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✓ Checkmark = allowed
 ● Stop sign = not allowed

Commercial Pool/Spa Contractor
 Certified or Registered*

A contractor whose scope of work involves, but is not limited to, the construction, repair and servicing of any public or private pool / spa.

Residential Pool/Spa Contractor
 Certified or Registered*

A contractor whose scope of work involves, but is not limited to, the construction, repair and servicing of any residential pool / spa.

Pool/Spa Servicing Contractor
 Certified or Registered*

A contractor whose scope of work involves, but is not limited to, the repair and servicing of any public or private pool / spa.

Business Tax Receipt
 (no state exam - i.e. CPO or DOH)

Formerly known as occupational license. All businesses in Florida must have it, but a license for your type of work is still needed (if required).

Directly connect to sanitary sewer system or to potable water lines

● commercial	● residential
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● commercial	● residential
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Shell

commercial			residential		
install / construct	✓ repair	✓ replace	install / construct	✓ repair	✓ replace

commercial			residential		
install / construct	● repair	● replace	install / construct	✓ repair	✓ replace

commercial			residential		
install / construct	● repair	● replace	install / construct	● repair	● replace

commercial			residential		
install / construct	● repair	● replace	install / construct	● repair	● replace

Make modifications to swimming pool concrete structure.

✓ commercial	✓ residential
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Change filtration system from direct suction to gravity-fed collection tank.

✓ commercial	✓ residential
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Layout

✓ commercial	✓ residential
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Excavation

✓ commercial	✓ residential
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Operation of construction pumps for dewatering purposes

✓ commercial	✓ residential
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Steelwork

✓ commercial	✓ residential
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Include screen enclosure in contract of sale (and will subcontract to an appropriately licensed contractor)

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Equipment rooms or housing for pool/spa equipment

commercial			residential		
install / construct	✓ repair	✓ replace	install / construct	✓ repair	✓ replace

commercial			residential		
install / construct	✓ repair	● replace	install / construct	✓ repair	✓ replace

commercial			residential		
install / construct	✓ repair	● replace	install / construct	✓ repair	● replace

commercial			residential		
install / construct	● repair	● replace	install / construct	● repair	● replace

Interior finishes - coating, plastering

commercial			residential		
✓ install	✓ repair	✓ replace	✓ install	✓ repair	✓ replace

commercial			residential		
● install	✓ repair	✓ replace	✓ install	✓ repair	✓ replace

commercial			residential		
● install	✓ repair	✓ replace	● install	✓ repair	✓ replace

commercial			residential		
● install	● repair	● replace	● install	● repair	● replace

Tile and coping

commercial			residential		
✓ install	✓ repair	✓ replace	✓ install	✓ repair	✓ replace

commercial			residential		
● install	✓ repair	✓ replace	✓ install	✓ repair	✓ replace

commercial			residential		
● install	✓ repair	✓ replace	● install	✓ repair	✓ replace

commercial			residential		
● install	● repair	● replace	● install	● repair	● replace

Decks

commercial			residential		
install / construct	✓ repair	✓ replace	install / construct	✓ repair	✓ replace

commercial			residential		
install / construct	✓ repair	✓ replace	install / construct	✓ repair	✓ replace

commercial			residential		
install / construct	✓ repair	✓ replace	install / construct	✓ repair	✓ replace

commercial			residential		
install / construct	● repair	● replace	install / construct	● repair	● replace

	Commercial Pool/Spa Contractor Certified or Registered*	Residential Pool/Spa Contractor Certified or Registered*	Pool/Spa Servicing Contractor Certified or Registered*	Business Tax Receipt (no state exam - i.e. CPO or DOH)
All perimeter piping and filter piping	commercial: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓ residential: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓	commercial: install ✗, repair ✓, replace ✓ residential: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓	commercial: install ✗, repair ✓, replace ✓ residential: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓	commercial: install ✗, repair ✗, replace ✗ residential: install ✗, repair ✗, replace ✗
Light niches	commercial: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓ residential: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓	commercial: install ✗, repair ✓, replace ✓ residential: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓	commercial: install ✗, repair ✓, replace ✓ residential: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓	commercial: install ✗, repair ✗, replace ✗ residential: install ✗, repair ✗, replace ✗
Pool/spa equipment - pump, motor, heater, filter equipment, water treatment equipment	commercial: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓ residential: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓	commercial: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓ residential: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓	commercial: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓ residential: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓	commercial: install ✗, repair ✗, replace ✗ residential: install ✗, repair ✗, replace ✗
Pool heaters**	commercial: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓ residential: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓	commercial: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓ residential: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓	commercial: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓ residential: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓	commercial: install ✗, repair ✗, replace ✗ residential: install ✗, repair ✗, replace ✗
Cleaning or sanitizing of equipment which requires at least a partial disassembling (excluding filter changes)	commercial: ✓ residential: ✓	commercial: ✓ residential: ✓	commercial: ✓ residential: ✓	commercial: ✗ residential: ✗
Install VGB compliant drain covers (NO modifications)	commercial: ✓ residential: ✓	commercial: ✓ residential: ✓	commercial: ✓ residential: ✓	commercial: ✗ residential: ✗
Substantial or complete draining of a swimming pool, hot tub or spa, for any repair or renovation	commercial: ✓ residential: ✓	commercial: ✓ residential: ✓	commercial: ✓ residential: ✓	commercial: ✗ residential: ✗
Water treatment only. (Don't affect equipment or structural integrity of pool/spa.) Some counties require local license. Commercial requires pool service technician certification.	commercial: ✓ residential: ✓	commercial: ✓ residential: ✓	commercial: ✓ residential: ✓	commercial: ✗ residential: ✓
Install a non-permanent, non-fixed above ground pool.	commercial: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓ residential: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓	commercial: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓ residential: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓	commercial: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓ residential: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓	commercial: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓ residential: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓
Set anchors and/or ladders, handrails, etc.	commercial: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓ residential: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓	commercial: install ✗, repair ✓, replace ✓ residential: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓	commercial: install ✗, repair ✓, replace ✓ residential: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓	commercial: install ✗, repair ✗, replace ✗ residential: install ✗, repair ✗, replace ✗
Decorative or interactive water displays or areas that use recirculated water, including waterfalls and spray nozzles	commercial: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓ residential: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓	commercial: install ✗, repair ✓, replace ✓ residential: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓	commercial: install ✗, repair ✓, replace ✓ residential: install ✓, repair ✓, replace ✓	commercial: install ✗, repair ✗, replace ✗ residential: install ✗, repair ✗, replace ✗

** Gas hook up requires a Category I LP gas dealer, LP gas installer or specialty installer (if within their specifics) license. Also need license to sell equipment for the use of LP gas.

- PLEASE NOTE: • This is for general application and cannot address every specific situation / circumstance - to that extent we suggest getting additional guidance from the local building department or CILB.
- Registered contractors are only allowed to do work in the county the license was issued in (unless other counties have reciprocity allowing your license to be valid in their area).
 - Specialty licenses = only licensed in specific phase of construction and can only contract with a licensed commercial, residential or service contractor (with service, only renovations) (no homeowner or GC - unless Jim Walters exemption applies). If licensed in all seven specialties, you cannot build a pool from start to finish. You would need to work under the supervision of a registered or certified commercial or residential pool contractor.
 - An electrical contractor's license is required to perform any electrical work more involved than simply inserting a power cord into an electrical outlet.