

Mechanical Licensing Board
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Dear Sirs:

This letter is being written to formally request a change in the manner in which continuing education providers are listed on the Mechanical Board's website.

For many years when the Fire Marshal's Office was administering the Mechanical Licensing program, the websites of providers of continuing education, if available, would be published on the Mechanical Licensing Board's website which enabled the approximately 10,000 mechanical licensees to locate the continuing education providers and their class offerings by using the hyperlink provide on the Board's website.

More recently, after the transition of the Mechanical Licensing program administration to the OPLC, a decision was made that the continuing education provider websites could no longer be published on the Mechanical Board's website and that only a phone number and email address could be published. This has not been helpful to licensees.

Currently, there are 24 providers of plumbing classes, and 37 providers of gasfitting classes listed on the Mechanical Licensing Board's website (there are some who do both). But only 1 of them has a link provided on the Mechanical Board's website. This continuing education provider is also a 3rd party testing agency. However, when the link to the testing agency is activated, one is directed to a website that has a large banner advertising continuing education. This creates an unfair advantage to one provider over all the other providers.

Any new licensee who hits the link provided on the Mechanical Board's website for plumbing license exam, is faced with an advertisement regarding continuing education. No other continuing education provider has this advantage.

It is quite unfair to all of the other continuing education providers to be limited to the publication of only an email address and a phone number, while the Mechanical Board's website continues to publish a link to this continuing education provider's website by way of the link to testing.

The request is to publish a link only to the 3rd party's testing service and require that provider separate the continuing education from that testing website and posting only that provider's email address and phone number like the rest of the providers. Or, to allow, as before, the publication of continuing education provider's websites to equalize the access to all providers' websites.

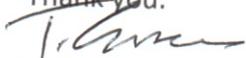
The Mechanical Licensing Board and the Board's counsel have been made aware of this matter at least twice during Public Comment portions of their meetings. But no changes have been made to the Board's website as of this date.

I now make a formal request asking that this issue be brought up during the business part of the Mechanical Board's next meeting so that these inequities can be discussed and be appropriately managed.

If this is outside of the Mechanical Licensing Board's authority, then I request this matter be brought to the attention of the appropriate party to correct such sanctioned unfairness.

I would be glad to discuss the matter to offer further details if necessary.

Thank you.



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Plumbing Education Services

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Cc: Jesse Doucette, Chair Mechanical Licensing Board
Elizabeth Eaton, Mechanical Licensing Board Counsel

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