

**PROFESSIONAL LICENSING REVISIONS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies provisions related to professional licensing.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ modifies continuing education requirements for licensed construction contractors;

and

- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**58-55-302.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, First Special Session, Chapter 3

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **58-55-302.5** is amended to read:

**58-55-302.5. Continuing education requirements for contractor licensees --**

**Continuing education courses.**

(1) (a) Each contractor licensee under a license issued under this chapter shall complete



28 six hours of approved continuing education during each two-year renewal cycle established by  
29 rule under Subsection 58-55-303(1).

30 (b) Each contractor licensee who has a renewal cycle that ends on or after January 1,  
31 2020, ~~shall~~ may complete one hour of approved continuing education on energy conservation  
32 as part of the six required hours.

33 (2) (a) The commission shall, with the concurrence of the division, establish by rule  
34 made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, a  
35 program of approved continuing education for contractor licensees.

36 (b) Except as provided in [~~Subsection (2)(e), beginning on or after June 1, 2015;~~]  
37 Subsections (2)(c) and (e), only courses offered by any of the following may be included in the  
38 program of approved continuing education for contractor licensees:

- 39 (i) the Associated General Contractors of Utah;  
40 (ii) Associated Builders and Contractors, Utah Chapter;  
41 (iii) the Utah Home Builders Association;  
42 (iv) the National Electrical Contractors Association Intermountain Chapter;  
43 (v) the Utah Plumbing & Heating Contractors Association;  
44 (vi) the Independent Electrical Contractors of Utah;  
45 (vii) the Rocky Mountain Gas Association;  
46 (viii) the Utah Mechanical Contractors Association;  
47 (ix) the Sheet Metal Contractors Association;  
48 (x) the Intermountain Electrical Association;  
49 (xi) the Builders Bid Service of Utah; or  
50 (xii) Utah Roofing Contractors Association.

51 (c) An approved continuing education program for a contractor licensee may include a  
52 course approved by an entity described in Subsections (2)(b)(i) through (2)(b)(iii).

53 (d) (i) Except as provided in Subsections (2)(d)(ii) and (iii), an entity listed in  
54 Subsections (2)(b)(iv) through (2)(b)(xii) may only offer and market continuing education  
55 courses to a licensee who is a member of the entity.

56 (ii) An entity described in Subsection (2)(b)(iv), (vi), or (x) may offer and market a  
57 continuing education course that the entity offers to satisfy the continuing education  
58 requirement described in Subsection 58-55-302.7(2)(a) to a contractor in the electrical trade.

59 (iii) An entity described in Subsection (2)(b)(v) or (viii) may offer and market a  
60 continuing education course that the entity offers to satisfy the continuing education  
61 requirement described in Subsection 58-55-302.7(2)(b) to a contractor in the plumbing trade.

62 (e) ~~[On or after June 1, 2015, an]~~ An approved continuing education program for a  
63 contractor licensee may include a course offered and taught by:

64 (i) a state executive branch agency;

65 (ii) the workers' compensation insurance carrier that provides workers' compensation  
66 insurance under Section 31A-22-1001; or

67 (iii) a nationally or regionally accredited college or university that has a physical  
68 campus in the state.

69 (f) ~~[On or after June 1, 2017, for]~~ For a contractor licensee that is licensed in the  
70 specialty contractor classification of HVAC contractor, at least three of the six hours described  
71 in Subsection (1) shall include continuing education directly related to the installation, repair,  
72 or replacement of a heating, ventilation, or air conditioning system.

73 (3) The division may contract with a person to establish and maintain a continuing  
74 education registry to include:

75 (a) a list of courses that the division has approved for inclusion in the program of  
76 approved continuing education; and

77 (b) a list of courses that:

78 (i) a contractor licensee has completed under the program of approved continuing  
79 education; and

80 (ii) the licensee may access to monitor the licensee's compliance with the continuing  
81 education requirement established under Subsection (1).

82 (4) The division may charge a fee, as established by the division under Section  
83 63J-1-504, to administer the requirements of this section.

84 Section 2. **Effective date.**

85 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.