

There are contractor businesses and employees that don't need the Wisconsin Building Contractor Registration

Part of the intent of the Building Contractor Registration is to identify contractor businesses

Most businesses generally considered to be contractors need some kind of a business credential to do construction work in Wisconsin. However, the credential may not be the new Building Contractor Registration. Businesses which have one of the credentials listed below* do not need the BCR. At the same time, if a credential listed below is required to do a particular kind of work, the BCR is not the equivalent.

For example, if an Electrical Contractor Certification is required by a municipality to obtain a permit or run an electrical business, the BCR doesn't serve this function. (A 2007 law requires statewide electrical business and individual credentials in 2013. A public hearing on proposed electrical licensing code language is on April 29, 2009.)

People who are employees of a registered contractor do not need the Building Contractor Registration. (If it's a one-person business, so there not a difference between owner and employee, the business/individual does need the BCR.)

For example, a Master Plumber employed by a manufacturing firm to work on the factory does not need the BCR. An Master Plumber working for a plumbing company doing residential repairs does not need the BCR. A plumbing business **does** need to be registered. A plumbing business, even if it's just one person who is already an MP, does need the BCR.

*Businesses having any of these credentials do not need the BCR.

- A dwelling contractor certification.
- A dwelling contractor - restricted certification.
- A manufactured home manufacturer license.
- A manufactured home dealer license.
- A manufactured home installer license.
- An electrical contractor certification.
- An electrical contractor – restricted certification.
- An HVAC contractor registration.
- An elevator contractor license.

Also, a person or entity working only on real estate or property they own or lease does not need the BCR.

Note that utility contractors and automatic fire sprinkler contractors are not among the exceptions listed. Those are credentials issued to individuals, not to businesses. (A person with a Utility Contractor License needs the BCR if they do work governed by the state plumbing code, Comm 81-87. Automatic Fire Sprinkler Contractors-Maintenance who are employees working in a facility or leased by their employer **do not** need the BCR. Contractors-Maintenance working in other than a facility owned or leased by their employer and all Automatic Fire Sprinkler Contractors **do** need the BCR.)