

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 3215

By: West (Kevin) of the House

and

Daniels of the Senate

An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Sections 1684 and 1688, which relate to the Electrical License Act; establishing maximum grade value and passing score; providing for retaking of exam; modifying provisions related to certain certificates; requiring continuing education for renewal of certain licenses; requiring amendment of administrative rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Professions and occupations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1684, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1684. A. Examinations for licenses as electrical contractors or journeyman electricians shall be uniform and practical in nature for each respective license and shall be sufficiently strict to test the qualifications and fitness of the applicants for licenses. Examinations shall be in whole or in part in writing. The Committee shall conduct examinations twice a year and at such other times as it deems necessary.

~~B. Any applicant initially failing to pass the examination shall not be permitted to take another examination for a period of thirty (30) days. Any applicant subsequently failing to pass the examination shall not be permitted to take another examination for a period of ninety (90) days~~ The maximum grade value of each part of any such examination shall be one hundred (100) points. A passing

score shall be seventy percent (70%) or higher on each part. Any applicant failing to pass the examination shall not be permitted to take another examination for a period of thirty (30) days.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1688, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1688. A. No license shall be issued for longer than one (1) year, and all licenses shall expire on the last day in the birth month of the licensee. A license may be renewed upon application and payment of fees thirty (30) days preceding or following the date the license is due. Licenses renewed more than thirty (30) days following the date of expiration may be renewed only upon application and payment of all required fees and payment of any penalty for late renewal established by the Board and upon compliance with any applicable continuing education requirements established by the Board and the Electrical License Act. No penalty for late renewal shall be charged to any holder of a license which expires while the holder is in military service, if an application for renewal is made within one (1) year following the service discharge of the holder.

B. No journeyman or contractor license shall be renewed unless the licensee has completed the required hours of continuing education, as determined and approved by the Committee of Electrical Examiners and approved by the Construction Industries Board.

~~C. An apprentice registration certificate or a student intern registration certificate shall be issued for one (1) year, at which time the apprentice may reregister upon meeting the requirements of the Construction Industries Board and paying the renewal fee.~~

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1688.1 of Title 59, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. 1. Effective January 1, 2026, no contractor or journeyman license shall be renewed unless the licensee has completed twelve (12) hours of continuing education every three (3) years or thirty-six (36) months preceding the expiration date of the license or registration certificate. The continuing education course and instructor shall be approved in advance by the Committee of Electrical Examiners. Exceptions to advance approval, or post-course approval, may be allowed by the Committee, or its designee, for substitute instructors in emergency situations when written

notice of the emergency is provided to the Committee, or its designee, within seven (7) days of the course. The location of continuing education courses shall be at the discretion of the course provider and may be scheduled during the workday at the discretion of the course provider. The continuing education material shall cover six (6) hours of codes and revisions adopted by the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission (OUBCC). The remaining six (6) hours may include the study of: electrical circuit theory and calculations, wiring methods, grounding and bonding, transformer and motor theory, electrical circuits and devices, control systems, alternative energy systems including energy storage, safety related to the electrical industry as defined by NFPA 70E, manufacturers' installation of equipment or parts, the Electrical License Act, the trade regulations as set forth in this act as well as the rules of the Construction Industries Board, and other trade subject matters approved by the Committee.

2. Effective January 1, 2026, no apprentice shall be permitted to reregister unless the apprentice registrant has completed three (3) hours of continuing education every year preceding the expiration date of the registration certificate. The continuing education course and instructor shall be approved in advance by the Committee. Exceptions to advance approval, or post-course approval, may be allowed by the Committee, or its designee, for substitute instructors in emergency situations when written notice of the emergency is provided to the Committee, or its designee, within seven (7) days of the course. The location of continuing education courses shall be at the discretion of the course provider and may be scheduled during the workday at the discretion of the course provider. The continuing education material shall cover a combination of the codes and revisions adopted by the OUBCC, Oklahoma electrical industry regulations as well as the rules of the Construction Industries Board, and "electrical safety" as defined by NFPA 70E, other trade subject matters approved by the Committee, or approved continuing education for the contractor or journeyman. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, if an apprentice is a student apprentice or is enrolled and attending an approved course, the continuing education shall not be required.

B. The Construction Industries Board shall amend its rules, wherever applicable, to conform to the provisions of the Electrical License Act.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

Passed the House of Representatives the 30th day of April, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 17th day of April, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

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