

PMC ARCHITECTURE, INC.

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This newsletter is to local General Contractors (**GC's**) regarding canceling your license to retire. The California State Licensing Board (CSLB) has a form shown attached that is completed by the contractor licensee to cancel individual, partnerships, corporations or limited liability licenses, and joint ventures. If you want to cancel your license, you must notify the CSLB within 90 days after an event that causes the cancellation of the license. If not within 90 days, the license will be cancelled on the date that the CSLB receives notification.

According to Ai online, a California contractor's license cannot be transferred to another individual or business. If a business is sold, the new owner must obtain their own license before legally contracting, while the previous owner's license is retired. A license can only be transferred to a new legal business entity through specific, limited circumstances, such as a merger or a change in corporate filing status. Ask an attorney for more info. No, a California general contractor's license is not directly transferable or "sellable" to a corporation, but the individual owner can transfer the license to a corporation under specific circumstances, such as the corporation being newly formed by the owner. The original license is not sold to the corporation; instead, it's reassigned. The corporation must have been formed by the individual who holds the sole owner license. The individual must maintain at least 51% ownership of the corporation after the transfer.

An "Application for Original Contractor License – Examination Waiver" form must be submitted, along with the "Licensed Sole Owner Applying for Corporate License" form (13A-1h) and the required fees. Once reassigned, the license number belongs exclusively to the corporation and cannot be transferred back to the individual. A license can also be reassigned to a new entity if it's formed to continue the business of the original licensed corporation, which requires a written request. It is illegal to simply "loan" a license to another company, as each business must hold its own valid license.

I am not an attorney, but an architect that researched CSLB & Google and sharing it what is stated online. I would like to help you find new projects to build by providing architectural services to obtain a permit. I have structural engineers and T24 consultants to assist if needed.

GC's, when you find a prospect that wants to start a project, remember that **PMC Architecture** is a marketing and sales tool to add to your toolbox to help you and a others obtain their objectives. I can meet with you & a prospect free of charge for the initial visit to help you get your foot in the door in finding new work. Please check out the PMC website pmcarchitecture.com or call me at **949 542 9205**.



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