 12-hour class, the individual pulling a permit must take 12 hours of approved continuing education every two years.*

If Yes: "Grandfathered"

You are considered a "grandfathered" builder and the person pulling permits with your company only must take 12 hours of approved education every two years*. These classes may or may not include a test.

The Department of Commerce sent a qualifier credential application to all "grandfathered" builders in the Fall of 2007.

*Information, applications, and listings of approved courses offered statewide can be found at the Department of Commerce website: www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB/

For more information about LABA and other contractor education opportunities, please visit: www.labaonline.com.