

Solar Contracting

Contractors who conduct business that includes solar construction work must be properly licensed and meet all regulatory, experience and training requirements. These requirements are in place to protect the public from poor workmanship and unscrupulous activities.

The table below reflects the current classifications and requirements necessary for solar licensure as defined by the Registrar of Contractors. In order to perform solar installation in the state of Arizona, contractors must hold at least one of the following licenses:

Residential and Commercial General Contracting and Remodeling Licenses may contract for solar installations. All work pertaining to the installation must be subcontracted to a properly licensed solar plumbing, air conditioning, boiler, electrical or swimming pool contractor. An exception is that the A-General, B-4 General and KA-Dual Engineering Licenses may perform solar installations.

Roofing tile that functions as solar collectors must be installed by a C-42, L-42 or K-42, roofing contractor. Connection of these tiles to the electrical system can only be performed by a licensed electrical contractor.

Additionally, any devices (solar or otherwise) mounted on the roof that significantly impacts, may compromise the roof components or may void the existing roof warranty, may require inspection and/or installation by a licensed roofing contractor.

Further information is found under the following statutes and rules:

- ✓ A.R.S. § 32-1170. Definitions,
- ✓ A.R.S. § 32-1170.01. Installation, alteration or repair of solar device without qualification as solar contractor prohibited.
- ✓ A.R.S. § 32-1170.02. Qualification Examination
- ✓ A.R.S. § 44-1762. Solar energy device Warranties: Installation standards; Inspection.
- ✓ R4-9-102. Commercial Contractor License Classifications and Scopes of Work
- ✓ R4-9-103. Residential Contracting License Classifications and Scopes of Work
- ✓ R4-9-104. Dual Contracting License Classifications and Scopes of Work

Arizona Registrar of Contractors Solar Licensing Requirements

License Classification	Description	Experience Requirements
R-4, C-74, CR-74	Boilers, Including Solar	4 Years Journeyman
R-37, C-77, CR-77	Plumbing, Including Solar	4 Years Journeyman
R-37R, C-78, CR-78	Solar Plumbing Liquid Systems Only	6 Months Journeyman
R-39, C-79, CR-79	Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Including Solar	4 Years Journeyman
A-19, B-6, KA-6	Swimming Pools, Including Solar	4 Years Management of General Swimming Pool Contracting
A-17, R-11, C-11, CR-11	Electrical (including solar electric)	4 Years Journeyman
A-General, B-4 General, KA-General	General Engineering (including solar electric)	4 Years Management of General Engineering