

Vermont professional license fees increasing

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Fees are going up for some professional licenses in Vermont.

Starting **July 1**, fees for electricians, plumbers, propane or heating oil technicians to get licensed from the state will all increase. For example, license fees for oil technicians are going from nothing to \$60. Plumbers will see license fees increase from \$90 to \$125.

The industry says the amounts may seem small, but they are hitting people at the worst time with business still slow from the recession.

"During the legislative session everyone was looking for ways to increase revenue without creating broad-based taxes and one of the ways they've done it is through a variety of fees. Some of those fees will hit your local electrician, plumber and heating technician who will have to pay more to certify themselves for the state," said Matt Cota of the Vermont Fuel Dealers Association.

The industry says it's not against fees because the licensing certifies who has gone through training, but they had hoped for smaller increases.

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