

✓ Checkmark = allowed
 ● Stop sign = not allowed

Commercial Pool/Spa Contractor Certified or Registered*

A contractor whose scope of work involves, but is not limited to, the construction, repair and servicing of any public or private pool / spa.

Residential Pool/Spa Contractor Certified or Registered*

A contractor whose scope of work involves, but is not limited to, the construction, repair and servicing of any residential pool / spa.

Pool/Spa Servicing Contractor Certified or Registered*

A contractor whose scope of work involves, but is not limited to, the repair and servicing of any public or private pool / spa.

Business Tax Receipt (no state exam - i.e. CPO or DOH)

Formerly known as occupational license. All businesses in Florida must have it, but a license for your type of work is still needed (if required).

Directly connect to sanitary sewer system or to potable water lines

commercial	residential
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commercial	residential
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commercial	residential
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commercial	residential
●	●

Shell

commercial	residential
install / construct ✓	install / construct ✓
repair ✓	repair ✓
replace ✓	replace ✓

commercial	residential
install / construct ●	install / construct ✓
repair ●	repair ✓
replace ●	replace ✓

commercial	residential
install / construct ●	install / construct ●
repair ●	repair ●
replace ●	replace ●

commercial	residential
install / construct ●	install / construct ●
repair ●	repair ●
replace ●	replace ●

Make modifications to swimming pool concrete structure.

commercial	residential
✓	✓

commercial	residential
●	✓

commercial	residential
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commercial	residential
●	●

Change filtration system from direct suction to gravity-fed collection tank.

commercial	residential
✓	✓

commercial	residential
●	✓

commercial	residential
●	●

commercial	residential
●	●

Layout

commercial	residential
✓	✓

commercial	residential
●	✓

commercial	residential
●	●

commercial	residential
●	●

Excavation

commercial	residential
✓	✓

commercial	residential
●	✓

commercial	residential
●	●

commercial	residential
●	●

Operation of construction pumps for dewatering purposes

commercial	residential
✓	✓

commercial	residential
●	✓

commercial	residential
●	●

commercial	residential
●	●

Steelwork

commercial	residential
✓	✓

commercial	residential
●	✓

commercial	residential
●	●

commercial	residential
●	●

Include screen enclosure in contract of sale (and will subcontract to an appropriately licensed contractor)

commercial	residential
✓	✓

commercial	residential
✓	✓

commercial	residential
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commercial	residential
●	●

Equipment rooms or housing for pool/spa equipment

commercial	residential
install / construct ✓	install / construct ✓
repair ✓	repair ✓
replace ✓	replace ✓

commercial	residential
install / construct ●	install / construct ✓
repair ✓	repair ✓
replace ●	replace ✓

commercial	residential
install / construct ●	install / construct ✓
repair ✓	repair ✓
replace ●	replace ●

commercial	residential
install / construct ●	install / construct ●
repair ●	repair ●
replace ●	replace ●

Interior finishes - coating, plastering

commercial	residential
install ✓	install ✓
repair ✓	repair ✓
replace ✓	replace ✓

commercial	residential
install ●	install ✓
repair ✓	repair ✓
replace ✓	replace ✓

commercial	residential
install ●	install ●
repair ✓	repair ✓
replace ✓	replace ✓

commercial	residential
install ●	install ●
repair ●	repair ●
replace ●	replace ●

Tile and coping

commercial	residential
install ✓	install ✓
repair ✓	repair ✓
replace ✓	replace ✓

commercial	residential
install ●	install ✓
repair ✓	repair ✓
replace ✓	replace ✓

commercial	residential
install ●	install ●
repair ✓	repair ✓
replace ✓	replace ✓

commercial	residential
install ●	install ●
repair ●	repair ●
replace ●	replace ●

Decks

commercial	residential
install / construct ✓	install / construct ✓
repair ✓	repair ✓
replace ✓	replace ✓

commercial	residential
install / construct ●	install / construct ✓
repair ✓	repair ✓
replace ✓	replace ✓

commercial	residential
install / construct ●	install / construct ✓
repair ✓	repair ✓
replace ✓	replace ✓

commercial	residential
install / construct ●	install / construct ●
repair ●	repair ●
replace ●	replace ●

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All perimeter piping and filter piping	commercial install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓ residential install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓	commercial install ✗ repair ✓ replace ✓ residential install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓	commercial install ✗ repair ✓ replace ✓ residential install ✗ repair ✓ replace ✓	commercial install ✗ repair ✗ replace ✗ residential install ✗ repair ✗ replace ✗
Light niches	commercial install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓ residential install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓	commercial install ✗ repair ✓ replace ✓ residential install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓	commercial install ✗ repair ✓ replace ✓ residential install ✗ repair ✓ replace ✓	commercial install ✗ repair ✗ replace ✗ residential install ✗ repair ✗ replace ✗
Pool/spa equipment - pump, motor, heater, filter equipment, water treatment equipment	commercial install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓ residential install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓	commercial install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓ residential install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓	commercial install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓ residential install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓	commercial install ✗ repair ✗ replace ✗ residential install ✗ repair ✗ replace ✗
Pool heaters**	commercial install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓ residential install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓	commercial install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓ residential install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓	commercial install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓ residential install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓	commercial install ✗ repair ✗ replace ✗ residential install ✗ repair ✗ replace ✗
Cleaning or sanitizing of equipment which requires at least a partial disassembling (excluding filter changes)	commercial install ✓ residential install ✓	commercial install ✓ residential install ✓	commercial install ✓ residential install ✓	commercial install ✗ residential install ✗
Install VGB compliant drain covers (NO modifications)	commercial install ✓ residential install ✓	commercial install ✓ residential install ✓	commercial install ✓ residential install ✓	commercial install ✗ residential install ✗
Substantial or complete draining of a swimming pool, hot tub or spa, for any repair or renovation	commercial install ✓ residential install ✓	commercial install ✓ residential install ✓	commercial install ✓ residential install ✓	commercial install ✗ residential install ✗
Water treatment only. (Don't affect equipment or structural integrity of pool/spa.) Some counties require local license. Commercial requires pool service technician certification.	commercial install ✓ residential install ✓	commercial install ✓ residential install ✓	commercial install ✓ residential install ✓	commercial install ✗ residential install ✓
Install a non-permanent, non-fixed above ground pool.	commercial install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓ residential install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓	commercial install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓ residential install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓	commercial install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓ residential install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓	commercial install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓ residential install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓
Set anchors and/or ladders, handrails, etc.	commercial install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓ residential install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓	commercial install ✗ repair ✓ replace ✓ residential install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓	commercial install ✗ repair ✓ replace ✓ residential install ✗ repair ✓ replace ✓	commercial install ✗ repair ✗ replace ✗ residential install ✗ repair ✗ replace ✗
Decorative or interactive water displays or areas that use recirculated water, including waterfalls and spray nozzles	commercial install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓ residential install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓	commercial install ✗ repair ✓ replace ✓ residential install ✓ repair ✓ replace ✓	commercial install ✗ repair ✓ replace ✓ residential install ✗ repair ✓ replace ✓	commercial install ✗ repair ✗ replace ✗ residential install ✗ repair ✗ replace ✗

** Gas hook up requires a Category I LP gas dealer, LP gas installer or specialty installer (if within their specifics) license. Also need license to sell equipment for the use of LP gas.

PLEASE NOTE: • This is for general application and cannot address every specific situation / circumstance - to that extent we suggest getting additional guidance from the local building department or CILB.

- Registered contractors are only allowed to do work in the county the license was issued in (unless other counties have reciprocity allowing your license to be valid in their area).
- Specialty licenses = only licensed in specific phase of construction and can only contract with a licensed commercial, residential or service contractor (with service, only renovations) (no homeowner or GC - unless Jim Walters exemption applies). If licensed in all seven specialties, you cannot build a pool from start to finish. You would need to work under the supervision of a registered or certified commercial or residential pool contractor.
- An electrical contractor's license is required to perform any electrical work more involved than simply inserting a power cord into an electrical outlet.