

# Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals

## *Certification for Structural Inspector*

For the Building Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

All applicants shall sign the attached affidavit to ensure compliance with Chapter 71-575, Paragraph 4(b), Laws of Florida.  
(BORA Policy #14-02, Effective May 9, 2014)

**Please mark in each corresponding box to indicate compliance with appropriate Code Sections:**

**104.16.3 Certification of the Structural Inspector.** To be eligible for appointment as a Structural Inspector, such person shall be certified by BCAIB as a Standard Inspector or be a Florida Registered Architect or Florida Licensed Professional Engineer in the discipline requested.

**104.16.3.1** Such person shall be certified by BORA and shall meet at least one of the following qualifications:

- 104.16.3.1.1** Be a Florida Registered Architect or a Florida Licensed Professional Engineer in the discipline requested with two (2) years of HVHZ experience or by-passing BORA's HVHZ exam.
- 104.16.3.1.2** Be a BCAIB certified Standard Inspector in the Structural discipline with five (5) years of experience within the State of Florida, of which, two (2) years shall have been within HVHZ or by-passing BORA's HVHZ exam. An individual qualifying through this path shall be required to acquire a G.C. license, by exam, within one (1) year of initial certification as an inspector.
- 104.16.3.1.3** Be a licensed G.C. with at least five (5) years of experience within the State of Florida in the Structural discipline with that license of which, two (2) years shall have been within the HVHZ or by-passing BORA's HVHZ exam.
- 104.16.3.1.4** Five (5) years construction experience in the Structural discipline in a supervisory capacity of which at least two (2) years shall have been within the jurisdiction of HVHZ or by-passing BORA's HVHZ exam. An individual qualifying through this path shall be required to acquire an Unlimited G.C. license, by exam, from either the Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB), Broward County Examining Board or the Miami-Dade Construction Trades Qualifying Board, within one (1) year of initial certification as an inspector.
- 104.16.3.1.5** Ten (10) years construction experience in the Structural discipline of which at least two (2) years shall have been within the jurisdiction of the HVHZ or by-passing BORA's HVHZ exam. An individual qualifying through this path shall be required to acquire an Unlimited G.C. license, by exam, from either the Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB), Broward County Examining Board or the Miami-Dade Construction Trades Qualifying Board, within one (1) year of initial certification as an inspector.

**104.16.3.2** An applicant for Certification as a Structural Inspector under the provisions of this section who is a graduate from an accredited school holding a Bachelor or Associate of Science Degree in Engineering, Architecture or Building Construction may be credited for two (2) years for bachelor's degree or one (1) year for an Associate Degree towards the combined experience requirements. This credit is not applicable towards the requirements under Section 104.16.3.1.1.

**104.15.3.3** Limited Building or Residential Inspector certifications may be issued to individuals holding current Building Contractor or Residential Contractor licenses and who otherwise meet the requirements of the appropriate section under which they are qualifying, with duties limited to the scope of work authorized by their license.

**104.15.3.4** An applicant for certification as Structural Inspector under the provisions of this section may only substitute the required two-year HVHZ experience with two years of statewide experience by passing the BORA HVHZ exam.

**104.15.3.5** Building Inspectors (structural) certified by BORA on or after July 1st, 2020, shall be required to obtain a Reinforced Unit Masonry certification within two years from their initial BORA certification date.

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**Note:** All applications shall include the required information listed below, failure to include these items may result in a rejection of this application.

- 1. This application is to be signed by the Building Official, Chief Executive Officer, Human Resources Director, or other duly authorized representative. For Building Official or Assistant Building Official, the CEO (City Manager, Acting City Manager or Mayor) shall sign.
- 2. Provide a clear copy of a current photo ID.
- 3. Provide a copy of all Florida State certifications and/or provisional licenses for each BCAIB certification, also copies of appropriate Certificate of Competency.
- 4. Provide detailed résumé of experience and licensure.
- 5. Provide verifiable evidence of employment such as, IRS forms, tax returns, W-2 forms or notarized written statements (affidavit) including contact information attesting to employment from former employers, partners, or design professionals knowledgeable of the applicant professional or trade experience.
- 6. **OPEN PERMIT AFFIDAVIT:** At the time the applicant submits application for certification to BORA, all outside free enterprise shall cease. The applicant is required to provide a notarized affidavit including a detailed list of all open and ongoing projects currently under construction which will include information such as the municipality they are located within, the existing permit number and the time frame in which the project will be completed. This time frame shall not exceed a six-month period from the time the application for certification was submitted to BORA. If no open permits exist, provide a notarized affidavit stating such. Please see BORA Policy #18-02 for all specific requirements of open permits.

**\*\*\*BORA staff is authorized to request additional information to verify employment and/or experience\*\*\***

**Note:** A 120-day temporary staff approval will be issued to a qualified applicant after his/her application for a Provisional License has been accepted by DBPR. A certification card will be mailed to the endorsing Building Official after the applicant has received his/her Standard License from DBPR and approved by the Board of Rules and Appeals.

The undersigned submitting this application for certification, indicates compliance and vouches for the truth and accuracy of all statements and answers herein contained by affixing his/her signature below.

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type/Print Name of Applicant Signature of Applicant

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of \_\_\_\_\_ physical presence or \_\_\_\_\_ online notarization, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type/Print or Stamp Notary's Name Notary's Signature as to Applicant's Signature

Personally Known \_\_\_\_\_ Produced Identification \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned attest for the truth and accuracy of all statements and answers herein contained by affixing his/her signature below.

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type/Print Name of Building Official, Chief Executive Officer, Human Resources Director or other duly authorized representative Signature of Building Official, Chief Executive Officer, Human Resources Director or other duly authorized representative

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of \_\_\_\_\_ physical presence or \_\_\_\_\_ online notarization, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type/Print or Stamp Notary's Name Notary's Signature as to Applicant's Signature

Personally Known \_\_\_\_\_ Produced Identification \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by BORA on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**Subject:** Policy/Affidavit to ensure compliance with Chapter 71-575, paragraph 4(b), Laws of Florida

**POLICY/AFFIDAVIT**

The requirements below have been adopted by vote of the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals on April 10, 2014, to help ensure compliance with Chapter 71-575, paragraph 4(b), Laws of Florida.

**NOTICE**

All applicants for certification or re-certification are required to execute the following statement and to have same notarized by a duly authorized Notary. Failure to execute and have this statement notarized will prevent the certification/re-certification process from proceeding to completion.

**THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY VOLUNTARILY AND KNOWINGLY STATES AS FOLLOWS:**

The undersigned has read Chapter 71-575, paragraph 4(b), Laws of Florida and has had the opportunity to have same reviewed and explained by legal counsel. Undersigned understands the terms of same and that any Inspector (such as and including but not limited to structural, engineering, plumbing, mechanical, or electrical) or other building official charged with enforcing or otherwise supervising or inspecting any work covered under any section of the Florida Building Code as applicable to Broward County pursuant to Chapter 71-575, Laws of Florida, and who is required to hold or who otherwise holds a Certificate of Competency in any area of construction shall not use his/her Certificate of Competency to engage in free enterprise thereby, competing against persons or firms that may do business within Broward County whose work he/she may also inspect, nor may he/she allow his/her Certificate of Competency to be used by another person or firm. This includes any activity, such as, but not limited to bidding, contracting, code consulting, design, employment, plan review, special building inspections, etc., regardless of compensation. The undersigned makes application for certification or re-certification, affirms compliance with aforementioned Code Section, and vouches for the truth and accuracy of all statements and answers herein contained by affixing his/her signature below. The undersigned agrees that failure to comply with the requirements of chapter 71-575, Laws of Florida, shall be considered a material breach of the terms of certification and may result in decertification/ denial of certification.

A copy of a legal opinion with respect to Chapter 71-575, Laws of Florida, is available upon request.

The undersigned submitting this application for certification, acknowledges and indicates compliance with all statements contained by affixing his/her signature below.

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_  
Type/Print Name of Applicant Signature of Applicant

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of \_\_\_\_\_ physical presence or \_\_\_\_\_ online notarization, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_  
Type/Print or Stamp Notary's Name Notary's Signature as to Applicant's Signature

Personally Known \_\_\_\_\_ Produced Identification \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

*Editor's Note: Affidavit was authorized by BORA vote on May 8, 2014, and was issued by the Board Chair on May 9, 2014.*

**Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals  
Voluntary Open Permit Affidavit**

Certification  
Application Date

\* Per Florida Statute 71-575 (4)b, commencing with the time of application submission, provide the 180-day period from the time that the application for certification was submitted to the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals:

Please list all active and/or inactive permits under construction:

If this is not applicable, please check this box.

EXISTING PERMIT NUMBER	MUNICIPALITY	ESTIMATED DATE OF COMPLETION

\* If this 180-day time frame is required to be extended, a written request shall be submitted to the Director of the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals no later than 30 days prior to the expiration of the 180-day period.

***This affidavit must be notarized regardless of open permit status.***

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Type/Print Applicant Name

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_ by

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Type/Print or Stamp Notary's Name

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary's Signature as to Applicant's Signature

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