

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 sixteen thousand (16,000) hours of verifiable experience in  
23 the electrical trade since his or her sixteenth birthday. Completion of any of  
24 the following shall substitute for four thousand (4,000) hours of verifiable  
25 experience in the electrical trade:
    - 26 1. A training course in electrical work, acceptable to the department;
    - 27 2. An associate's degree or diploma program in electrical technology or a

- 1                                    related field at a college within the Kentucky Community and
- 2                                    Technical College System or at an accredited college or university; or
- 3                                    3. Two (2) years of teaching electrical technology or a related field at an
- 4                                    accredited college or university[a. — Six (6) years of verifiable
- 5                                    experience in the electrical trade since his or her sixteenth birthday; and
- 6                                    b. — A training course in electrical work, acceptable to the department,
- 7                                    or an additional two (2) years of verifiable experience in the
- 8                                    electrical trade; or
- 9                                    2. a. Five (5) years of verifiable experience in the electrical trade since
- 10                                    his or her sixteenth birthday; and
- 11                                    b. — An associate's degree or diploma program in electrical technology
- 12                                    at a college within the Kentucky Community and Technical
- 13                                    College System after 1998]; and
- 14                                    (c) Has achieved a passing score, as set by the department, on all portions of the
- 15                                    examination required by the department.
- 16                                    (3) The department shall issue a license as an "electrician" to an applicant who meets
- 17                                    the following requirements:
- 18                                    (a) Has paid to the department the application fee not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50)
- 19                                    and the appropriate examination fee not to exceed the actual cost of the
- 20                                    examination administered by the department;
- 21                                    (b) Has completed eight thousand (8,000) hours[:
- 22                                    1. ~~Two (2) years~~] of verifiable experience in the electrical trade since his or
- 23                                    her sixteenth birthday. Completion of any one (1) of the following shall
- 24                                    substitute for four thousand (4,000) hours of verifiable experience in
- 25                                    the electrical trade:[: and]
- 26                                    1.[: a.] A training course in electrical work, acceptable to the department;
- 27                                    2.[: b.] Two (2) years of a minimum four (4) year training course in electrical

1 work, acceptable to the department, with completion of~~and shall~~  
 2 ~~complete~~ the remaining years of that training course within four (4)  
 3 years of obtaining the electrician license, or the electrician license shall  
 4 be revoked;~~or~~

5 3. An associate's degree or diploma program in electrical technology or a  
 6 related field at a college within the Kentucky Community and  
 7 Technical College System or at an accredited college or university; or

8 4. Two (2) years of teaching electrical technology or a related field at an  
 9 accredited college or university~~;~~~~c. An additional two (2) years of~~  
 10 ~~verifiable experience in the electrical trade~~; and

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

13 (4) (a) All or part of the experience requirements for licensing under subsection (2)  
 14 or (3) of this section may be met through applicable supervised military  
 15 occupational specialty experience while serving in the United States Armed  
 16 Forces, including but not limited to electrical engineering, electrical power  
 17 production, electrical repair or maintenance, utilities, electronic systems  
 18 repair or maintenance, or aircraft electrician experience.

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

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

26 2. A signed statement by the applicant's commanding officer, on a form  
 27 provided by the department, attesting to the fact that the applicant

1                                    *meets the experience requirements of this section.*

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

1       ➔Section 2. KRS 227A.100 is amended to read as follows:

- 2       (1) Each licensee licensed under the provisions of KRS 227A.010 to 227A.140 shall  
3       biennially~~annually~~, on or before the last day of the licensee's birth month in the  
4       second year, pay to the department a renewal fee as established in administrative  
5       regulations promulgated by the department. Any license issued or renewed on or  
6       after the effective date of this Act shall be a biennial license.
- 7       (2) A sixty (60) day grace period shall be allowed after the expiration~~anniversary~~  
8       date of the license, during which time a licensee may continue to practice and may  
9       renew his or her license upon payment of the renewal fee plus a late renewal fee as  
10      promulgated by administrative regulation of the department.
- 11      (3) A license not renewed before the end of the sixty (60) day grace period shall  
12      terminate based on the failure of the licensee to renew in a timely manner. Upon  
13      termination, the licensee is no longer eligible to practice in the Commonwealth.
- 14      (4) After the sixty (60) day grace period, a former licensee with a terminated license  
15      may have the license reinstated upon payment of the renewal fee plus a  
16      reinstatement fee as promulgated by administrative regulation of the department.  
17      An applicant for reinstatement after termination of the license shall not be required  
18      to submit to any examination as a condition for reinstatement, if the reinstatement  
19      application is made within three (3) years from the date of termination.
- 20      (5) A suspended license is subject to expiration and termination and shall be renewed  
21      as provided in this section. Renewal shall not entitle the licensee to engage in the  
22      practice until the suspension has ended or is otherwise removed by the department  
23      and the right to practice is restored by the department.
- 24      (6) A revoked license is subject to expiration or termination but may not be renewed. If  
25      it is reinstated, the former licensee shall pay the reinstatement fee as promulgated  
26      by administrative regulations under subsection (4) of this section and the renewal  
27      fee as promulgated by administrative regulations under subsection (1) of this

1 section.

2 (7) The department shall require an applicant for renewal or reinstatement of a license  
3 to show evidence of completing at least six (6) hours of continuing education  
4 provided by the National Electrical Contractors Association, the Associated  
5 Builders and Contractors, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the  
6 Associated General Contractors, the International Association of Electrical  
7 Inspectors, the Independent Electrical Contractors Association, the Kentucky  
8 Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction, or other provider of  
9 instruction approved by the department. The department shall promulgate  
10 administrative regulations establishing the content of the programs and the  
11 qualifications of the providers.

12 (8) The department shall require, where applicable, that an applicant for renewal or  
13 reinstatement of a license submit proof that the applicant has complied with  
14 workers' compensation and unemployment insurance laws and regulations and has  
15 obtained a general liability insurance policy of not less than five hundred thousand  
16 dollars (\$500,000).

17 (9) The department may, through the promulgation of administrative regulations:

18 (a) Establish an inactive license for licensees who are not actively engaging in the  
19 electrical business but wish to maintain their license;

20 (b) Reduce license and renewal fees for inactive licensees;~~and~~

21 (c) Waive the requirements established in subsection (8) of this section for  
22 inactive licensees; **and**

23 **(d) Issue an electronic license instead of a physical license if requested by the**  
24 **licensee.**

25 **(10) This section does not apply to provisional licenses issued under Section 1 of this**  
26 **Act.**