



# BECOME A REGISTERED CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR

## HOW TO APPLY

You may obtain an application from the Department's Registration Section, your local job service location, or by visiting our website at [www.mtcontractor.com](http://www.mtcontractor.com).

The application fee is \$70.

The Montana Department of Labor and Industry has compiled this pamphlet as a guide only. This pamphlet does not cover all situations, and does not replace or supersede any law, rule or regulation. For more detailed information on the construction contractor registration laws, contact the Montana Department of Labor & Industry Registration Section



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# CONTRACTORS

## WHY

Construction Contractor Registration limits the liability that can move from a subcontractor to a general contractor when the subcontractor does not pay the employee-related costs required by law. (39-9-101, MCA)

Construction Contractor Registration helps level the playing field in the construction industry by assuring that all construction contractors with employees are paying Montana rates for workers' compensation insurance.

## ADVANTAGES

- ★ **LIABILITY PROTECTION.** Registration prevents the employee liability of subcontractors from migrating to you.
- ★ **CREDIBILITY.** Those who do the paperwork and pay attention to the law may also be more likely to care about the quality of their work.
- ★ **OPPORTUNITY.** Getting registered may make it easier to obtain work. Many contractors and other businesses will not hire unregistered contractors.

## WHO

A goal of the Montana Department of Labor & Industry is to register construction contractors working in the state. All construction contractors with employees A I G Hregister. Simply stated, a Construction Contractor is anyone who adds to or takes away from a structure, highway, road, railroad, excavation, project development or improvements attached to real estate.

Some construction companies require that any subcontractor who works with them is registered, whether they have employees or not, and construction industry trade associations support this effort.

Even if you don't have any employees, it may be to your benefit to register as a contractor as registration helps to:

- ★ limit fraud;
- ★ establish insurance compliance;
- ★ limit liability;
- ★ make it easier to locate and contact local contractors.

*The Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Construction Contractor seal is displayed by all registered construction contractors in Montana.*



# BUILDERS