



## **State of Oklahoma Construction Industries Board**

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### **ROOFING CONTRACTORS TO BE REGISTERED BY STATE IN ORDER TO DO BUSINESS IN OKLAHOMA**

Roofing contractors in Oklahoma will soon be required to be registered with the Oklahoma Construction Industries Board (CIB) to perform roofing work in the state.

According to CIB Administrator Nathan Powell, the agency expects to begin accepting applications for registration on December 7, 2010 and to issue registrations to contractors effective January 1, 2011. Contractors will be required to renew their registration by June 30, 2011.

Powell stressed that the roofing program is not a licensing program like the CIB administers for electricians and plumbers. "This program operates principally by providing information to the consumer regarding the roofing contractors who register legally with the state and provide proof of the required insurance coverage," Powell said.

The Roofing Contractor Registration Act (RCRA) was signed into law by Governor Henry on June 10, 2010. The RCRA Act is available for viewing and download on the CIB website [www.ok.gov/cib](http://www.ok.gov/cib). Information regarding implementation of RCRA will be posted there as it becomes available.

The bill creates a procedure whereby resident and nonresident roofing contractors are required to obtain a valid registration from the CIB in order to act as a roofing contractor in the State of Oklahoma. While the registration is administered by the CIB, failure to register is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00, which would be initiated by the appropriate district attorney's office having jurisdiction.

To obtain the registration, the contractor must submit their qualifications, show evidence of liability insurance of no less than \$500,000.00, show evidence of workers' compensation insurance coverage or exemption from coverage, provide certain information and meet other criteria as specified in the RCRA. The business must register annually.

Fees for contractor registration will not exceed \$300 for an annual registration. Registrations issued between January and April of 2011 will be processed with reduced fees since the initial registrations will only be valid until June 30, 2011. All Contractors, except those which are granted initial registrations in May or June of 2011, will be required to renew their registration by June 30, 2011. Contractors issued initial registrations in May or June of 2011 will pay the full registration fee, but those registrations will expire on June 30, 2012..

The CIB will maintain a publicly available Registry of Qualified Roofing Contractors containing all legally registered roofing contractors. The Registry will be a record of all roofing contractor registrations and information maintained on individual roofing contractors. The registry will be open to inspection by the public, available on the CIB website and will include a record of convictions or adjudications against a registered contractor for violations of the RCRA.

Certain acts by a roofing contractor may lead to revocation, suspension or denial of the contractor's registration. Under RCRA, verified complaints are filed to the CIB alleging such actions or omissions. Upon receiving a complaint, the CIB will provide the contractor with an opportunity to respond in writing to the complaint. A copy of the complaint and the response are then referred to the district attorney for action. The prohibited acts and omissions include:

- Abandonment of a roofing contract without a legal excuse after a deposit of money or other consideration has been paid;
- Diversion of funds or property entrusted to a roofing contractor;
- Engaging in fraudulent or deceptive acts or practices;
- Making false or misleading statements in a registration application, renewal application or in solicitation for contract;
- Adjudication by a court for a violation of the act;
- Engaging in work without a valid registration or performing roofing services while their registration is suspended or revoked;
- Engaging in work without a proper permit;
- Failure to comply with Oklahoma tax laws; and,
- Failure to carry adequate insurance to cover injuries and damages.

Upon any judgment against the roofing contractor for violation of the RCRA, the CIB may suspend, revoke or deny registrations when so ordered by the court and update the Registry of Qualified Roofing Contractors accordingly.