

Arkansas has some of the most burdensome licensing rules in the USA. That raises prices and kills jobs. The Sunset Review process can change that by tailoring Arkansas's rules to Arkansas's needs.



OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REVIEW

SPRINKLER FITTERS

WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE

Delicense Sprinkler Fitters

- The Arkansas Contractors licensing board already requires a license for sprinkler contractors who are responsible for hiring sprinkler fitters. Other subcontractors have been delicensed and now only require registration. This should apply to sprinkler fitters as well.

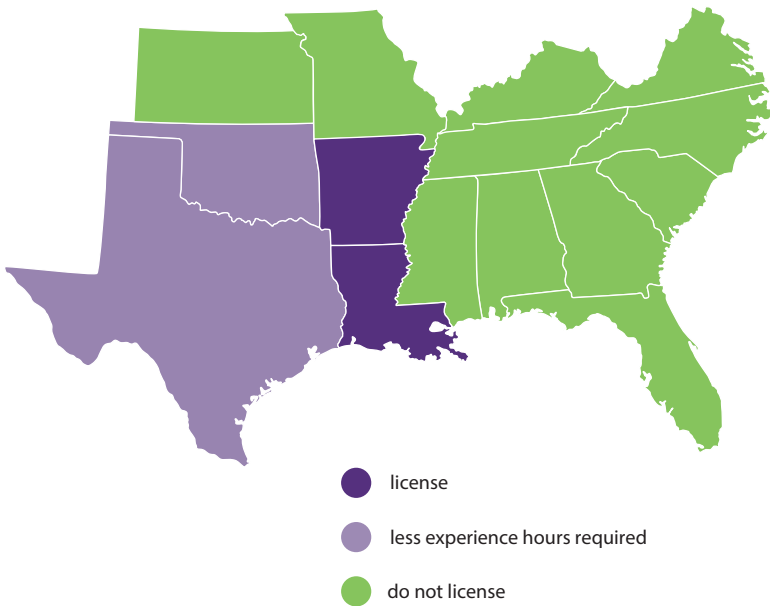
If not delicensed, conduct a cost and benefit analysis of Arkansas's experience hours requirement which is higher than average in our region.

DEFINITION

Sprinkler Fitters are “qualified persons who oversee the initial installation or servicing of fire protection sprinkler systems and who oversee corrections of deficiencies from an inspection.” They also oversee Fire Sprinkler Apprentices.

Source: Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, *Directory of Licensed, Certified and Registered Occupations in Arkansas*, August 2019, p. 61. O*NET CODE 47-2152.01

REGIONAL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS



THE NUMBERS

29 Number of states that license

485 Number of practitioners in Arkansas (DLO 2019)

\$50 Initial fee
\$99.75 Regional average

\$50 Average yearly renewal cost
\$58.75 Regional average

Education: **None** Regional average: **None**

6,000 HRS Experience
5,145 HRS Regional average

0 HRS Continuing Education (per year)
2 HRS Regional average (per year)

Note: States that do not license this occupation are not included in the averages.