



WHO CAN OBTAIN A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

All permits that we issue are restricted to being issued to persons in compliance with applicable sections of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Declarations concerning compliance with this State Law are on various permit applications to read, complete and sign, if true and applicable.

BUILDING PERMITS may be issued to the following:

1. A General Building Contractor possessing a Class “B” license.
2. An appropriately licensed Specialty Contractor (Class “C” license). For example, a C-39 Roofing Contractor could obtain a building permit to re-roof a building.
3. An owner of a property meeting the conditions below:
 - (a) An **owner** of property doing building or erecting structures thereon who **does such work himself/herself** or through his/her own employees with wages as their sole compensation; provided further that such buildings or structures **are not intended or offered for sale within one year of completion of permit work.**
 - (b) An owner or lessee of property, doing building or erecting structures thereon who contracts for such project with a contractor or contractors who are licensed pursuant to the Contractor’s State License Laws.
 - (c) **A homeowner improving his/her principal place of residence, provided that he/she meets the conditions of the owner-builder declaration on the permit application.**
4. An Architect or Engineer acting as an agent for the owner.

Note: A General Building Contractor cannot be issued a permit for fire protection classification or well drilling classification unless the General Building Contractor holds the specialty license or subcontracts with the appropriately license specialty contractor.

ELECTRICAL PERMITS may be issued to the following:

1. A General Building Contractor possessing a Class “B” license if, in addition to an Electrical permit, the General Building Contractor also does work in at least two other unrelated trades and is issued a building permit concurrently.
2. A Class C-10 Licensed Electrical Contractor.
3. Specialty Contractor doing electrical work that is related and subordinate to work in his/her particular specialty (i.e, HVAC, electrical sign, etc.).
4. **A homeowner for his/her principal place of residence, provided that he/she meets the conditions of the owner-builder declaration on the permit application.**

5. County-registered Maintenance Electrician for work being done at the premises of a firm to which a certificate is issued.

PLUMBING AND SEWER PERMITS may be issued to the following:

1. A General Building Contractor possessing a Class “B” license if, in addition to a plumbing permit, the General Building Contractor also work in at least two other unrelated trades or crafts at the same time and is issued a building permit concurrently.
2. A Class C-36 licensed Plumbing Contractor for any work regulated by the Plumbing Code.
3. Specialty Contractor doing plumbing work that is related and subordinate to work in his/her particular specialty (i.e. swimming pool, fire protection, etc.)
4. A General Engineering Contractor possessing a Class “A” license or Class C-42 licensed Sanitation System Contractor for any house sewer or private sewage disposal system regulated by the Plumbing Code.
5. **A homeowner for his/her principal place of residence thereto, provided that he/she meets the conditions of the owner-builder declaration on the permit application.**
6. A person holding valid Los Angeles County Contractor’s Certificate as a “Plumbing,” “Gas Fitting” or “Sewage” contractor of only such work that is covered by that certificate.
7. An owner-builder may be issued a fire protection system permit, excluding an electrical alarm system, for a single-family dwelling, provided further that such dwelling is his/her principal place of residence.

MECHANICAL PERMITS may be issued to the following:

1. A General Building Contractor possessing a Class “B” license if, in addition to a mechanical permit, the General Building Contractor also does work in at least two other unrelated trades or crafts at the same time and is issued a building permit concurrently.
2. A Class C-20 licensed Warm Air Heating, Ventilating and Air-Conditioning Contractor.
3. Specialty contractor doing mechanical work that is related and subordinate to work in his/her particular specialty (i.e., refrigeration, HVAC, etc).
4. **A homeowner for his/her principal place of residence, provided that he/she meets the conditions of the owner-builder declaration on the permit application.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE
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