



DIVISION OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING
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PLUMBING EXAMINATION POLICY FOR HOMEOWNERS

1. A property owner is permitted to take the same type of examination 2 times. There is no waiting period between examinations. However, we strongly suggest, especially since you are allowed to take the examination only twice, that you familiarize yourself with the 2021 International Plumbing Code Book and Frederick County Amendments.
2. You must reside at this property now (if dwelling is existing), or will be living in the new dwelling (after obtaining the certificate of occupancy) on the property. If this is a rental or investment property a Frederick County licensed plumber must obtain the permit and do the work.
3. You must present a photo ID (preferably a drivers license) to our Staff, and verification that you are the property owner.
4. You will be answering a variety of questions based on the type of plumbing to be done. The answers are multiple choice for all exam types. There is no study guide. There are 10 questions taken from the entire International Plumbing Code and Frederick County Amendments.
5. There is a \$20.00 (Non-Refundable) Homeowners Plumbing Exam fee that is payable before starting each exam with the Treasury Office (301)600-1111.
6. No more than two (2) hours will be allowed for the exam. No examination can begin after 1:00 PM so you will have sufficient time in which to finish the exam prior to our closing time of 4:00 PM and grading of the exam.
7. The exams will be graded by an office staff member when you have completed the exam or after your 2-hour time limit. A grade of 70% and above is considered passing. Once the exam is passed then a plumbing application along with a homeowner's affidavit must be completed.
8. You will not be given the same examination for the second test if a second test is necessary.

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