



COUNTY OF DUPLIN
BUILDING INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT
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When is a permit required?

Electrical Permits Required An electrical permit for the specific work is required to install, alter, repair, replace or relocate any electrical material, appliances or equipment.

Building Permits Required No person shall locate, erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair or relocate any building, or change the type occupancy without first having obtained a permit for the specific work to be done. Building permits are not required for nonstructural work where no change of use occurs and costs less than \$5,000, farm buildings outside the jurisdiction of any municipality, and residential accessory structures where no dimension exceeds 12 feet.

Plumbing, Heating, Air Conditioning, Sprinkler A plumbing or heating permit is required to install, replace or relocate any plumbing, heating, air-conditioning material, appliances or equipment. Plumbing permits shall not be required for minor repairs or replacements on the house side of a trap to an installed system of plumbing provided such repairs or replacements do not disrupt the original water supply or the waste or ventilation system. Heating and air conditioning permits shall not be required for minor burner services or filter replacements of warm-air furnaces or cooling systems.

When must work be done by a licensed contractor?

Building Contractor Required A general contractor licensed in North Carolina must perform all work where the construction cost is in excess of \$30,000. Any person who is paid to manage a project where the construction cost is in excess of \$30,000 must be a licensed General Contractor. An unlicensed contractor may perform work where the cost is \$30,000 or less. Any person may act as their own general contractor for construction of a home, addition or accessory structure if they own the land and will personally occupy the structure for 12 months after completion.

Plumbing, Heating, Air Conditioning, Sprinkler License Contractor Required A licensed plumbing, heating and air conditioning contractor is required to alter, replace or relocate plumbing or heating and air conditioning. Homeowners may perform their own plumbing or heating work if they own the land and will personally occupy the structure.

Electrical Contractor's License Required A licensed electrical contractor is required for all installation, construction, maintenance or repair of electrical wiring, devices, appliances or equipment. Homeowners may perform their own electrical work if they own the land and will personally occupy the structure.



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Contractor Licensing

State law requires licenses for these types of contractors doing work anywhere in the state:

All electrical, plumbing, and heating and air conditioning contractors

General contractors for projects costing more than \$30,000

(Subcontractors for electrical, plumbing, and heating and air conditioning must have licenses regardless of the cost of their work.)

General contractors for projects under \$30,000 are not required to have a license. Homeowners who use an unlicensed general contractor must hire the subcontractors themselves when electrical, plumbing, or heating and air conditioning work is involved.

Ensuring Your Contractor Has a License if Required

Ask those performing work to provide their N.C. Contractor's License number and verify it through these state licensing boards:

General contractors

Electrical contractors

Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors

Why it is a Good Idea to Hire Licensed Contractors

N.C. licensed contractors are professionals who have passed technical exams and have proven that they have the financial means to support their business.

Should you experience a substantial problem with a licensed contractor, the Licensing Board for that trade will investigate the complaint and if found valid, take appropriate action against the contractor.