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How to Get a Michigan Builders License

Acquiring a builder's license in Michigan involves several sequential steps. First, builders must successfully complete a state-approved 60-hour course. This course is an essential prerequisite designed to equip individuals with the necessary knowledge and understanding of the construction industry.

Upon successful completion of the course, the next step involves the submission of an application to the State of Michigan's Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). This application process is a pivotal stage in initiating the licensing procedure.

Once the application is approved by LARA, applicants will receive an "authorization to test" from the State of Michigan and then you register with PSI, the designated testing provider. Subsequently, passing an examination administered by PSI is mandatory to proceed further in obtaining the builder's license.

Upon successful completion of the exam, applicants finalize the licensing process by submitting necessary paperwork. This stage marks the culmination of the process and confirms eligibility for obtaining the builder's license.

It's important to note that throughout these steps, various fees are associated with each stage of the application, testing, and licensing process. These fees are an integral part of the licensing procedure and should be accounted for during the application process.

Here is the link to the State of Michigan that provides additional information in the process of becoming a licensed builder or a maintenance and alteration contractor:

<https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bcc/Sections/Licensing-Section/residential-builders/forms/prelicensure-education-requirements-for-residential-builder-and-maintenance-alteration-contractor-a>

There are many sources available for completing the state approved 60-hour course. Below are a few online resources:

- Licensetobuild.com
- Micontractortraining.com
- Michiganbuilderslicense.com
- Pdhcontractors.com

If you have any questions in how to become a licensed residential builder or a maintenance and alterations contractor, please contact the Community Development Department at 269-659-7230.