

STATE LICENSING: WHY DOES IT MATTER TO YOU?

There are hundreds of HVAC companies in the Rio Grande Valley. How many of those are licensed by the State of Texas? Not as many as you would think or hope. Do you know what is required to apply and be approved for a Texas State HVAC license? You have at least 48 months of practical experience in air-conditioning and refrigeration-related work under the supervision of a licensed air conditioning and refrigeration contractor in the past 72 months, or you have held a technician certification for the past 12 months and you have at least 36 months of practical experience in air-conditioning and refrigeration-related work under the supervision of a licensed air conditioning and refrigeration contractor in the past 48 months. You apply, pay the fee and pass the state licensing test and background checks. You are required to carry insurance with the amount depending on the type of license you obtain.

Why is it important to only work with licensed companies?

Insurance and Liability

Unlicensed contractors likely are not insured. Most homeowner's policies will cover work only if it is done by licensed contractors. Since unlicensed contracts are not legally enforceable, you will have to assume the financial responsibility if any problems arise. Examples of liabilities a homeowner would be responsible for:

- If a worker gets injured on your property
- If the project does not meet city/county code
- If the project causes future damage to the home
- Payment to any subcontractors and are subject to liens

Building Code Compliance

If a permit is not pulled for the job or the job not completed to code, it may have to be removed or re-done properly. This would be at the homeowners expense and is easily avoidable due to a licensed contractor knowing the code requirements.

Certification & Testing

All licensed contractors are required to learn the trade and pass the licensing test. Allowing an unqualified contractor to do any type of work on your home assumes a major risk. Contractors lacking qualifications will probably deliver very low quality work. It is easy to verify if a contractor is licensed by visiting - <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/LicenseSearch/>

Scams & Fraud

What happens if you pay a contractor who never shows up? Or starts the job and never finishes? Or does a poor job and does not remedy the situation? All this can be avoided by using only licensed contractors.

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- 15% off Parts
- 5% off New Residential Equipment Installation during our maintenance season October 1st through May 31st

FROM DUSTY'S DESK

Welcome to 2023. For us here at Cytech we are blessed beyond measure! We have the best staff we could ask for. The office staff keeps it moving inside and is doing an excellent job with their day to day duties which in turns keeps the wheels turning on all our trucks, techs, and crews! Our warehouse Manager Moises does an excellent job of sourcing equipment and parts to keep our customers comfortable.

2023 means that in two more years a new refrigerant will be mandatory in all new equipment, so we are staying on top of the day-by-day rule changes that the government is coming up with to manage the implementation of this new refrigerant.

PSA: Make sure you are having your air conditioning system serviced at least once a year, twice a year being optimal. Even if you don't choose us to do your maintenance make sure you are using a licensed HVAC company that has some skin in the game. I've always said, "Cheaper isn't always cheaper". If you want a company with over 30 years of servicing the RGV choose Cytech for all your comfort needs!

-Dusty

Efficiency Home Improvement Energy Tax Credit (25C)

The amended Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit (25C) begins in 2023 and extends the offering through 2032. It increases the tax credit limits for high efficiency equipment as follows:

- Up to \$600 each for a qualified air conditioner or gas furnace, with an annual cap of \$1200.
- Up to \$2000 with a qualified heat pump, heat pump water heater or boiler.

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AC acting up? Try these tips!

1. Check filters and replace if needed
2. Check supply and return vents for obstructions
3. Replace thermostat batteries
4. Clear debris around the outdoor unit
5. Make sure thermostat is on the proper setting
6. Check break switches

If none of this helps, give us a call!



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NATE is a voluntary certification program designed to ensure that qualifying technicians have a core set of competencies and can be trusted by the consumers who hire them. NATE is the culmination of several years worth of work by the entire indoor environment industry to establish a meaningful nationwide certification.

Over the past few years, NATE has grown considerably. Over 30,000 technicians have been NATE certified and the list continues to grow. NATE certification is the standard by which all other technicians should be judged, and it's the only technician certification that matters.

There are other third-party certification programs out there, but NATE actually has the lowest pass rate and is the only nationwide certification program that is endorsed by the HVACR industry across all levels. Technicians, contractors, manufacturers, utilities, educators, wholesalers, and leading industry trade associations support NATE. Studies show that NATE certified technicians have fewer "call-backs" than the non-certified technicians. What does this mean? It means NATE certified technicians get it right the first time.

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