



**CLASSIFICATION ABBREVIATIONS and GROUP DOLLAR LIMITATIONS**

All licenses display 2-letter classifications followed by a number. The number indicates the licensee's dollar limit per job, (i.e. **BD3** = Building work up to \$1,000,000 per job/bid; **EL4** = Electrical work up to \$400,000 per job/bid).

GENERAL CONTRACTOR classifications	MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR classifications
Asphalt Paving <sup>2</sup> .....AP	Air Conditioning <sup>5</sup> .....AC
Boiler Installation.....BL	Electrical.....EL
Boring & Tunneling (no technical exam).....BT	Heating <sup>6</sup> .....HT
Bridges <sup>2</sup> .....BR	Lightning Protection.....LP
Building (BD, LB, UB) <sup>1</sup> .....BD	Packaged Equipment.....PK
Concrete.....CT	Plumbing.....PB
Concrete Paving <sup>2</sup> .....CP	Pressure and Process Piping <sup>7</sup> .....1P/2P
Glass & Glazing.....GG	Refrigeration.....RG
Grading <sup>2</sup> .....GD	
Highway <sup>2</sup> .....HY	
Highway Incidental (no technical exam).....HI	
Marine.....MR	
Masonry (no technical exam).....MS	
Miscellaneous Metals (no technical exam).....MM	
Nonstructural Renovation (no technical exam).....NR	
Pipelines.....PL	
Pre-Engineered Metal Buildings.....MB	
Public Electrical Utility <sup>3</sup> .....1U/2U	
Railroad (no technical exam).....RR	
Roofing.....RF	
Structural Framing <sup>4</sup> .....SF	
Swimming Pools.....SP	
Water & Sewer Lines.....WL	
Water & Sewer Plants.....WP	
Wood Frame Structures.....WF	

(Classifications with "no technical exam" still require passing the S.C. Business Management & Law for Commercial Contractors exam)

For the "Classification Definitions", see the S.C. Code of Laws for Contractors, SECTION 40-11-410.

- Building (BD/LB/UB)** includes MS, MM, NR, MB, RF, SF, and WF.  
**LB** - Limited Building exam passed. **Limited to 3 stories in height.** Can only apply for Group #1, #2, or #3 below.  
**UB** - Unlimited Building exam passed. No story height limitation. Can apply for any of the 5 Group limits below.
- Asphalt Paving (AP)** includes GD. **Bridges (BR)** includes BT, CT, MR, and RR. **Concrete Paving (CP)** includes GD. **Grading (GD)** includes HI. Licensees with AP, CP, BR, GD, and HI receive the **Highway (HY)** classification.
- Public Electrical Utility (1U/2U):**  
**1U** - exam passed prior to 4/1/1999 - licensee **can** engage in **stadium lighting** work.  
**2U** - exam passed after 4/1/1999 - licensee **cannot** engage in **stadium lighting** work.
- Structural Framing (SF)** includes MM.
- Air Conditioning (AC)** includes PK and RG.
- Heating (HT)** licensees **can** engage in **Boiler Installation** work. See [October 2020 Board Meeting Minutes, page 5](#).
- Pressure and Process Piping (1P/2P):**  
**1P** - exam passed prior to 4/1/1999 - licensee **can** engage in **Boiler Installation** work.  
**2P** - exam passed after 4/1/1999 - licensee **cannot** engage in **Boiler Installation** work.

GROUP LIMITATIONS, WORKING CAPITAL, NET WORTH and SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS									
GENERAL CONTRACTORS					MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS				
Group#	Bid & Job \$ Limitation	Working Capital	Net Worth (Total Equity)	Surety Bond Amount	Group #	Bid & Job \$ Limitation	Working Capital	Net Worth (Total Equity)	Surety Bond Amount
Group #1	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	Group #1	\$35,000	\$3,500	\$7,000	\$7,000
Group #2	\$400,000	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	Group #2	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Group #3	\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	Group #3	\$200,000	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Group #4	\$3,000,000	\$175,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	Group #4	\$400,000	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Group #5	\$Unlimited	\$250,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	Group #5	\$Unlimited	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$300,000

Working Capital = Current Assets - Current Liabilities \*\*\* Net Worth = Total Assets - Total Liabilities