

Understanding Nevada General Building and Specialty Contractors Scopes of Work



Nevada law distinguishes between General Building contractors and Specialty contractors, and it is important for licensees to understand the scope and limitations of each classification.

Nevada Law

A General Building (B) contractor is engaged in the construction or remodeling of buildings or structures that provide support, shelter, or enclosure for persons, animals, chattels, or other movable property. To qualify as a General Building project, the work must include the use of three or more unrelated building trades or crafts, with the General Building contractor serving as the prime contractor, and when the construction or remodeling of the building is the project's primary purpose. Additionally, a General Building contractor may only contract to perform specialty contracting work if he or she is a prime contractor on a project as outlined above. In addition, General Building contractors may not perform work in plumbing, electrical, refrigeration and air conditioning, or fire protection without holding the applicable specialty license.

A Specialty (C-1 through C-42) contractor is a contractor whose operations as such are the performance of construction work requiring special skill and whose principal contracting business involves the use of specialized building trades or crafts.

The B-2 Residential and Small Commercial classification authorizes the construction and remodeling of residential homes and other

structures that support, shelter, or enclose persons, animals, or chattels, provided the structures do not exceed three stories above ground and one story below ground.

Compliance

All provisions of NRS 624.215(3) must be satisfied for a project to qualify under a General Building license. If any portion of the statute is not met, the licensee may be in violation of Nevada law. This requirement applies to all subclassifications within the B (General Building) classification, including the B-2 Residential and Small Commercial classification. General Building licensees are not legally authorized to bid or perform projects involving only a single trade, as such work falls within the scope of the applicable specialty contractor classification.

General Building contractors must comply with every requirement of NRS 624.215(3), rather than relying on only selected provisions. Contractors whose business primarily consists of single-trade work should obtain the appropriate Specialty (C-classification) license or licenses to ensure compliance with Nevada law.

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