

City of Philadelphia - Department of Licenses and Inspections

# DEMOLITION CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE INFORMATION SHEET

For further information on the application process, call 215-686-8686

A Demolition Contractor's License is required to tear down or demolish a building in Philadelphia. There are two license categories:

- Class A allows for the complete demolition of any structure.
- Class B allows for the complete demolition of a building that is:
  - No more than three stories,
  - With a maximum height of 40 feet, and
  - With a maximum area of 10,000 sq.ft.

**Requirements to obtain a Demolition Contractor's License include:**

- 1) License application
- 2) A non-refundable fee of \$20.00 which is applied towards the cost of the License.
- 3) A Philadelphia Business Income and Receipts Tax Number and a Commercial Activity License.
- 4) Proof of insurance in an amount determined by the Office of Risk Management in the following areas:
  - General Liability: **\$2,000,000 per occurrence**
  - Automobile Liability Insurance: **\$300,000.**
  - Workman's Compensation:
    - **\$100,000 per accident**
    - **\$100,000 per employee**
    - **\$500,000 policy limit**

*ALL INSURANCE MUST BE SUBMITTED ON A CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY  
INSURANCE: NO EXCEPTIONS.*
- 5) A license bond issued by a surety company (the surety company must hold a certificate of authority to do business in Pennsylvania with a minimum surety underwriting limitation of \$1,000,000):
  - **Class A** - Provide a license bond for \$50,000 with an original seal.
  - **Class B** - Provide a license bond for \$10,000 with an original seal.
- 6) Identify at least one manager who ensures safe practices on demolition sites and compliance with the approved site safety plan. You must submit:
  - Proof of completion of an approved OSHA 30 safety training course taken within five years of application date.
  - Proof of employment through pay stub or W-2.

**Note: A demolition supervisor may only be employed by one company.**
- 7) Proof of three years experience in the field of demolition as both site safety manager and demolition supervisor (**Class A demolition contractors only**). The work history must be documented through:
  - Federal tax records showing employment in the field under a demolition contractor.
  - Resume identifying specific work experience.

**Note: If you hold a comparable license from another state or county, L&I will review to determine if you meet the minimum standards for a Class A demolition contractor.**