

**RULES AND REGULATIONS  
RELATING TO  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICIANS  
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PROMULGATION OF RULES**

**The Division of Professional Regulation within the Department of Labor and Training, under the authority granted by Chapter 6 of Title 5 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, adopts, amends, modifies and rejects general and special rules and regulations under Chapter 35 of Title 42 of the General Laws of Rhode Island as amended and proposes the following amendments:**

**As Amended May 2008  
April 2013 (proposed)**

1. At the February meeting, the Board shall elect a Chairman and Secretary who shall serve for a period of one (1) year.
2. Under the provisions of section 26 of Chapter 5-6 of the General Laws of 1956 (as amended) the Division of Professional Regulation does hereby adopt and specify the provisions of the National Electrical Code adopted by the Rhode Island State Building Commission as its official rules and requirements for performance of electrical work. A copy of the said National Electrical Code, plus any amendments thereto, which the division may adopt from time to time, shall, when filed in the office of the Secretary of State be deemed to be official.
3. ~~(A)~~ (a) All examinations shall be conducted and completed in writing and may include written and/or practical demonstrations, and the provisions shall be based upon some definite edition of the National Electrical Code and amendments thereto. Notice of the time and place of examinations will be mailed to each applicant. Only applicants approved to take the examination will be admitted.  
  
~~(B)~~ (b) All examinations shall be in writing except as hereinafter provided for by #1 of the Division of Professional Regulation/Rules and Regulations.
4. All answers to written examination questions will be in ink, unless otherwise specified. Any person found referring to notes or books during an examination, except by permission by the board will be disqualified from that examination. Applicants for examination will be required to obtain an average of at least 70% in order to obtain a license. Applicants for examination will be required to obtain an average of at least 60% in order to review said examination with the members of the board.

5. Applications are made by filing for the type of license/certificate sought. The application forms are available at the Office of the Division of Professional Regulation. Applications for examinations must be received 15 working days prior to the examination date.
6. Electrical Contractor's/Master's License. The officer whom is the holder of the contractors' license, Class A, E, AF, LPC or SCF, must present certified documentation, from the Rhode Island Office of the Secretary of State, to the Department of Labor and Training/Division of Professional Regulation which certifies that the licensed electrical contractor is a duly elected officer of said corporation. If a contractor holding Certificate A, AF, E, LPC or SCF wishes to conduct business under a firm or corporation name, the Division of Professional Regulation will issue a certificate stating such, upon payment of the fee of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars. A license holder may obtain only one (1) firm or corporate certificate and his/her license shall be restricted to the identifying corporation. The firm or corporate certificate will comprise both the original electrical contractor's number and the electrical corporation's license number. The original electrical contractor's license shall not be utilized by said electrical contractor independent of the firm or corporate certificate. Upon the termination of the firm or corporate certificate in the name of the electrical contractor, the electrical contractor may obtain his/her individual license. The renewal fee for the electrical contractor's license and the electrical firm or corporate certificate shall become due and payable on the birthday of the holder of the electrical contractor's license.
7. (a) Applicants for a Class B must submit a notarized letter from employers, and in the case of military, verification from proper officials of an applicant's former military unit, stating the type and extent of experience which the applicant has had in the type of work for which a license is being sought. Those applying for Journeypersons Class B License must have at least 8,000 hours (4 years) experience as a registered apprentice.

(b) Applicants for Contractor's Certificate A must have had at least 12,000 hours (6 years) experience and have held a Rhode Island B license for two years. Out of state applicants who hold a contractor's license or journeyperson's license will be allowed to take the Rhode Island journeyperson's exam. Out of state applicants who hold a contractor's license and a Rhode Island journeyperson's license for two years and have 12,000 hours (6 years) experience will be allowed to take the Rhode Island contractor's exam.

(c) Applicants for a Limited Maintenance journeypersons Class M license must have fulfilled the application requirements and conditions set forth in RIGL §5-6-24 (c).

(d) Applicants for a Limited Journeyperson license Class BF, F or CF shall be required to work a minimum of four thousand (4,000) hours over a period of not less

than two (2) years as a registered limited apprentice and submit a notarized letter from their employer indicating hours worked.

(e) Any person applying to take the examination for the Lightning Protection Installer's License (Certificate LPI) as per RIGL §5-6-11(d) and §5-6-24(d) must provide the Department of Labor and Training with an affidavit or a notarized letter from a current and/or prior employer(s) evidencing that said applicant has worked for a recognized lightning protection company for a minimum of four thousand (4000) hours over a period of not less than two (2) years.

(f) Applicants filing for Class A, E, AF, LPC or SCF Certificates must be at least twenty one (21) years of age. Applicants for other licenses must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. The years of experience for a journeyman or contractor will only pertain to new applicants received in the division as of the effective date of acceptance of these rules and regulations.

8. In the case of military service personnel, who are licensees prior to their entry into the military, shall have their licenses renewed without further examination, provided, however, they seek renewal within four (4) years and four (4) months of their enlistment date and upon the payment of the prescribed fee.
9. No licensee shall engage in business under any name other than that stated on his license, except the holder of Certificate A, AF, SCF, LPC or E pursuant to rule No. 6.
10. Applications for renewal of Class "A", Class "E", Class "SCF", Class "LPC" or Class "AF" licenses shall be signed, in the case of firms and corporations, by the same member or officer who was originally granted a license or passed the examination by which said firm or corporation was authorized, or re-authorized, to enter upon or engage in business as provided in Chapter 5-6 of the General Laws of 1956 (as amended).
11. Persons, firms or corporations aggrieved by a decision of the Director of Labor and Training, upon recommendation of the Board, on any questions relative to examinations may petition for a hearing before the Director of Labor and Training and Board. Request for such a hearing must be made in writing to the Secretary of the Board, within 30 days of notice of such decision. Said decision of the Director of Labor and Training, upon recommendation of the Board, regarding any person, firm or corporation shall be mailed to the aggrieved and records kept on file.
12. All requests for interpretations by the Board shall be submitted in writing to the Department of Labor and Training.

13. General contractors that are not licensed electrical contractors, with the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training, shall not bid, solicit, or advertise for electrical work. They may solicit bids from Rhode Island Licensed Electrical Contractors.
14. Persons and work exempt ---- The term "electric light and power company" shall mean any public utility doing business as an electric utility in the State of Rhode Island and whose business is directly regulated by the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Title 39 of the Rhode Island General Laws.
15. (a) Limited Premise License/Class C and Limited Maintenance License/Class D - All limited premise and limited maintenance licenses issued by the Department of Labor and Training/Division of Professional Regulation shall include a description of the existing property and the content for the existing equipment therein.

(b) The word premises as used shall mean an existing building and premises. It shall not mean new construction and/or an addition to an existing building.

(c) Limited Premises and Limited Maintenance License shall authorize a person, firm or corporation the right to repair and/or maintain existing electric wires, devices, appliances and equipment on the premises. An individual Limited Premise and/or Limited Maintenance License is required for each address.

(d) Limited Premises or Limited Maintenance License, as provided in Chapters 5-6-10, 5-6-10.1 and 5-6-14 of the General Laws, shall authorize municipalities, schools, hospitals, colleges, or other non-manufacturing firms or entities, who regularly employ one (1) or more licensed electricians (journeyman/Class B), the right to repair and/or maintain existing electric wires, devices, appliances and equipment on said premise.

(e) Under R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-6-10, a Certificate C permit shall be issued to the Department of Administration, Division of Facilities Management as the coordinated facilities management agent for all State agencies pursuant to Executive Order 04-04. The Division of Facilities Management is comparable to the Rhode Island Department of Transportation and Rhode Island Airport Corporation in that it regularly employs licensed electricians and is responsible for and capable of performing electrical maintenance and installation work on State owned premises. The Division of Facilities Management shall be subject to the application requirements as outlined in R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-6-10 and the limited scope as outlined in R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-6-14.
16. License of Oilburner Contractor/Master (Class E) and Oilburner Journeyman (Class F) -- Class E and Class F Licenses are restricted to domestic oil and gas heating equipment for installation and servicing of domestic home heating plants, also defined as central heating plants. The performance of electrical work on commercial oil and

gas burners burning No. 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 fuel oil requires an Electrical Contractor's License (Class A) and Electrical Journeyman's License (Class B).

17. Renewal of certificates and licenses - All certificates and/or licenses issued by the division of professional regulation shall be renewable on the birthday of the licensee. A certificate and/or license shall not be renewable if a penalty and/or fine is outstanding with the Department of Labor and training, Division of Professional Regulation, until such time as restitution has been made.

18. Mandatory Continuing Education -

~~A.~~ (a) Instructors or inspectors shall attend a preparation seminar held by Department of Labor and Training, Division of Professional Regulations, every three (3) years, prior to teaching a fifteen (15) hour course.

~~B.~~ (b) Instructors or inspectors are required to teach a class during each and every code cycle.

~~C.~~ (c) Instructors or inspectors are required to teach the current electrical code with necessary amendments to be forwarded to the student, upon adoption of the same.

~~D.~~ (d) Instructors or inspectors are required to insure that any and all of their students are actually in attendance for the required fifteen (15) hours of continuing education. Providers (instructors or inspectors) shall issue an approved uniform certificate verifying the completion of the fifteen (15) hour course, to each student, in accordance with 5-6-20.1. As mandated in 5-6-15, any instructor or inspector who has provided a false statement, shall be subject to the penalties, prosecution and enforcement of chapter 5-6 - (electricians).

~~E.~~ (e) Instructors or inspectors are hereby required to provide the Department of Labor and Training/Division of Professional Regulation with copies of their fifteen (15) hour mandatory continuing education course curriculum, class location and class schedules.

~~F.~~ (f) A minimum of 10 students per class, unless approved by the Department of Labor & Training.

~~G.~~ (g) Out of State Licensees, who do not have courses available to them may take an NFPA National Electrical Code course, and obtain a copy of the Rhode Island amendments from the Rhode Island Building Code Commission Office.

~~H.~~ (h) Any license holder desiring a variance on the requirements would have to appear before the board on a case by case basis.

**Copies of the aforementioned proposed amendments to the Rules are available for public inspection at the Rhode Island Department of Labor & Training, Division of Professional Regulation, 70-2, 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.**

**In the development of the proposed amendments, consideration was given to:(1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small businesses as defined in Chapter 35 of Title 42 of the General Laws, which may result from the proposed amendments. Based on available information, no significant economic impact was identified nor are there any alternative approaches, duplications or overlaps with other state regulations.**

**Written comments regarding the proposed amendments are welcomed and will be accepted within twenty (20) days of the date of publication of this notice. Please address all comments or inquiries to Joseph Degnan, Assistant Director, Department of Labor and Training, 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920.**

**In accordance with Rhode Island General Laws § 42-35-3, an oral hearing on these proposed amendments will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons or a governmental subdivision or agency, or by an association having not less than twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of this publication of notice. If a hearing is properly requested, it shall be held on May 24, 2013 at 2:30 pm., in Bldg. 73-1, 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920.**

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
RI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING  
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATIONS**

**CONCISE SUMMARY OF PROPOSED NON-TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS  
TO  
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In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Section 42-35-3(a)(1) of the General Laws of Rhode Island, the following is a concise summary of proposed non-technical amendments:

The regulations have been amended to include regulation 15(e), which allows the Department of Administration, Division of Facilities Management, to apply for and obtain a Certificate C permit pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-6-10. The regulations have also been amended to make corrections to form.