

If you hire a person to complete work on your home, he most likely needs to be licensed. Persons doing the following work are required to be licensed:

- Residential Building Contractor. A person in the business of building residential real estate, or of contracting or offering to contract with an owner to build residential real estate, by providing two or more special skills*. A residential building contractor may also contract or offer to contract with an owner to improve existing residential real estate.
- Residential Remodeler. A person in the business of contracting or offering to contract with an owner to improve existing residential real estate by providing two or more special skills as defined in this section.
- Residential Roofer. A person in the business of contracting, or offering to contract with an owner, to complete work on residential real estate in roof coverings, roof sheathing, roof weatherproofing and insulation, and repair of roof systems, but not construction of new roof systems.
- Plumbing contractors and electric contractors should be licensed in order to do any work in your home or commercial business.

(*Special Skills: Excavation, masonry and concrete, carpentry, interior finish, exterior finish, drywall and plaster, residential roofing, general installation specialties – see [MN Statutes 326B.802 Subd. 15](#) for further information.)

How to Check if Contractor Licensed

Just visit the License Lookup page: <https://secure.doli.state.mn.us/lookup/licensing.aspx>. It is easiest to search by using the license number, but you can also use a personal name or company name. Once you locate your contractor, you can click the Detail button to see the status of their license and whether there is any enforcement action against the contractor.

If you are the property owner, you can do all of the building and mechanical work. The plumbing code requires you to be **currently living** in the property in order for you to do the plumbing work – a friend or relative can help you, but unless they are living with you they should not be doing the work without you. The electrical code requires that you are either living in the home or will be living in the home once the work is complete.