

Memorandum



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Subject: Interpretation of Experience and Education Qualifications

A Sub-Committee of the “B” Division of the Construction Trades Qualifying Board (CTQB) was convened on August 26, 2010. The purpose of the Sub-Committee was to provide clarification regarding the terms “*proven experience*” and “*educational equivalent*” as they pertain to the experience requirements necessary to qualify for examination as journeymen, maintenancemen and masters. The Sub-Committee presented their recommendations to the full “B” Division of CTQB on September 14, 2010.

The full “B” Division of CTQB voted to clarify the threshold salary rate which would be used to calculate years of experience. Additionally, the full “B” Division of the CTQB voted to accept the recommendations of the Sub-Committee thereby establishing a formal interpretation and clarifying the ambiguous and indefinite terms of “*proven experience*” and “*educational equivalent*”.

The interpretation of experience and education requirements acceptable to qualify for examination as journeymen, maintenancemen and masters is as follows:

Proven Experience

- Affidavits of experience in sufficient detail signed by a State of Florida Registered or Certified Contractor.
- Internal Revenue Service Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement verifying affidavits of experience.
- One year of acceptable proven experience is defined as 1800 hours @ at least minimum wage.

Education Equivalent

- Associates, Bachelor, or advanced degree from a United States accredited institution.
- Certification from a State of Florida accredited/recognized vocational or technical school.
- Certification from a State of Florida trade association training course of instruction.
- Military technical training/OJT program, if found equivalent by the Board.

Military Experience

- Reviewed on a case by case basis.

The full “B” Division of CTQB also determined that registered professional engineers seeking to qualify for a Master examination must be professional engineers registered in the State of Florida.