

# Licenses Don't Impress Me

Licenses are BS. Yes, all of them.

I don't care whether you have a license; I care that you can *do* whatever you claim you can do.

I have nothing against training, certifications, endorsements, etc. I might even be impressed if you can show me credible proof of such training.

But licensing is *none* of that.

Licensing doesn't mean you are capable; it means you have gained the approval- the permission- of some political gang. It means you have paid the gang for that approval and permission, and in exchange, the gang won't (*might* not) murder you for doing what the license allows you to do- something you probably already have a natural human right to do.

For some pitiful people, a license means they believe the gang is a legitimate source of competence. Either by feeling proud of their license, or concerning themselves over the licensing of others. That's not how I see it at all. A license will never impress me- competence will.