

1 AN ACT relating to electricians.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 227A.060 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The department shall issue a license as an "electrical contractor" to an applicant
5 who meets the following requirements:
- 6 (a) Has paid to the department the application fee not to exceed two hundred
7 dollars (\$200) and the appropriate examination fee, which shall not exceed the
8 actual cost of examination;
 - 9 (b) Has achieved a passing score, as set by the department, on all portions of the
10 examination required by the department. The department shall promulgate
11 administrative regulations to specify who shall take the examination if the
12 applicant is a business entity; and
 - 13 (c) Has submitted proof that he or she has complied with workers' compensation
14 and unemployment insurance laws and administrative regulations and has
15 obtained a general liability insurance policy of not less than five hundred
16 thousand dollars (\$500,000).
- 17 (2) The department shall issue a license as a "master electrician" to an applicant who
18 meets the following requirements:
- 19 (a) Has paid to the department the application fee not to exceed one hundred
20 dollars (\$100) and the appropriate examination fee not to exceed the actual
21 cost of the examination;
 - 22 (b) Has completed:
 - 23 1. a. ***Four (4)***~~Six (6)~~ years of verifiable experience in the electrical
24 trade since his or her sixteenth birthday; and
 - 25 b. A training course in electrical work, acceptable to the department,
26 or an additional two (2) years of verifiable experience in the
27 electrical trade; or

- 1 2. a. **Four (4)**~~[Five (5)]~~ years of verifiable experience in the electrical
- 2 trade since his or her sixteenth birthday; and
- 3 b. **i.** An associate's degree or diploma program in electrical
- 4 technology at a college within the Kentucky Community and
- 5 Technical College System after 1998 **or at an accredited**
- 6 **college or university; or**
- 7 **ii. Two (2) years of teaching electrical technology or a related**
- 8 **field at an accredited college or university;** and
- 9 (c) Has achieved a passing score, as set by the department, on all portions of the
- 10 examination required by the department.
- 11 (3) The department shall issue a license as an "electrician" to an applicant who meets
- 12 the following requirements:
- 13 (a) Has paid to the department the application fee not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50)
- 14 and the appropriate examination fee not to exceed the actual cost of the
- 15 examination administered by the department;
- 16 (b) Has completed:
- 17 1. Two (2) years of verifiable experience in the electrical trade since his or
- 18 her sixteenth birthday; and
- 19 2. a. A training course in electrical work, acceptable to the department;
- 20 b. Two (2) years of a minimum four (4) year training course in
- 21 electrical work, acceptable to the department, and shall complete
- 22 the remaining years of that training course within four (4) years of
- 23 obtaining the electrician license, or the electrician license shall be
- 24 revoked;~~[or]~~
- 25 c. **An associate's degree or diploma program in electrical**
- 26 **technology at a college within the Kentucky Community and**
- 27 **Technical College System after 1998 or at an accredited college**

1 or university;

2 d. Two (2) years of teaching electrical technology or a related field
 3 at an accredited college or university; or

4 e. An additional two (2) years of verifiable experience in the
 5 electrical trade; and

6 (c) Has achieved a passing score, as set by the department, on all portions of the
 7 examination required and administered by the department.

8 (4) (a) Part or all of the experience requirements for licensing under subsection (2)
 9 or (3) of this section may be met through applicable supervised military
 10 occupational specialty experience while serving in the United States Armed
 11 Forces, including but not limited to electrical engineering, electrical power
 12 production, electrical repair or maintenance, utilities, aviation repair or
 13 maintenance, electronic systems repair or maintenance, or aircraft
 14 electrician experience.

15 (b) The department shall promulgate administrative regulations under KRS
 16 Chapter 13A that establish an application form for the use of military
 17 experience to apply toward licensure experience under subsection (2) or (3)
 18 of this section. As part of the application process, the applicant shall be
 19 required to provide:

20 1. A copy of the applicant's DD-214 form showing the applicant's
 21 military occupational specialty; or

22 2. A signed statement by the applicant's commanding officer, on a form
 23 provided by the department, attesting to the fact that the applicant
 24 meets the experience requirements of this section.

25 (5) (a) The department shall issue a nonrenewable provisional license as an
 26 "electrician" to an applicant who:

27 1. Is a Kentucky resident; and

- 1 2. Has completed at least six (6) years of verifiable experience and has
2 worked two thousand eighty (2,080) hours a year for those six (6) years
3 in the electrical trade since the applicant's sixteenth birthday.
- 4 (b) A nonrenewable provisional license issued to an applicant under paragraph (a)
5 of this subsection shall be valid for a period not to exceed one (1) year from
6 the date of issuance.
- 7 (c) The department shall issue a license as an electrician to a provisional license
8 holder who has, prior to the expiration of the one (1) year term of the
9 provisional license:
- 10 1. Achieved a passing score on all portions of the examination required
11 and administered by the department under subsection (3)(c) of this
12 section;
- 13 2. Paid to the department the application fee not to exceed fifty dollars
14 (\$50); and
- 15 3. Paid to the department the examination fee not to exceed the actual cost
16 of the examination.
- 17 (d) If a provisional license holder does not achieve a passing score on all portions
18 of the examination required and administered under subsection (3)(c) of this
19 section prior to the expiration of the one (1) year term of the provisional
20 license, the provisional license shall expire and the provisional license holder
21 shall be ineligible for any additional provisional licenses. Nothing in this
22 paragraph shall prevent a former provisional license holder from acquiring an
23 electrician's license under subsection (3) of this section.