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CSLB Announces New Renewal Fee Schedule

License and Home Improvement Sales Registration Renewal Fees Will Increase; Also, Active C-10 Contractors will be Charged an Additional \$20

SACRAMENTO – Since its creation almost 90 years ago, the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) has carried out its mission to protect consumers by regulating California's construction industry in the most financially responsible way possible.

CSLB operations are funded entirely by license fees, and today a combination of increased costs, including extensive disaster response and a decline in the number of license renewals, necessitates that CSLB raise renewal fees to their statutory maximum. The new fee schedule was approved as an emergency measure by the Office of Administrative Law in December of last year and takes effect February 1, 2020.

Please note that if your license expires on or after February 1, 2020 you cannot renew early to avoid the fee increase.

The decision to raise fees is not made lightly, and over the past number of years CSLB has taken multiple measures to reduce costs. Unfortunately, CSLB cannot further reduce the expenditures that support our licensing and enforcement programs without negatively affecting our ability to process applications in a timely manner, to quickly mediate or investigate consumer complaints, and to effectively respond to disasters throughout the state.

In addition, beginning on February 1, 2020 and per Senate Bill 610 (Statutes of 2019), CSLB will start charging active C-10 Electrical contractors a supplemental \$20 fee when they renew their license. This fee is to support efforts by CSLB to enforce electrician certification requirements.

The increase in renewal fees will help ensure CSLB's continued effectiveness in regulating the construction industry for the state of California.

The chart below highlights the current and new fee schedule.

New Licensing Renewal Fee Schedule

Changes Effective February 1, 2020



	CURRENT FEE Through January 31, 2020	NEW FEE Starting February 1, 2020	FOR C-10 Starting February 1, 2020
Timely Renewals			
Active Licenses For licenses that expire on February 1, 2020 or later	\$400.00	\$450.00	\$470.00
Inactive Licenses For licenses that expire on February 1, 2020 or later	\$200.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
Home Improvement Salesperson Registrations For registrations that expire on February 1, 2020 or later	\$83.00	\$95.00	N/A
Delinquent Renewals			
Active Licenses For licenses that expired prior to February 1, 2020 but the renewal is postmarked February 1, 2020 or later; and for all licenses that expire on February 1, 2020 or later	\$600.00	\$675.00	\$695.00
Inactive Licenses For licenses that expired prior to February 1, 2020 but the renewal is postmarked February 1, 2020 or later; and for all licenses that expire on February 1, 2020 or later	\$300.00	\$337.50	\$337.50
Home Improvement Salesperson Registrations For registrations that expired prior to February 1, 2020 but the renewal is postmarked February 1, 2020 or later; and for all registrations that expire February 1, 2020 or later	\$124.50	\$142.50	N/A
License Reactivation			
License Reactivation For inactive licenses being renewed as active licenses on February 1, 2020 or later	\$400.00	\$450.00	\$470.00