



PINELLAS COUNTY CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS IN PINELLAS COUNTY PAINTING SPECIALTY LICENSE ELIMINATED EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 30, 2023

At a meeting of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board (PCCLB) on November 13, 2023, the Board voted to eliminate the Painting Specialty Contractor license requirement. The decision takes effect November 30, 2023, allowing time to manage the administration of notices and issue refunds to impacted contractors.

Under HB 1383, adopted by the State of Florida in June 2023, the Painting Specialty Contractor license was due to be eliminated July 1, 2024.

Early elimination of the license classification means the County will refund:

- license and change of status application fees in this classification who applied since October 1, 2023;
- the full license renewal fee paid by all contractors in this classification received between June 1, 2023, and September 30, 2023 (the annual renewal period);
- the license renewal fee paid by all contractors in this classification received after October 1, 2023.
- Late fees, penalties, fines and other non-renewal fees are non-refundable.

In most cases, contractors who renewed and paid by credit card can expect a refund to the card used to pay the renewal fee. Refunds to contractors who paid by cash or check will be paid by County check sent by regular mail.

The Painting Specialty Contractor license was adopted by the PCCLB on March 21, 1989 at the request of a professional painting association active at the time to ensure that painting contractors working in the County had the trade skills, knowledge and expertise to work in Pinellas County's unique environment and to ensure protection of Pinellas County citizens. In the past 34 years, the County licensed more than 1,750 painting contractors.