

When must work be done by a licensed contractor?

General Contractor Required:

A general contractor licensed in North Carolina must perform all work where the construction cost is in excess of \$30,000. Any person who is paid to manage a project where the construction cost is in excess of \$30,000 must be a licensed General Contractor. An unlicensed contractor may perform work where the cost is \$30,000 or less. Any person may act as their own general contractor for construction of a home, addition or accessory structure if they own the land and will personally occupy the structure for 12 months after completion.

Plumbing, Heating, Air Conditioning, Sprinkler License Contractor Required:

A licensed plumbing, heating and air conditioning contractor is required to alter, replace or relocate plumbing or heating and air conditioning. Homeowners may perform their own plumbing or heating work if they own the land and will personally occupy the structure.

Electrical Contractor's License Required:

A licensed electrical contractor is required for all installation, construction, maintenance or repair of electrical wiring, devices, appliances or equipment. Homeowners may perform their own electrical work if they own the land and will personally occupy the structure.