

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD
CERTIFIED RESIDENTIAL POOL/SPA SERVICING SPECIALTY
CONTRACTOR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is a certified residential pool/spa servicing specialty contractor's license?

A certified residential pool/spa servicing specialty contractor's license is a certified (state wide) specialty license developed by the Construction Industry Licensing Board to permit contractors to repair and servicing residential pools, spas and hot tubs. This license is limited to residential pool, spas, and hot tubs only. You may find details regarding the full licensure scope for residential pool/spa servicing specialty contractors in [Rule 61G4-15.040, F.A.C.](#)

2. Does the licensure category create additional regulation of pool contractors?

No, pursuant to s. 489.113(6), Florida Statutes, certified specialty contractor licenses do not create a mandatory licensing requirement. The new specialty license simply provides an alternative to obtaining a full certified swimming pool/spa servicing (commercial and residential) contractor's license or local certificates of competency in residential pool/spa servicing.

3. Does my certified residential pool/spa servicing specialty contractor allow me to work on a state wide basis?

Yes, pursuant to s. 489.105(8), Florida statutes, a certified contractor is permitted to contract in any jurisdiction in the state without being required to fulfill local competency requirements. Please be aware that you must still comply with permitting fees and pay the necessary occupational (business tax) fee.

4. May I contract directly with the public with a certified residential pool/spa servicing specialty license?

Yes, you may contract directly with consumers for residential pool/spa servicing services that are within the scope of the residential pool/spa servicing specialty contractor license defined above.

5. Is the Residential Pool/Spa Servicing specialty Contractor different than the swimming pool specialty contractor licenses created under rule 61G4-15.032, F.A.C.?

Yes, swimming pool specialty contractors licensed pursuant to [Rule 61G4-15.032, F.A.C.](#), are not permitted to contract directly with the public and may only subcontract work from a license commercial pool/spa contractor, residential pool/spa contractor, swimming pool/spa servicing contractor, or a certified residential pool/spa servicing

specialty contractor operating within the scope of their license. For additional information on these license types please see our [Swimming Pool Specialty Contractors FAQs](#).

6. What do I have to do to get licensed?

To become licensed, you must:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Prove 4 years of experience in the category for which you are seeking licensure, including a minimum of one year as a foreman. You may substitute up the three years of accredited college level courses for years of experience. You may also complete a 60 hour course in swimming pool/spa servicing approved by the CILB and have at least 1 year proven experience in the residential pool/spa servicing scope of work
- Take and pass the Florida certified swimming pool/spa servicing contractors' examination. For more information content and scheduling to take the state certification examination, please visit the Department's [Bureau of Education and Testing website](#) or call 850.488.5952
- Meet other licensing requirements such as good moral character and financial responsibility.