

**Chapter 100: ADVISORY RULINGS**

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**SUMMARY:** This rule establishes guidelines relating to advisory rulings.

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**1. ADVISORY RULINGS****A. Authority and Scope**

The Board may issue an advisory ruling in accordance with 5 M.R.S.A. §9001 concerning the applicability of a statute or rule to existing facts. The Board shall review each request for an advisory ruling to determine whether the requested ruling is appropriate. The Board may, at its discretion, decline to issue an advisory ruling if the question is hypothetical, if there is insufficient information upon which to base a ruling or for any other reason the Board deems proper.

**B. Submission**

A request for an advisory ruling shall be submitted to the Board in writing and shall set forth in detail all facts pertinent to the question. The Board may require submission of additional information it deems necessary to provide a complete a factual background.

**C. Ruling**

The Board shall issue advisory rulings in writing. The advisory ruling shall include a statement of facts or assumptions, or both, upon which the ruling is based. The statement, without reference to other documents, shall be sufficiently detailed to apprise the reader of the basis of the opinion. The assent of four members of the Board is required for the issuance of an advisory ruling. The ruling must be signed by the Board's Chair, shall be identified specifically as an advisory ruling and shall be numbered serially.

**D. Publication**

The Department shall mail the advisory ruling to the requesting party and the Board Administrator shall retain a copy. An advisory ruling is a public document and is available for public inspection during the normal working hours of the Board. In addition, the Board may otherwise publish or circulate an advisory ruling as it deems appropriate.

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**02 DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION**

**318 ELECTRICIANS' EXAMINING BOARD**

**Chapter 110: CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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**SUMMARY:** This chapter outlines the Board members' responsible conduct in dealing with Board official duties.

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All duly appointed and sworn members of the Maine Electricians' Examining Board are charged with responsible conduct commensurate with the trust placed in them by the Governor. Such Board members are entrusted with the security, safety, health, prosperity and general well-being of the people of the State of Maine. With such a trust, high moral and ethical standards producing the public's confidence, with the reduction to a minimum of any conflict between private interests and official duties, should be observed. No Board Member will accept any employment which can possibly impair their independence and integrity of judgment nor will they exercise their position of trust to secure unwarranted privileges for themselves or for others. The Maine Electricians' Examining Board Member will endeavor conscientiously to pursue the highest standards of Board conduct.

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**Chapter 120: ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION STANDARDS**

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**SUMMARY:** This chapter adopts the current edition of the *National Electrical Code* to which all installations must conform.

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1. All installations of electrical equipment commencing on or after July 2, 2021 must comply with the 2020 edition of the *National Electrical Code*, *National Fire Protection Association* standard #70, as well as with all applicable statutes or rules of the State and this Board and all applicable ordinances, orders, rules and regulations of local municipalities.
2. The Board hereby adopts and incorporates into this chapter by reference the *National Electrical Code*, *National Fire Protection Association* standard # 70 (2020 edition), subject to the following amendments and exclusions:
  - A. The Board adopts Article 100, excepting the definition of Dormitory Unit, which the Board adopts as amended below:

**ARTICLE 100****Definitions . . .**

**Dormitory Unit.** A building or a space in a building in which group sleeping accommodations are provided for any number of persons who are not members of the same family in one room, or a series of closely associated rooms, under joint occupancy and single management, with or without meals, but without individual cooking facilities. (CMP 2)

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- B. The Board adopts Article 200.6(D) as amended below:

**200.6 Means of Identifying Grounded Conductors...**

**(D) Grounded Conductors of Different Systems.** Where grounded conductors of different systems are installed in the same raceway, cable, box, auxiliary gutter, or other type of enclosure, each grounded conductor shall be identified by system. Identification that distinguishes each system grounded conductor shall be permitted by one of the following means:

- (1) One system grounded conductor shall have an outer covering conforming to 200.6(A) or (B).
- (2) The grounded conductor(s) of other systems shall have a different outer covering conforming to 200.6(A) or 200.6(B) or by an outer covering of white or gray with a readily

distinguishable colored stripe other than green running along the insulation.

- (3) Other and different means of identification allowed by 200.6(A) or (B) shall distinguish each system grounded conductor.

The means of identification shall be permanently posted where the conductors of different systems originate.

- C. The Board adopts Article 210.5(C)(1)(b) as amended below:

**210.5 Identification for Branch Circuits. . .**

**(C) Identification of Ungrounded Conductors. . .**

**(1) Branch Circuits Supplied from More Than One Nominal Voltage System . . .**

- (b) *Posting of Identification Means.* The method utilized for conductors originating within each branch-circuit panelboard or similar branch-circuit distribution equipment shall be permanently posted at each branch-circuit panelboard or similar branch-circuit distribution equipment. The label shall be of sufficient durability to withstand the environment involved and shall not be handwritten.

- D. The Board adopts Article 210.8(B) as amended below:

**210.8 Ground-Fault Circuit-Interrupter Protection for Personnel . . .**

**(B) Other Than Dwelling Units.** All 125-volt through 250-volt receptacles supplied by single-phase branch circuits rated 150 volts or less to ground, 50 amperes or less, and all receptacles supplied by three-phase branch circuits rated 150 volts or less to ground, 50 amperes or less, installed in the locations specified in 210.8(B)(1) through (B)(12) shall have ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel.

- E. The Board adopts Article 210.8(F) as amended below:

**210.8 Ground-Fault Circuit-Interrupter Protection for Personnel . . .**

**(F) Outdoor Outlets.** All outdoor outlets for dwellings, other than those covered in 210.8(A)(3), Exception to (3), that are supplied by single-phase branch circuits rated 150 volts to ground or less, 50 amperes or less, shall have ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel.

*Exceptions: Ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection shall not be required on (1) lighting outlets other than those covered in 210.8(C), (2) heat pumps, (3) sewer pumps, or (4) water pumps.*

F. The Board adopts Article 215.12(C)(1)(b) as amended below:

**215.12 Identification for Feeders. . .**

**(C) Identification of Ungrounded Conductors. . .**

**(1) Feeders Supplied from More Than One Nominal Voltage System. . .**

- (b) *Posting of Identification Means.* The method utilized for conductors originating within each feeder panelboard or similar feeder distribution equipment shall be permanently posted at each feeder panelboard or similar feeder distribution equipment.

G. The Board adopts Article 230.2(E) as amended below:

**230.2 Number of Services . . .**

- (E) Identification.** Where a building or structure is supplied by more than one service, or any combination of branch circuits, feeders, and services, a permanent plaque or directory shall be installed at each service disconnect location and at each outside electrical meter location denoting all other services, feeders, and branch circuits supplying that building or structure and the area served by each. See 225.37.

H. The Board does not adopt Article 230.67, **Surge Protection.**

I. The Board adopts Article 334.10(3) as amended below:

**334.10 Uses Permitted. . .**

- (3) Other structures permitted to be of Types III, IV, and V construction. In buildings or structures with interior finished walls and/or ceilings, cables shall be concealed within walls, floors, or ceilings that provide a thermal barrier of material that has at least a 15-minute finish rating as identified in listings of fire-rated assemblies.

J. The Board does not adopt Article 334.12(A)(2).

K. The Board adopts Article 338.12(B)(1) and (2) as amended below:

**338.12 Uses Not Permitted. . .**

- (B) Underground Service-Entrance Cable.** Underground service-entrance cable (USE) shall not be used under the following conditions or in the following locations:

- (1) For interior wiring of branch circuits and feeders originating and terminating within the same building

- (2) For aboveground installations except where USE cable emerges from the ground and is terminated in an enclosure at a location acceptable to the Authority Having Jurisdiction and the cable is protected in accordance with 300.5(D)

L. The Board adopts Article 400.12(4) as amended below:

**400.12 Uses Not Permitted.** Unless specifically permitted in 400.10, flexible cords, flexible cables, cord sets, and power supply cords shall not be used for the following: . . .

- (4) Where attached to building surfaces

*Exception to (4): Flexible cord and flexible cable shall be permitted to be attached to building surfaces in accordance with 368.56(B) and 590.4. Flexible cord and cable shall also be permitted to have one connection to the building surface for a suitable tension take-up device. Length of the cord or cable from the supply termination to the take-up device shall be limited to 6' (1.83 m). Strain relief cable grips shall be provided for the cord or cable at the equipment terminations.*

M. The Board adopts Article 406.9(C) as amended below:

**406.9 Receptacles in Damp or Wet Locations. . .**

- (C) **Bathtub and Shower Space.** Receptacles shall not be installed within or directly over a bathtub or shower stall.

N. The Board adopts Article 625.40 as amended below:

**625.40 Electric Vehicle Branch Circuit.** Each outlet installed for the purpose of charging electric vehicles shall be supplied by an individual branch circuit. Each circuit shall have no other outlets.

*Exception: Installations that comply with documented manufacturer installation instructions.*

O. The Board adopts Article 702.4(B)(2) as amended below:

**702.4 Capacity and Rating. . .**

- (B) **System Capacity. . .**

- (2) **Automatic Transfer Equipment.** For other than single-family dwellings, where automatic transfer equipment is used, an optional standby system shall comply with 702.4(B)(2)(a) or (B)(2)(b) in accordance with Article 220 or by another approved method.

- (a) *Full Load.* The standby source shall be capable of supplying the full load that is transferred by the automatic transfer equipment.

(b) *Load Management*. Where a system is employed that will automatically manage the connected load, the standby source shall have a capacity sufficient to supply the maximum load that will be connected by the load management system.

3. Copies of the *National Electrical Code*, *National Fire Protection Association* standard #70 may be purchased from:

National Fire Protection Association  
1 Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101  
Quincy, MA 02269-9101  
Telephone: 1-800-344-3555  
[www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

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**Chapter 125: SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

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**SUMMARY:** This chapter sets forth the scope of practice for the various licenses issued by the Board.

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**1. DIRECT SUPERVISION**

For the purposes of this Chapter, direct supervision means that the master, journeyman or limited electrician shall be on site at all times.

**2. APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN**

An Apprentice Electrician shall register with the Apprenticeship Council of Maine, Department of Labor in order to work and to learn the trade of an electrician. An apprentice electrician must work under the direct supervision of a master, journeyman or limited electrician at all times while assisting in electrical installations.

**3. HELPER ELECTRICIAN**

A Helper Electrician shall be in the employment of a master electrician, limited electrician, or electrical company and must work under the direct supervision of a master, journeyman or limited electrician at all times while assisting in electrical installations.

**4. JOURNEYMAN-IN-TRAINING ELECTRICIAN**

A Journeyman-In-Training Electrician shall be in the employment of a master electrician, limited electrician, or electrical company and work under the supervision of a master, journeyman or limited electrician at all times while making electrical installations.

**5. JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN**

A Journeyman Electrician shall be in the employment of a master electrician, limited electrician, or electrical company while making electrical installations.

## **6. LIMITED ELECTRICIAN**

### **A. Limited to Water Pumps**

A Limited Electrician in Water Pumps is restricted to electrical work on water pumps between the branch circuits and power supplies.

### **B. Limited to Outdoor Signs, Including Sign Lighting**

A Limited Electrician in Outdoor Signs, including Sign Lighting, is restricted to electrical work on outdoor signs, including sign lighting, which does not include branch circuit wiring.

### **C. Limited to Gasoline Dispensing**

A Limited Electrician in Gasoline Dispensing is restricted to electrical work on gasoline dispensers between the branch circuit and the power supply.

### **D. Limited to Traffic Signals, Including Outdoor Lighting of Traffic Signals**

A Limited Electrician in Traffic Signals, including Outdoor Lighting of Traffic Signals, is restricted to electrical work on traffic signals, including outdoor lighting of traffic signals.

### **E. Limited to House Wiring**

A Limited Electrician in House Wiring is restricted to electrical work on one-family and two-family dwellings, including modular and mobile homes.

### **F. Limited to Refrigeration**

A Limited Electrician in Refrigeration is restricted to electrical work on refrigeration to all associated wire from the load side of distribution.

### **G. Limited to Low Energy**

A Limited Electrician in Low Energy is restricted to electrical work on:

1. low energy electronics as supplied by Class I, II and III limited energy systems and the dedicated branch circuit wiring; and
2. all fire alarm systems and the dedicated branch circuit wiring.

### **H. Limited Crane Technician**

A Limited Crane Technician is restricted to electrical work on cranes and hoists, including the installation of electrical equipment and wiring used in connection with cranes, monorail hoists, hoists and runways.

**7. MASTER ELECTRICIAN**

A Master Electrician may install electrical wires, conduits, apparatus, fixtures and other electrical equipment without limitation.

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**Chapter 130: EXAMINATION AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

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**SUMMARY:** This chapter sets forth the examination and licensure requirements for the various licenses issued by the Board.

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**1. ELIGIBILITY FOR EXAMINATION****A. JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN**

To sit for the journeyman electrician's examination, an applicant must meet the education and work experience requirements set forth in 32 M.R.S.A. §1202(1)(A)(1) through (4).

An applicant who is not a graduate of an accredited regional applied technology high school 2-year electrical program or accredited community college electrical program and who is not an electrical apprentice registered with the Maine State Apprenticeship and Training Council must show proof of class hours in courses as follows:

1. 225 Hours consisting of 45 hour courses each in Electricity I, Electricity II, Math I, Controls I, and a current National Electrical Code course; and
2. 351 Hours of Electives all trade-related courses or a minimum of 225 hours of trade-related courses and 135 hours of degree-related courses in mathematics, science, business, human relations, and communication.

**B. MASTER ELECTRICIAN**

To sit for the master electrician's examination, an applicant must meet the education and work experience requirements set forth in 32 M.R.S.A. §1202(1)(B) and must show proof of class hours in courses as follows:

1. 450 Hours consisting of 45 hour courses each in Electricity I, Electricity II, Electronics I, Math I, Controls I, Controls II, Motors, Blue Print Reading/Drafting, Transformers, and a current National Electrical Code course; and
2. 126 Hours of degree-related courses in mathematics, science, business, human relations, and communication.

**C. LIMITED ELECTRICIAN**

1. To sit for the limited electrician's examination in **water pumps**, the applicant must meet the following education and work experience requirements:

- a. 135 hours of electrical education consisting of 45 hour courses each in Electricity I, Motors/Controls I, and a current National Electrical Code course; and
  - b. 2,000 hours of work experience, at least 1,000 hours of which is in water pump installations.
2. To sit for the limited electrician's examination in **outdoor signs** (including sign lighting), the applicant must meet the following education and work experience requirements:
  - a. 135 hours of electrical education consisting of 45 hour courses each in Electricity I, Controls I, and a current National Electrical Code course; and
  - b. 2,000 hours of work experience, at least 1,000 hours of which is in outdoor signs and sign lighting installations.
3. To sit for the limited electrician's examination in **gasoline dispensing**, the applicant must meet the following education and work experience requirements:
  - a. 135 hours of electrical education consisting of 45 hour courses each in Electricity I, Controls I, and a current National Electrical Code course; and
  - b. 2,000 hours of work experience, at least 1,000 hours of which is in gasoline dispensing equipment installations.
4. To sit for the limited electrician's examination in **traffic signals** (including outdoor lighting and traffic signals), an applicant must meet the following education and work experience requirements:
  - a. 135 hours of electrical education consisting of 45 hour courses each in Electricity I, Electronics I/Controls I, and a current National Electrical Code course; and
  - b. 2,000 hours of work experience, at least 1,000 hours of which is in traffic signal installations.
5. To sit for the limited electrician's examination in **house wiring**, the applicant must meet the following education and work experience requirements:
  - a. 225 hours of electrical education consisting of 45 hour courses each in Electricity I, Electricity II, Controls I, Blueprint Reading, and a current National Electrical Code course; and
  - b. 4,000 hours of work experience, at least 2,000 hours of which is in house wiring installations.
6. To sit for the limited electrician's examination in **refrigeration**, the applicant must meet the following education and work experience requirements:

- a. 270 hours of electrical education consisting of 45 hour courses each in Electricity I, Electricity II, Controls I, Controls II, Motors/Transformers, and a current National Electrical Code course; and
- b. 6,000 hours of work experience, at least 3,000 hours of which is in refrigeration installations.

**NOTE:** A graduate of a community college electrical program in refrigeration or from an accredited institution is credited with 4,000 hours of experience upon graduation.

- 7. To sit for the limited electrician's examination in **low energy** (including fire alarms), the applicant must meet the following education and work experience requirements:
  - a. 270 hours of electrical education consisting of 45 hour courses each in Electricity I, Electricity II, Electronics I, Blueprint Reading, Controls I, and a current National Electrical Code course; and
  - b. 4,000 hours of work experience, at least 2,000 hours of which is in low energy installations.

**NOTE:** An applicant for a limited license in low energy, whose experience was obtained prior to June 24, 1987, is not required to sit for the examination. The applicant must document 4,000 hours of experience in the installation of low energy electronics, as defined by NFPA 70, the 1990 edition of the National Electrical Code.

- 8. To sit for the limited electrician's examination as a **crane technician**, the applicant must meet the following education and work experience requirements:
  - a. 135 hours of electrical education consisting of 45 hour courses each in Electricity I, Controls I, and a current National Electrical Code course; and
  - b. 2,000 hours of work experience in crane and hoist installations.

**NOTE:** An applicant for a limited license as a crane technician, whose experience was obtained prior to September 18, 1999, is not required to sit for the examination.

#### **D. APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION**

- 1. An applicant for an examination shall submit all of the following:
  - a. Completed application;
  - b. The nonrefundable application fee required by Chapter 10, Section 5(15) of the rules of the Office of Licensing and Registration, entitled "Establishment of License Fees;"

- c. Documentation of the education and experience required by Section 1(A), (B) or (C) of this Chapter; and
2. Incomplete or illegible applications will be returned to the applicant together with any attachments.
3. An applicant for examination must receive Board approval prior to sitting for an examination. Examination scores of applicants who take an examination prior to receiving Board approval will not be recognized.
4. Denied or abandoned applications requiring no further Board action will be destroyed after 6 months, and an applicant must file a new application in order to reapply.

## 2. EXAMINATIONS

The following provisions apply to examinations for journeyman, master and limited licenses.

- A. The passing score for all examinations is 70%.
- B. An application for examination remains valid for a period of 2 years from the date of receipt. An applicant who fails to pass the examination within 2 years of Board approval shall reapply as a new applicant.

In the case of a member of the United States Armed Forces, an extension may be granted if the applicant serves no more than 4 years. If required by some provision to serve a period longer than 4 years, the applicant shall submit satisfactory evidence of this provision and a further extension may be granted. The applicant shall notify the Electricians' Examining Board of separation from the United States Armed Forces within 90 days after separation from service and sit for examination within 2 years from the date of separation.

**NOTE:** Refer to the Candidate Informational Bulletin for more examination information.

## 3. LICENSURE

### A. JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN

Upon passing the journeyman examination, an applicant for a journeyman license shall submit the application provided by the Board and the fees required by Chapter 10, Section 5(15) of the rules of the Office of Licensing and Registration, entitled "Establishment of License Fees."

### B. MASTER ELECTRICIAN

Upon passing the master examination, an applicant for a master license shall submit the application provided by the Board and the fees required by Chapter 10, Section 5(15) of the rules of the Office of Licensing and Registration, entitled "Establishment of License Fees."

**C. LIMITED ELECTRICIAN**

Upon passing the limited examination, an applicant for a limited license shall submit the application provided by the Board and the fees required by Chapter 10, Section 5(15) of the rules of the Office of Licensing and Registration, entitled "Establishment of License Fees."

**D. HELPER ELECTRICIAN**

1. An applicant for a helper license as set forth in 32 M.R.S.A. §1202(2) shall submit the application provided by the Board and the fees required by Chapter 10, Section 5(15) of the rules of the Office of Licensing and Registration, entitled "Establishment of License Fees."
2. The minimum age for a helper is 16 years, unless the applicant is enrolled in an accredited regional applied technology high school 2-year electrical program.

**E. APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN**

1. An applicant for an apprentice license as set forth in 32 M.R.S.A. §1202(2) shall submit the application provided by the Board and the fees required by Chapter 10, Section 5(15) of the rules of the Office of Licensing and Registration, entitled "Establishment of License Fees."
2. An applicant for an apprentice license must be enrolled in the State Apprenticeship and Training Council and must show proof of enrollment.
3. The minimum age for an apprentice is 16 years.

**F. JOURNEYMAN-IN-TRAINING**

An applicant for a journeyman-in-training license as set forth in 32 M.R.S.A. §1202(1)(D) shall submit the application provided by the Board and the fees required by Chapter 10, Section 5(15) of the rules of the Office of Licensing and Registration, entitled "Establishment of License Fees."

**G. WORK EXPERIENCE**

To be recognized for licensing purposes, work experience must meet the following requirements:

1. Unless an applicant was enrolled in an accredited regional applied technology high school 2-year electrical program at the time, only hours of work experience after the applicant's sixteenth birthday are valid;
2. Unless overtime is verified to the Board's satisfaction, no credit for work experience shall be given for more than 40 hours per week; and
3. Experience applicable toward licensure after January 1, 2002 must be obtained with a valid license unless otherwise exempted.



#### H. IDENTIFICATION OF LICENSEE

A person validly licensed as an electrician pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Chapter 17 shall be issued a pocket card, which shall include the name of the person, the number and type of license and the time period for which the license is valid. The pocket card must be carried by the licensee at all times when acting in the course of the trade and must be displayed upon request.

#### 4. RENEWAL; CONTINUING EDUCATION; LATE RENEWALS

- A. **Renewal.** All licenses expire 2 years from date of issuance. To renew a license, the licensee shall follow the online renewal procedure prescribed by the Board and shall remit the license fee required by Chapter 10, Section 5(15) of the rules of the Office of Licensing and Registration.
  
- B. **Continuing Education.** A master electrician, journeyman electrician, limited electrician, or journeyman-in-training shall also certify at time of renewal to completion of an approved 15 hour current National Electrical Code update course according to the schedule below. This certification is subject to audit pursuant to Chapter 13 of the rules of the Office of Licensing and Registration, entitled "Uniform Rule for the Substantiation of Continuing Education Requirements."

### National Electrical Code Update Schedule

Renewal Year	15-hour NEC Code Update
2007	No Code Update Required
2008	2008 Code Update
2009	2008 Code Update
2010	No Code Update Required
2011	2011 Code Update
2012	2011 Code Update
2013	No Code Update Required
2014	2014 Code Update
2015	2014 Code Update
2016	No Code Update Required
2017	2017 Code Update
2018	2017 Code Update
2019	No Code Update Required
2020	2020 Code Update
2021	2020 Code Update

**NOTE:** The National Electrical Code Update Schedule is based on an assumed 3 year code cycle and subject to actual publication dates by the National Electrical Code.

- C. A license may be renewed up to 90 days after expiration upon payment of the late fee required by Chapter 11, Section 2(1) of the rules of the Office of Licensing and Registration, entitled “Late Renewals,” in addition to the license fee.

## 5. LICENSE REINSTATEMENT

A master, limited or journeyman electrician who submits an application for renewal more than 90 days after the license expiration date shall be subject to one of the following conditions:

- A. **More than 90 Days but less than 2 Years.** The licensee who fails to renew a license for more than 90 days but not more than 2 years after the date of expiration may reinstate the license without taking the examination by filing a new application for renewal and paying the license and late renewal fees required by Chapter 10, Section 5(15) of the rules of the Office of Licensing and Registration, entitled “Establishment of License Fees” and Chapter 11, Section 3 of the rules of the Office of Licensing and Registration, entitled “Late Renewals;”

- B. **More than 2 Years but less than 10 Years.** The licensee who fails to renew a license for more than 2 years but less than 10 years after the date of expiration may request a hearing at a scheduled meeting of the Board to determine eligibility. The Board, in its discretion, may reinstate the license upon payment of the applicable licensee and late renewal fees and upon such conditions as may be necessary to ensure that the licensee is qualified to resume practice; or
- C. **More than 10 Years.** An individual who fails to renew a license for more than 10 years from the date of expiration may obtain a new license by satisfying all of the requirements of 32 M.R.S.A. Chapter 17 and these rules.

## 6. REJECTED APPLICATIONS

Denied or abandoned applications requiring no further Board action will be destroyed after 6 months, and an applicant must file a new application in order to reapply.

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**Chapter 135: ELECTRICAL PERMITS**

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**Summary:** This chapter identifies the types of licensee who may apply for an electrical permit, requires that the licensee applying for a permit must personally sign the application, prohibits a licensee from signing a permit application on behalf of or in the name of another licensee, requires that the permit fee be paid at time of application, and states that a person who applies for a permit is legally and professionally responsible for compliance with the electrical laws and rules relating to the installation for which the permit was requested.

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**1. Application for Electrical Permit**

Application for an electrical permit pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. §1102-B may be made only by:

1. An individual master electrician; or
2. An individual limited electrician, for an installation within the scope of the licensee's limited practice.

The application must be personally signed by the master electrician or limited electrician applying for the permit. A licensee may not sign an application on behalf of or in the name of another licensee, even if authorized to do so by the other licensee.

**2. Fees**

An application for an electrical permit must be accompanied by the fees required by Chapter 10, Section 5(15) of the rules of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Licensing and Registration entitled "Establishment of License Fees."

**3. Responsibility**

A master electrician or limited electrician who applies for an electrical permit is legally and professionally responsible for compliance with all laws and rules enforceable by the board with respect to the installation for which the permit was requested.

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**Chapter 150: RECIPROCITY**

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**SUMMARY:** This Chapter defines the procedures for qualifying for licensure by reciprocity.

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**1. RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS**

- A. At the request of the electricians' licensing authority in another state (the "reciprocal state"), or upon its own initiative, the Board shall determine whether the reciprocal state's standards for licensure are sufficient to establish that an electrician licensed in the reciprocal state is qualified to make electrical installations in Maine without taking the examination, which is otherwise required under 32 M.R.S.A. §1203. In making this determination, the factors the Board shall consider include, but need not be limited to, the type of examination administered, the passing score and provisions (if any) for waiver of examination, and the length of time those standards have been in effect.
- B. If the reciprocal state uses different terminology for its licensing grades than Maine uses, or uses the same terms with different meanings, a reciprocity agreement shall specify which degrees of licensure are subject to reciprocity.
- C. Any individual licensed by reciprocity shall comply with the Maine statutes and rules governing electricians while engaged in electrical installations in the State of Maine, including continuing education requirements.
- D. If a reciprocity agreement is terminated by either Maine or the reciprocal state, no new licenses may be granted on the basis of that agreement, but the termination of the agreement shall not impair the validity or renewability of licenses previously issued under the agreement.

**2. APPLICATION**

- A. If a reciprocity agreement has been ratified by both the Board and the licensing authority in the reciprocal state, any electrician licensed in the reciprocal state shall be issued a Maine license of the equivalent degree. Applicants for reciprocity shall submit all of the following:
  - 1. Completed application;
  - 2. The nonrefundable application fee required by Chapter 10, Section 5(15) of the rules of the Office of Licensing and Registration, entitled "Establishment of License Fees;"
  - 3. The license fee required by Chapter 10, Section 5(15) of the rules of the Office of Licensing and Registration, entitled "Establishment of License Fees;"

4. Documentation of six years of licensed working experience; and
  5. License verification from the reciprocal state.
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Chapter 160: POWER GENERATION SYSTEMS AS ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS

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**Summary:** This chapter explains when installations of power generation systems are, and are not, considered “electrical installations.”

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1. Only licensed electricians may perform “electrical installations” as that term is defined in statute.
  2. A complete installation of a photovoltaic, fuel cell, or wind power generation system is an “electrical installation” as that term is defined by statute.
  3. For purposes of installing portions of photovoltaic power generation systems that constitute less than a complete installation:
    - A. A “photovoltaic system” includes all components used to convert solar energy into electric energy.
    - B. Installation of any component of a photovoltaic system that converts solar energy into electric energy constitutes an “electrical installation” as that term is defined by statute.
    - C. Making either an electrical connection of any component within a photovoltaic system, or an electrical connection to such system, constitutes an “electrical installation” as that term is defined by statute.
    - D. The mere construction or placement of a support structure intended to hold or support a photovoltaic system (including racking and mounting equipment such as frames, racks, rails, and footings) that does not itself convert solar energy into electric energy does not constitute an “electrical installation.”
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**02 DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION**

**318 ELECTRICIANS' EXAMINING BOARD**

**Chapter 170: DENIAL APPEALS**

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**Summary:** This Chapter sets forth an applicant or licensee's right to appeal certain board actions.

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**APPEAL OF LICENSE DENIAL**

An applicant or licensee may appeal a license denial to the Board by filing a request for hearing with the Board in writing within 30 days of the applicant's or licensee's receipt of notice of the denial. An adjudicatory hearing will be scheduled upon receipt of a timely appeal. Non-timely appeals will be denied without hearing.

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