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TITLE 54. PROFESSIONS, VOCATIONS, AND BUSINESSES
CHAPTER 10. ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND JOURNEYMEN

§ 54-1001. Declaration of policy

From and after the taking effect of this act, all installations in the state of Idaho of wires and equipment to convey electric current and installations of apparatus to be operated by such current, except as hereinafter provided, shall be made substantially in accord with the National Electrical Code of 1971, as approved by the American Standards Institute, relating to such work as far as the same cover both fire and personal injury hazards, and as the National Electrical Code shall be amended, revised, compiled and published from time to time and as such amendments or revisions are adopted by the Idaho electrical board.

§ 54-1001B. Inspection provisions inapplicable when installation covered by municipal ordinance

The provisions of this act relating to state inspection, except as provided in *section 54-1001C*, shall not apply within the corporate limits of incorporated cities and villages which, by ordinance or building code, prescribe the manner in which wires or equipment to convey current and apparatus to be operated by such current shall be installed, provided that the provisions of the National Electrical Code are used as the minimum standard in the preparation of such ordinances or building codes and provided that actual inspections are made.

§ 54-1001C. Inspections within municipalities -- When authorized

The administrator of the division of building safety may make electrical inspections within any city upon written request from the mayor or manager of such city. Such inspections shall be made in accordance with the local ordinance or building code. Service of the inspector shall be furnished at cost, such cost to be paid monthly to the administrator by the city requesting inspection service.

§ 54-1001D. Inspections of modular buildings - When authorized - Approval and certification

(1) Notwithstanding the exemption provided in subsection (1)(c) of section [54-1016](#), Idaho Code, the administrator of the division of building safety may make electrical inspections of any modular building upon written request from the manufacturer.

(a) Inspections shall be made in accordance with the codes adopted in this chapter.

(b) Inspection fees shall be as provided in section [39-4303](#), Idaho Code.

(c) The administrator may issue electrical permits for the installation of electrical equipment, conductors and apparatus in modular buildings.

(2) The administrator of the division of building safety is hereby authorized to make inspections of electrical installations as set forth herein and to issue inspection results covering such installations.

§ 54-1002. License essential to engage in business -- Licensure authority exclusive to the state

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, company, firm, association or corporation to act, or attempt to act, as an electrical contractor or limited electrical contractor in this state until such person, partnership, company, firm, association or corporation shall have received a license as an electrical contractor or limited electrical contractor, as defined in this chapter, issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter by the administrator of the division of building safety.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to act as a journeyman or master electrician in this state until such person shall have received a license as a journeyman or master electrician, as defined in this chapter, issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter by the administrator of the division of building safety, provided, however, that any person who has been issued a master electrician's license pursuant to this chapter may act as a journeyman electrician.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to act as a limited electrical installer in this state until such person shall have received a license as a limited electrical installer, as defined in this chapter, issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter by the administrator of the division of building safety, provided however, that any person who has been issued a master electrician's license or a journeyman electrician's license pursuant to this chapter may act as a limited electrical installer.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any person to act as a provisional journeyman electrician in this state until such person has received a provisional journeyman electrician's license, as defined in this chapter, issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter by the administrator of the division of building safety.

(5) Licensure of electrical contractors, journeyman electricians, master electricians, provisional journeyman electricians, limited electrical installers, limited electrical contractors, facility accounts and registration of apprentice electricians and trainees shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the state pursuant to this chapter and no local jurisdiction shall have the authority to require additional licensure or registration or to require payment of any fees in order for any licensee or registrant to engage in the electrical construction trade within the local jurisdiction or to issue licenses or registrations to persons licensed or registered under this chapter that are inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter or rules promulgated by the division of building safety. The state shall investigate all local infractions and state violations of this chapter and prosecute the same. The local jurisdictions will assist the state by requesting investigations within their jurisdictions. Nothing in this chapter shall restrict a city or county from imposing stricter public safety rules, notwithstanding any provision of Idaho Code.

§ 54-1003. Administrator authority

(1) Only the administrator of the division of building safety of the state of Idaho is

authorized and empowered to conduct examinations and to pass upon the qualifications of applicants, and to grant and issue licenses or registrations to such applicants as are found to be qualified to engage in the trade, business or calling of a journeyman electrician, electrical contractor, master electrician, provisional journeyman electrician, limited electrical installer, limited electrical contractor, limited electrical installer trainee or apprentice electrician in the manner and upon the terms and conditions hereinafter provided.

(2) No licenses or registrations granted hereunder shall be transferable. Licenses and registrations shall be issued upon the condition that the holder thereof shall comply with all provisions of this chapter.

(3) The administrator of the division of building safety is authorized to impose civil penalties as provided in this chapter

§ 54-1003A. Definitions

(1) Electrical Contractor. Except as provided in section [54-1016](#), Idaho Code, any person, partnership, company, firm, association or corporation engaging in, conducting, or carrying on the business of installing wires or equipment to carry electric current or installing apparatus to be operated by such current, or entering into agreements to install such wires, equipment or apparatus, shall for the purpose of this chapter be known as an electrical contractor. An electrical contractor, prior to being issued a license, shall be required to provide proof of liability insurance in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) and proof of worker's compensation insurance if applicable.

(2) Journeyman Electrician. Except as provided in section [54-1016](#), Idaho Code, and subsections (3), (4), (5) and (6) of this section, any person who personally performs or supervises the actual physical work of installing electrical wiring or equipment to convey electric current, or apparatus to be operated by such current, shall for the purpose of this chapter be known as a journeyman electrician.

(3) Apprentice Electrician. Any person who, for the purpose of learning the trade of journeyman electrician, engages in the installation of electrical wiring, equipment, or apparatus while under the constant on-the-job supervision of a qualified journeyman electrician shall for the purpose of this chapter be known as an apprentice electrician.

(4) Maintenance Electrician. Any person who is regularly employed to service, maintain or repair electrical apparatus, or to make minor repairs or alterations to existing electrical wires or equipment located on his employer's premises shall for the purpose of this chapter be known as a maintenance electrician.

(5) Master Electrician. A person who has the necessary qualifications, training, experience and technical knowledge to plan, lay out or design the installation of electrical wiring or equipment, or to supervise such planning, layout, or design, and who performs or supervises such planning, layout or design, shall for the purpose of this chapter be known as a master electrician.

(6) Limited Electrical Installer. A person having the necessary qualifications, training, experience and technical knowledge to install, alter, repair and supervise the installation, alteration or repair of special classes of electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment within categories adopted by the board. Limited electrical installers shall perform work only within the scope of the restricted category for which the person is li-

censed.

(7) Limited Electrical Contractor. Except as provided in section [54-1016](#), Idaho Code, any person, partnership, company, firm, association or corporation engaging in, conducting or carrying on the business of installing, altering or repairing restricted categories of electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment within categories adopted by the board, or entering into agreements to perform such restricted work, shall for the purpose of this chapter be known as a limited electrical contractor. Limited electrical contractors shall perform work only within the scope of the restricted category for which the contractor is licensed. A limited electrical contractor, prior to being issued a license, shall be required to provide proof of liability insurance in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) and proof of worker's compensation insurance if applicable.

(8) Limited Electrical Installer Trainee. Any person who engages in the installation of restricted categories of electrical wiring, equipment or apparatus under the constant on-the-job supervision of a qualified limited electrical installer shall for the purpose of this chapter be known as a limited electrical installer trainee.

(9) Electrical Facility Employer Account or Facility Account. An employer licensed with the division of building safety who employs individuals holding valid journeyman or master electrician licenses to perform alterations, extensions and new installations of electrical systems or components thereof on premises owned by the employer. The employer may also employ maintenance electricians in accordance with section [54-1016](#), Idaho Code.

(10) Provisional Journeyman Electrician. Any person who has met the requirements of section [54-1007](#)(4), Idaho Code, and who wishes to perform the actual physical work of installing electrical wiring or equipment to convey electric current, or apparatus to be operated by such current, while under the constant on-the-job supervision of a qualified journeyman electrician may upon application, for the purposes of this chapter, be known as a provisional journeyman electrician.

§ 54-1004. Inspection of electrical installations -- Notice of corrections -- Disconnecting electrical service

The administrator of the division of building safety may, during reasonable hours, inspect, re-inspect or test any electrical installation coming under the provisions of this act. If, upon inspection, any electrical installation is found to be not in conformity with the provisions of this act, the person, partnership, company, firm, association or corporation making such installation shall immediately be notified by any method, as determined by the division of building safety, including electronic communication. The notice shall clearly indicate any and all violations to be corrected and specify a definite period of time during which such corrections shall be made. The administrator may de-energize, have made safe or disconnect any conductor in cases of emergency where necessary for safety of life or property, or order the disconnection of electrical service to any electrical installation coming under the provisions of this act when such installation is found to be dangerous to life or property.

§ 54-1005. Rules -- Inspections -- Inspection permits and fees

(1) The administrator of the division of building safety is hereby authorized and

directed to enforce rules consistent with this chapter for the administration of this chapter and to effectuate the purposes thereof, and for the examination and licensing of electrical contractors, journeyman electricians, master electricians, provisional journeyman electricians, limited electrical installers, limited electrical contractors, limited electrical installer trainees and apprentice electricians, and to make inspections of electrical installations referred to in section [54-1001](#), Idaho Code, and to issue electrical permits covering such installations, and to collect the fees established therefor.

(2) The administrator of the division of building safety may make electrical inspections for another state or local jurisdiction upon request by an appropriate building official. Such inspections shall be made in accordance with the applicable electrical codes of the requesting jurisdiction. Fees charged for such inspection services shall be as provided in the rules promulgated by the board.

(3) Individuals, firms, cooperatives, corporations, or municipalities selling electricity, hereinafter known as the power supplier, shall not connect with or energize any electrical installation, coming under the provisions of this chapter, unless an inspection has been conducted and resulted as "passed" by the administrator, covering the installation to be energized. Electrical installations approved by the board and addressed through administrative rule may be connected and energized by the power supplier after the purchase of an electrical permit by a licensed electrical contractor.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, company, firm, association or corporation other than a power supplier to energize any electrical installation coming under the provisions of this chapter prior to the purchase of an electrical permit covering such installation.

§ 54-1006. Idaho electrical board

(1) The Idaho electrical board, hereinafter known as the board, is hereby created and made a part of the division of building safety. It shall be the responsibility and duty of the administrator of the division of building safety to administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter, and to serve as secretary to the Idaho electrical board.

(2) The board shall consist of nine (9) members to be appointed by the governor and who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. Two (2) members shall be licensed journeymen or master electricians; two (2) members shall be employees or officers of licensed electrical contractors; one (1) member shall be a licensed limited electrical installer or limited electrical contractor; one (1) member shall be an employee or officer of an electrical power provider; one (1) member shall be an employee or officer of a manufacturing plant or other large power user; one (1) member shall be an employee or director of a manufacturer or distributor of electrical supplies or materials; and one (1) member shall be from the public at large not directly associated with the electrical industry. Board members shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years. Members of the board shall hold office until expiration of the term to which the member was appointed and until his successor has been duly appointed and qualified. Whenever a vacancy occurs, the governor shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term.

(3) All members of the board shall be citizens of the United States, residents of this state for not less than two (2) years and shall be qualified by experience, knowledge

and integrity in formulating rules for examinations, in passing on the fitness and qualifications of applicants for electrical contractor and journeyman electrician licenses and in establishing standards for electrical products to be used in electrical installations coming under the provisions of this chapter.

(4) The members of the board shall, every two (2) years, elect by majority vote of the members of the board a chairman who shall preside at meetings of the board and a vice chairman who shall preside at any board meeting in the event the chairman is not present. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

(5) The board is authorized and directed to prescribe and amend rules consistent with this chapter for the administration of this chapter, and to effectuate the purpose thereof, and for the examination and licensing of electrical contractors, journeyman electricians, master electricians, provisional journeyman electricians, limited electrical installers, limited electrical contractors, limited electrical installer trainees and apprentice electricians. The board shall also establish the categories for limited electrical installers and limited electrical contractor licensing and the fees to be charged for permits and inspections of electrical systems. The board shall establish by administrative rule the fines to be paid for citations issued and shall hear appeals regarding the imposition of civil penalties for violations of this chapter and the rules of the Idaho electrical board. The board is authorized to affirm, reject, decrease or increase the penalty imposed by the administrator. However, in no case shall the penalty exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each offense.

(6) Each member of the board not otherwise compensated by public moneys shall be compensated as provided by section [59-509](#)(n), Idaho Code.

§ 54-1007. Issuance of licenses — Reciprocity.

(1) The administrator shall issue licenses to such persons as have by examination shown themselves to be fit, competent and qualified to engage in the trade of journeyman electrician, limited electrical installer or master electrician as defined in section [54-1003A](#), Idaho Code, and to such persons, firms, partnerships, associations or corporations as have shown themselves to be fit, competent and qualified to engage in the business of electrical contracting or limited electrical contracting as defined in section [54-1003A](#), Idaho Code.

(2) An apprentice electrician, as defined in section [54-1003A](#), Idaho Code, may take the journeyman's examination if he has completed the required related instruction for electrical apprentices as approved by the Idaho state board for career technical education, completion of which shall be evidenced by a certificate from an approved provider, and has worked the number of hours as prescribed by the Idaho electrical board, provided that for all the time he is claiming to have worked as an apprentice electrician, the apprentice shall have been registered with the division of building safety as an apprentice. The electrical board may, by rule, fix the apprentice registration fee, in an amount not to exceed the costs of issuing apprentice registration certificates and enforcing the apprentice registration provisions of this chapter, and may also by rule establish requirements relative to the manner of registration renewal, verification of employment, the number of instructional hours completed, continuation training and the number of hours worked. An apprentice who has completed the number of instructional hours and

has not taken or passed the journeyman's examination within two (2) years of completion of the instructional training hours shall provide proof of continuation training as set by rule of the electrical board.

(3) Any person who has worked as a licensed journeyman for a period of not less than four (4) years and who has worked the number of hours as prescribed by rule of the board as a licensed journeyman electrician shall be considered as qualified to apply for a master electrician's license in this state. The Idaho electrical board, in establishing by rule the requirements for a master electrician's license, shall also take into account the applicant's performance as a journeyman electrician.

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, any person who can demonstrate eight (8) years of work experience, defined as a minimum of sixteen thousand (16,000) hours, making electrical installations on the job, shall be considered as qualified to apply for a journeyman electrician's license in this state.

(5) To the extent that other states that provide for the licensing of electricians require qualifications at least equal to those contained in this chapter, the administrator may enter reciprocal agreements with such other states to grant licenses to electricians licensed by such other states. The administrator, on the recommendation of the Idaho electrical board, may grant licenses to electricians licensed by such other states upon payment by the applicant of the required fee and upon furnishing proof to the board that the applicant has qualifications at least equal to those provided herein for applicants for written examinations. Applicants who qualify for a license under this subsection are not required to take a written examination.

(6) A provisional journeyman electrician, as defined in section [54-1003A](#), Idaho Code, may take the journeyman electrician examination. Upon passing the examination, the administrator of the division of building safety shall issue the provisional journeyman electrician a journeyman electrician's license.

[(7)](6) All verification of employment forms submitted by an individual seeking electrical licensing or registration shall be entered into and maintained in the individual's file by the division of building safety. The division of building safety shall provide the individual with online access to this information.

§ 54-1008. Duration of license

(1) All licenses, including license renewals, for master electricians, journeyman electricians and limited electrical installers shall be issued for a period of three (3) years and shall expire three (3) years from the date of issue unless renewed, revoked or suspended.

(2) Electrical contractor and limited electrical contractor licenses shall be issued for a period of one (1) year and shall expire one (1) year from the date of issue unless renewed, revoked or suspended.

(3) Electrical apprentice registrations issued or renewed shall be issued for a period of one (1) year.

(4) Limited electrical installer trainee registrations shall be issued for a period of three (3) years.

(5) Facility account licenses shall be issued and renewed for a period of one (1) year.

(6) (a) Provisional journeyman electrician's licenses shall be issued for a period of six (6) months and shall expire six (6) months from the date issued, during which time a provisional journeyman electrician shall apply for and take the journeyman electrician examination. A six (6) month renewal shall be issued upon application if:

(i) The applicant has taken, but failed to pass, the journeyman electrician examination within the six (6) month period; or

(ii) The applicant has failed to take the journeyman electrician examination within the six (6) month period and has shown that exceptional circumstances prevented the applicant from taking the journeyman electrician examination.

(b) A provisional journeyman electrician's license shall be issued and renewed only once. If the applicant fails to pass the journeyman electrician examination, or fails to take the journeyman electrician examination, within one (1) year from the date of issue of a provisional journeyman electrician's license, the applicant is no longer eligible to apply for a provisional journeyman electrician's license.

(7) Each licensing period and each registration period shall end at midnight on the last day of the month of the licensing or registration period. Licenses and registrations not renewed by this date shall have expired.

(8) The board shall promulgate rules to provide for a staggered system of issuing and renewing licenses.

§ 54-1009. Revocation or suspension of licenses -- Hearings -- Taking testimony

(1) The administrator shall have power to revoke or suspend any license or registration if the same was obtained through error or fraud, or if the holder thereof is shown to be grossly incompetent, or has willfully violated any of the rules prescribed by the board, or as prescribed in this chapter; or has, after due notice, failed or refused to correct, within the specified time, any electrical installation not in compliance with the provisions of this chapter, or has failed to pay within the time provided, civil penalties which have become final by operation of law.

(2) The administrator shall have the power to suspend any electrical contractor or limited electrical contractor license if, at any time during the term of active contractor or limited contractor licensure, the licensee failed to maintain required liability insurance or applicable worker's compensation insurance.

(3) Before any license shall be revoked or suspended, the holder thereof shall have written notice enumerating the charges against him and shall be given a hearing by said administrator, and have an opportunity to produce testimony in his behalf, at a time and place specified in said notice, which time shall not be less than five (5) days after the service thereof.

(a) The proceedings shall be governed by the provisions of [chapter 52, title 67](#), Idaho Code.

(b) Any party aggrieved by the action of the administrator shall be entitled to judicial review thereof in accordance with the provisions of [chapter 52, title 67](#), Idaho Code.

(4) The administrator shall have the power to appoint, by an order in writing, a hearing officer to take testimony, who shall have power to administer oaths, issue subpoenas and compel the attendance of witnesses, and the decision of the administrator

shall be based on his examination of the testimony taken and the records produced. Any person whose license has been revoked may, after the expiration of one (1) year from the date of such revocation, but not before, apply for a new license.

§ 54-1010. Installations by electrical contractor performed by licensed journeyman -- Prior certificate holders entitled to license -- List of electricians in contractor's employ

(1) Any electrical contractor who works as a journeyman electrician, as herein defined, shall be required to have a journeyman electrician's license or master electrician's license issued under the provisions of this act. All installations of electrical wiring, equipment or apparatus made by an electrical contractor shall be done by or under the direct supervision of a licensed journeyman electrician or licensed master electrician.

(2) The individual owner of an electrical contracting business may act as his own journeyman electrician or master electrician provided that he has complied with the provisions of section [54-1002](#), Idaho Code, pertaining to journeyman electrician. Each electrical contractor in this state shall, upon request of the administrator or his authorized agent, furnish a list of journeyman electricians in said electrical contractor's employ.

(3) Any individual working as an apprentice electrician, as defined in this act, must be registered with the division of building safety as an apprentice electrician, as provided in section [54-1007](#), Idaho Code; and it shall be unlawful for an individual to work as an apprentice electrician without possessing a current apprentice registration certificate.

(4) Any individual working as a limited electrical installer trainee, as defined in this chapter, must be registered with the division of building safety as a limited electrical installer trainee. It shall be unlawful for an individual to work as a limited electrical installer trainee without possessing a current registration certificate.

§ 54-1013. Renewal of licenses or registrations -- Inactive licenses

(1) A license or registration once issued under this chapter, unless revoked or suspended as herein provided, may be renewed at any time during the final month of the licensing period on the payment of the renewal fee herein specified, proof of satisfaction of applicable continuing education requirements as established by the electrical board, proof of satisfaction of applicable apprentice and specialty trainee instruction and work requirements as established by the electrical board, and provided that all outstanding civil penalties, and permit or other fees, have been paid in full, and all outstanding correction notices have been satisfactorily resolved. For electrical contractors and specialty electrical contractors, proof of liability insurance in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) shall also be required, and proof of worker's compensation insurance shall be required if applicable.

(2) Any license or registration that has expired may be revived at any time within one (1) year from the last day of the final month of the licensing period, by payment of the revival fee herein specified, together with all outstanding civil penalties, and permit or other fees and penalties, and upon proof that outstanding correction notices have been satisfactorily resolved. For electrical contractors and limited electrical contractors,

proof of liability insurance in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) shall also be required, and proof of worker's compensation insurance shall be required if applicable.

(3) Certificates of competency issued prior to July 1, 1961, shall, for the purpose of this chapter, be considered as licenses and may be renewed or revived as herein provided.

(4) The administrator may renew, on an inactive basis, the license of an electrical contractor or limited electrical contractor who is not engaged in electrical contracting in this state. The board shall fix and collect an inactive license fee for such an inactive license renewal in an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). Each inactive license shall be issued for a period of one (1) year. An electrical contractor or limited electrical contractor holding an inactive license may not engage in the practice of electrical contracting or limited electrical contracting in this state. If an electrical contractor or limited electrical contractor wishes to convert his inactive license to an active license, he may do so by paying a processing fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) and providing proof of the required liability insurance and applicable worker's compensation insurance.

§ 54-1014. Fees

The administrator of the division of building safety shall charge the following fees:

(1) Application for license or registration \$15.00

(2) Six-month licenses:

(a) Provisional journeyman electrician license \$55.00

(b) Provisional journeyman electrician license renewal \$45.00

(i) If a provisional journeyman electrician applies for a journeyman electrician license, the pro rata value of any time remaining on his provisional journeyman electrician license shall be credited toward the application fee for the journeyman electrician license.

(3) One-year licenses and registration, in accordance with sections [54-1008](#) and [54-1013](#), Idaho Code:

(a) Electrical contractor license \$125.00

(b) Electrical contractor license renewal 100.00

(c) Electrical contractor license revival 125.00

(d) Limited electrical contractor license 125.00

(e) Limited electrical contractor license renewal \$100.00

(f) Limited electrical contractor license revival \$125.00

(g) Facility account license \$125.00

(h) Apprentice electrician registration \$15.00

(i) At the time the apprentice applies for a journeyman electrician license, the pro rata value of any remaining time on an apprentice electrician working license shall be credited toward the purchase of the journeyman electrician license.

(i) Apprentice electrician registration renewal \$15.00

(j) Apprentice electrician registration revival \$15.00

(4) Three-year licenses and registration, in accordance with sections [54-1008](#) and [54-1013](#), Idaho Code:

(a) Master electrician license \$65.00

(b) Master electrician license renewal \$45.00

(c) Master electrician license revival \$55.00

(d) Journeyman electrician license \$55.00

(e) Journeyman electrician license renewal \$45.00

(f) Journeyman electrician license revival \$55.00

(g) Limited electrical installer license \$55.00

(h) Limited electrical installer license renewal \$45.00

(i) Limited electrical installer license revival \$55.00

(j) Limited electrical installer trainee registration \$30.00

(i) At the time the limited electrical installer trainee applies for a limited electrical installer license, the pro rata value of any remaining time on a limited electrical installer trainee working license shall be credited toward the purchase of the limited electrical installer license.

(k) Limited electrical installer trainee registration renewal \$25.00

(l) Limited electrical installer trainee registration revival \$30.00

§ 54-1015. Electrical Board Fund Established

All money received by the administrator, under the terms and provisions of this chapter, shall be paid into the state treasury, as directed by the provisions of *section 59-1014*,

Idaho Code, and shall be, by the state treasurer, placed to the credit of a dedicated fund to be known as the electrical board fund and all such moneys, hereafter placed in said fund, are hereby set aside and appropriated to the division of building safety to carry in-to effect the provisions of this chapter.

§ 54-1016. Exemptions

(1) Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to apply to:

(a) Any regulated utility, telephone company, rural telephone cooperative or municipal communications utility, or its employees, in the installation or maintenance of communication circuits, wires and apparatus by or for such entities or their communications service customers;

(b) Any electrical public utility, or its employees, in the installation and maintenance of electrical wiring, circuits, apparatus and equipment by or for such public utility, or comprising a part of its plants, lines or system;

(c) Modular buildings as defined in section [39-4301](#), Idaho Code, that are constructed in the state of Idaho for installation on building sites outside the state; provided however, that no modular building shall be installed on a building site in the state of Idaho until it has been approved and bears the insignia of approval of the division as being in compliance with the requirements set forth in section [39-4304](#), Idaho Code.

(2) The licensing provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:

(a) Any property owner performing noncommercial electrical work in the owner's primary or secondary residence, or associated outbuildings or land associated with the entire property on which those buildings sit, except that homeowner installations of renewable power generation connected to the community power grid shall be subject to a pre-plan review in accordance with local jurisdictions' policies and procedures prior to the purchase of a permit;

(b) Any person regularly employed as a maintenance electrician performing electrical maintenance work on the premises owned and operated by his employer, provided that electrical work is limited to maintenance and replacement of electrical fixtures, electrical conductors, electrical equipment and electrical apparatus on a like-for-like basis;

(c) Any telephone company, rural telephone cooperative, or municipal communications utility, its employees, its subsidiaries, and employees of the subsidiaries performing work on customer-owned facilities under the exclusive control of the telephone company, rural telephone cooperative, or municipal communications utility;

(d) Any telephone company, rural telephone cooperative, or municipal communications utility, its employees, its subsidiaries, and employees of the subsidiaries performing repair work on customer-owned facilities at the request of the customer;

(e) Any electrical public utility, rural electrical cooperative, municipal power utility, its employees, its subsidiaries, and employees of the subsidiaries performing work on customer-owned facilities under the exclusive control of the electrical public utility, rural electrical cooperative, or municipal power utility; and

(f) Any electrical public utility, rural electrical cooperative, municipal power utility, its employees, its subsidiaries, and employees of the subsidiaries performing emergency repair work on customer-owned facilities at the request of the customer.

(3) The licensing provisions of this chapter shall not apply to individuals licensed pursuant to [chapter 50, title 54](#), Idaho Code, or certificated pursuant to [chapter 26, title 54](#), Idaho Code, as follows:

(a) Individuals holding a current heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) license or a current plumbing certification may install electrical circuitry and make connections from the disconnecting means to a water heater as long as the disconnect is in sight from the unit and the circuit from the disconnecting means to the water heater is no more than fifty (50) feet long.

(b) Individuals holding a current HVAC license may install:

(i) Electrical space heaters with no attached ductwork;

(ii) Electrical connections to HVAC equipment from the disconnecting means to the unit as long as the disconnect is in sight from the unit and the circuit from the disconnecting means to the HVAC equipment is no more than fifty (50) feet long; and

(iii) Ventilating fans, except ducted range hoods in residences.

(c) HVAC licensees may install control wiring of twenty-four (24) volts or less for HVAC equipment of five (5) tons or less in capacity. Plumbing certificate holders are not authorized to install control wiring in HVAC equipment, regardless of voltage.

(d) Individuals holding a current limited energy electrical license may install electrical circuitry and make connections from utilization equipment installed under the restricted category of the limited electrical installer license to outlets, as long as those outlets are in sight from such utilization equipment and not more than fifty (50) feet from such utilization equipment. Outlets shall be installed by others.

(4) To the extent that a plumbing or HVAC installation permit issued by the Idaho division of building safety includes any part of an electrical installation, the permit issued and inspection performed shall be sufficient to satisfy the permitting and inspecting requirements of this chapter if all required permit fees have been paid.

(5) Approval and certification requirements of product and equipment as set forth in this chapter and in the adopted edition of the national electrical code do not apply to industrial machinery unless the board has made a determination that such product, machine or classes of products and machines present an undue hazard to life and property.

(6) Apprentice registration requirements shall not apply to high school students enrolled in an educational program recognized by the board in which the performance of electrical installation is a formal component of the program. The exemption is limited to students performing residential installations as part of such program under the constant on-the-job supervision of a licensed journeyman electrician, and a permit for the work is obtained from the authority having jurisdiction. Work hours performed by such students shall not apply toward apprentice work requirements.

§ 54-1017. Violations of act a misdemeanor

Any person, partnership, company, firm, association or corporation who shall engage in the trade, business or calling of an electrical contractor, journeyman electrician, master electrician, limited electrical installer, limited electrical contractor, limited electrical installer trainee or apprentice electrician without a license or required registration as pro-

vided for by this act, or who shall violate any of the provisions of this act, or the rules of the Idaho electrical board or of the administrator of the division of building safety herein provided for, or who shall refuse to perform any duty lawfully enjoined upon him by the administrator within the prescribed time, or who shall fail, neglect, or refuse to obey any lawful order given or made by the administrator shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to the civil penalties established by administrative rule but not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Each day of such violation shall constitute a separate offense. A violation will be considered a second or additional offense only if it occurs within one (1) year from the first violation.

§ 54-1018. Separability

If any clause, sentence, section, provision or part of this act shall be adjudged to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not impair, affect or invalidate the remainder of this act which shall remain in full force and effect thereafter.

§ 54-1019. Qualifications of inspectors

The administrator of the division of building safety shall appoint the number of deputy electrical inspectors as may be required for the effective enforcement of the provisions of this chapter. All inspectors shall be skilled in electrical installations with not less than four (4) years of actual experience as a journeyman or master electrician, shall possess journeyman or master electrician licenses in the state of Idaho prior to appointment and shall be fully familiar with the provisions of this chapter and rules made both by the administrator and the Idaho electrical board. No inspector employed by the division of building safety and assigned to the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter shall be engaged or financially interested in an electrical business, trade, practice or work, or the sale of any supplies connected therewith, nor shall he act as an agent, directly or indirectly, for any person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation so engaged. Inspectors employed by municipalities electing to claim exemption under this chapter must possess the qualifications set forth in this section. Inspectors employed by the division of building safety shall take and pass, before the end of their probationary period, a general inspector's test approved by the Idaho electrical board. Inspectors shall be required to participate in continuous education training as directed by the Idaho electrical board and administered by the division of building safety. The board may also promulgate rules relative to the applicability of this provision to existing electrical inspectors with permanent status in the division.

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IDAPA 07 – DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

07.01.01 – RULES OF THE IDAHO ELECTRICAL BOARD

000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

These rules are promulgated by the Idaho Electrical Board and the Division of Building Safety under Title 54, Chapter 10, Idaho Code. (3-20-20)T

001. TITLE AND SCOPE.

These rules are titled IDAPA 07.01.01, “Rules of the Idaho Electrical Board.” These rules include criteria for the use of electrical permits for electrical installations, inspections, the criteria and fees for licenses, continuing education, adoption of the National Electrical Code, and civil penalties. (3-20-20)T

002. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.

The National Electrical Code, 2017 Edition, is incorporated by reference into these rules as further specified in Section 250. (3-20-20)T

003. DEFINITIONS.

01. Associated Buildings. All buildings, structures, and fixtures used for domestic purposes and in connection with the primary or secondary residence, such as garages, sheds, barns, or shops. (3-20-20)T

02. Board. Idaho Electrical Board. (3-20-20)T

03. Division. Idaho Division of Building Safety. (3-20-20)T

04. Person. Includes an individual, company, firm, partnership, corporation, association or other organization. (3-20-20)T

05. Recognized License. A license from another jurisdiction that is recognized by the Board as requiring qualifications at least equal to the qualifications for a license contained in Title 54, Chapter 10, Idaho Code, and these rules. (3-20-20)T

06. Registration Card. The registration certificate referred to in Title 54, Chapter 10, Idaho Code. (3-20-20)T

004. – 010. (RESERVED)

SUBCHAPTER A – ELECTRICAL PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS (Rules 011 through 049)

011. ELECTRICAL PERMITS.

Electrical permits as authorized by Section 54-1005, Idaho Code are available for purchase online or at the Division by those legally authorized to make electrical installations. Each permit shall bear a serial number registered in the name of the permit holder to whom they are issued and are transferable only as provided in these rules. Electrical permits shall be used only for the electrical installations identified in the permit application and for which said permit holder shall assume full responsibility. (3-20-20)T

01. Completion of Electrical Installation. For each electrical installation made by a permit holder and coming under the provisions of Section 54-1001, Idaho Code, said permit holder or his authorized representative shall request an inspection from the Division. (3-20-20)T

02. Purchase of Electrical Permit. All electrical permits shall be purchased before work is commenced. Where the total cost of installation is unknown, the minimum permit fee as listed in the fee schedule of these rules applies. In all cases, payment of the total permit fee shall be made prior to completion of the installation and a final inspection. (3-20-20)T

a. The Division may refuse to extend credit to any person with outstanding fines, violations or unpaid permit fees recorded with the Division. Permit holders will not be allowed to purchase further electrical permits unless and until all outstanding fees due have been paid in full. (3-20-20)T

b. No electrical inspections will be provided prior to the purchase of an electrical permit. (3-20-20)T

03. Power Supply Company. Pursuant to Section 54-1005, Idaho Code, a power supply company may connect and energize an electrical installation made by an electrical contractor without delay and before the installation has passed inspection if the contractor submits to the power supply company a copy of an electrical permit purchased by the contractor and the power supply company deems the connection and energization necessary to preserve life or property. The contractor shall request that the Division conduct an inspection on the next business day. (3-20-20)T

012. ELECTRICAL PERMITTING AND INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS EXEMPT FROM LICENSING.

Persons exempt from licensing pursuant to Section 54-1016, Idaho Code, shall secure all electrical permits required by Section 54-1005, Idaho Code, before making any electrical installation. No electrical wiring or equipment may be concealed in any manner from access or sight until the work has been inspected and approved for cover by the electrical inspector. A final inspection shall be made upon the completion of all electrical work. The procedure for obtaining electrical permits follows: (3-20-20)T

01. Electrical Permit. Any exempt person shall obtain an electrical permit from the Division with the proper permit fee as provided for in rule. (3-20-20)T

02. Notice to Power Supplier. The Division shall provide notice to the power supplier to connect installations requiring energization once an installation has passed inspection. (3-20-20)T

013. ELECTRICAL PERMIT AND INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR FACILITY ACCOUNTS.

An electrical facility employer account licensee, as defined by Section 54-1003A, Idaho Code, who uses licensed or registered employees to make electrical installations coming under the provisions of Section 54-1001, Idaho Code, on the licensee's own premises, shall obtain a facility account license and purchase electrical permits from the Division with the proper permit fee as provided in these rules. Employees performing electrical installations under a facility account shall be licensed electrical journeymen or master electricians or registered electrical apprentices under the constant on-the-job supervision of a licensed journeyman or master electrician as provided in Title 54, Chapter 10, Idaho Code. One (1) properly licensed journeyman or master electrician shall be designated the supervising electrician for the facility account with the Division. Individuals employed as maintenance electricians may only perform maintenance electrical installations in accordance with Section 54-1016, Idaho Code. (3-20-20)T

014. TEMPORARY INSTALLATIONS CONNECTED PRIOR TO INSPECTION.

Only a licensed electrical contractor may have a power supply company connect and energize a temporary service for construction prior to an inspection being performed. Any contractor energizing a temporary service prior to inspection shall assume full responsibility for the installation of the temporary service. A power supply company may only connect and energize a temporary service upon receipt of a copy of an electrical permit purchased from the Division. (3-20-20)T

015. -- 049. (RESERVED)

SUBCHAPTER B – FEES FOR ELECTRICAL PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS
(Rules 050 through 099)

050. FEES FOR ELECTRICAL PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS.

Electrical permit fees are to cover the cost of electrical inspections as provided by Section 54-1005, Idaho Code; any person making an electrical installation coming under the provisions of Section 54-1001, Idaho Code, shall pay to the Division a permit fee as provided in the following schedule. The type of electrical permit a person may purchase is limited to the scope of work for which the person is licensed. (3-20-20)T

01. Temporary Construction Service (Temporary Power) Permit. To be installed for construction purposes only, for a period not to exceed one (1) year: (3-20-20)T

a. Two hundred (200) amp or less, one (1) location: sixty-five dollars (\$65). (3-20-20)T

b. All others to be calculated using Subsection 050.06, Other Installation (Including Industrial and Commercial) Permit, of these rules. (3-20-20)T

02. New Residential. Includes associated buildings with wiring being constructed on each property.

New – One-Family Dwellings		
Up to 1,500 square feet of living space	-	\$130
1,501 to 2,500 square feet of living space	-	\$195
2,501 to 3,500 square feet of living space	-	\$260
3,501 to 4,500 square feet of living space	-	\$325
Over 4,500 square feet of living space	-	\$325 plus \$65 for each additional 1,000 square feet or portion thereof
New – Two- and Multi-Family Dwellings		
Two-family dwellings	-	\$260
Multi-family dwellings		\$130 per building plus \$65 per unit

(3-20-20)T

a. Existing dwelling unit permit: sixty-five dollars (\$65) plus ten dollars (\$10) for each additional branch circuit up to the maximum of the corresponding square footage of the dwelling unit. (3-20-20)T

b. Residential Dwelling unit spa, hot tub, hydro massage tub, and swimming pool permit: sixty-five dollars (\$65) for each trip to inspect. (For all other installations of spas, hot tubs, hydro massage tubs, and swimming pools, use Subsection 050.06, Other Installation (including Industrial and Commercial) Permit, of these rules.) (3-20-20)T

03. Residential Electric Space Heating and Air Conditioning. When not part of a new residential construction permit, or heat/ventilating/air conditioning permit with no additional wiring: sixty-five dollars (\$65). (3-20-20)T

04. Domestic Water Pump Permit. See Subsection 050.06 - Pump (Water, Domestic Water, Irrigation, Sewage) -- Each Motor Permit, of these rules. (3-20-20)T

05. Mobile/Manufactured Home Permit. Sixty-five dollars (\$65) basic fee plus ten dollars (\$10) for each additional circuit. Mobile home and RV parks for distribution wiring including pedestal, service conductors and lot supply to individual units come under Subsection 050.06, Other Installation (Including Industrial and Commercial) Permit, of these rules. (3-20-20)T

06. Other Installation (Including Industrial and Commercial) Permit. The permit fees listed in this section apply to any and all electrical installations not specifically mentioned elsewhere in this schedule. The electrical cost shall be the cost to the owner of all labor charges and all other costs that are incurred in order to complete the installation of any and all electrical wiring and equipment installed as part of the electrical system, factory assembled industrial machinery to be operated by electrical energy shall not be included in calculating these fees. (3-20-20)T

a. Wiring cost not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000): sixty dollars (\$60) plus two percent (2%) of total wiring cost. (3-20-20)T

b. Wiring cost over ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) but not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000): two hundred sixty dollars (\$260) plus one percent (1%) of wiring cost in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). (3-20-20)T

c. Wiring cost over one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000): one thousand one hundred sixty dollars (\$1,160) plus one-half of one percent (.5%) of the portion of wiring costs exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). (3-20-20)T

d. All fees calculated under this schedule must be calculated on the total wiring cost of the job, and this figure must be shown on the permit. The permit fees listed in this Subsection apply to any and all electrical installations not specifically mentioned elsewhere in this schedule. The wiring cost shall be the cost to the owner of all labor charges and all wiring materials and equipment installed as part of the wiring system. When labor is performed by the owner, such labor cost shall be based upon the market value of said labor and used or reused materials shall be based at fifty percent (50%) of the column 3 pricing as published by Trade Service Publication or National Price Service Pricing or the actual cost, whichever is greater. For all owner-supplied, factory assembled electrical infrastructural equipment to be installed, the inspection will be based on one-half of one percent (.5%) of total cost of the equipment OR an hourly rate of one hundred thirty dollars (\$130) for the first hour of each inspection and sixty-five dollars (\$65) for each subsequent hour. Factory assembled machinery to be operated by electrical energy shall not be included when calculating these fees. (3-20-20)T

e. Small work not exceeding two hundred dollars (\$200) in cost and not involving a change in service connections: ten dollars (\$10). (3-20-20)T

07. Pump (Water, Domestic Water, Irrigation, Sewage) -- Each Motor Permit.

To 25 HP	-	\$65
26 to 200 HP	-	\$95
Over 200 HP	-	\$130
For phase inverters and roto phase equipment, use Subsection 050.06, in addition to the pump motor fee.		

(3-20-20)T

08. Electrically-Driven Irrigation Machine Permit. Center Pivot: sixty-five dollars (\$65) plus ten dollars (\$10) per tower or drive motor. Other types: sixty-five dollars (\$65) plus ten dollars (\$10) per motor. (Note: No additional fee required for underground feeder). (3-20-20)T

09. Electric Sign and Outline Lighting Permit. Electric signs: sixty-five dollars (\$65) per sign; Outline lighting: sixty-five dollars (\$65) per each occupancy. (3-20-20)T

10. Requested Inspection Permit. A base fee of sixty-five dollars (\$65) plus an additional sixty-five dollars (\$65) for each hour, or portion thereof, in excess of one (1) hour including travel time. Out-of-state travel expenses shall be paid by the requesting party. (3-20-20)T

11. Additional Fees and Reinspection Fees. A base fee of sixty-five dollars (\$65) plus an additional sixty-five dollars (\$65) for each additional hour, or portion thereof, in excess of one (1) hour including travel time, shall also be paid before approval of the installation if the following services are necessary: (3-20-20)T

a. Trips to inspect when the permit holder had given notice to the inspector that the work is ready for inspection when it was not. (3-20-20)T

b. Trips to inspect when the permit holder has not clearly or correctly given the location of the installation either by directions, maps, coordinates, or correct address and posting a copy of the permit at the service or other conspicuous location on the property or the inspector cannot gain access to make the inspection. (3-20-20)T

c. Trips to inspect corrections required by the inspector as a result of the submitter improperly responding to a corrective notice. (3-20-20)T

d. Each trip necessary to remove a red tag from the jobsite. (3-20-20)T

e. Trips to conduct a reinspection because corrections have not been made in the prescribed time, unless an extension has been requested and granted. (3-20-20)T

12. No Permit. Failure to purchase an electrical permit before work is commenced, may result in the imposition of a double permit fee. (3-20-20)T

13. Plan Check Fee. Sixty-five dollars (\$65) minimum for one (1) hour or less. Over one (1) hour: sixty-five dollars (\$65) plus sixty-five dollars (\$65) for each hour, or portion thereof, in excess of one (1) hour. (3-20-20)T

14. Fees for Temporary Amusement/Industry Electrical Inspections. Each time a ride, concession, or generator is set up: sixty-five dollars (\$65) base fee plus ten dollars (\$10) for each ride, concession, or generator. (3-20-20)T

15. Expiration of Permits. Every permit issued by the Division shall expire by limitation and become null and void if the work authorized by such permit is not commenced within ninety (90) days from the date of issuance of such permit or if the work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned at any time after work is commenced for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days. A permit may be renewed for an additional year upon receipt of Division approval and sixty-five dollars (\$65) renewal fee. (3-20-20)T

16. Transferring a Permit. An electrical permit may be transferred to another eligible party if such party provides to the Division written authorization signed and notarized by the original permit holder consenting to the transfer itself and assignment of all the responsibilities and conditions incorporated into the original permit issuance. A permit may be transferred to the owner of the property on which the electrical work is to be performed and for which the permit was issued, or such owner's designated legal agent, in cases where such owner has terminated his legal relationship with the electrical contractor who originally obtained the permit. An administrative fee in the amount of forty-five dollars (\$45) for the transfer of the permit shall be assessed by the Division. (3-20-20)T

17. Refunds of Permits. The administrator of the Division may authorize a refund for any permit fee paid on the following bases: (3-20-20)T

a. The administrator may authorize a refund of the entire permit fee paid when no work has been performed related to the installations or electrical work covered by a permit issued by the Division. A lesser amount up to fifty percent (50%) of the permit fee amount may be refunded if work has commenced and the project is less than fifty percent (50%) complete as determined by the Division; and (3-20-20)T

b. The administrator cannot authorize a refund of any permit fee paid except upon written application for such filed by the original permit holder or the property owner's representative not less than one hundred eighty (180) days after the date the permit was issued. (3-20-20)T

051. -- 099. (RESERVED)

SUBCHAPTER C – ELECTRICAL LICENSING AND REGISTRATION
(Rules 100 through 149)

100. LICENSURE HISTORY.

An applicant for any electrical registration or license who has previously obtained a Recognized License as a journeyman or master electrician shall upon application to the Division disclose such license and provide sufficient proof thereof. An applicant for any electrical registration, license, or certificate of competency who has previously obtained a Recognized License as a journeyman or master electrician shall not be issued an electrical apprentice registration. (3-20-20)T

101. LICENSE AND REGISTRATION APPLICATION.

Application forms will be available at the Division's offices and electronically on the Division's website. (3-20-20)T

01. Application Form. Each applicant shall properly complete and submit to the Division the

applicable form, giving all pertinent information and obtaining notarization of all signatures. (3-20-20)T

02. Application Fee. Each applicant shall pay to the Division the applicable fee provided in Section 54-1014, Idaho Code, with the application form. For registrations, the application fee set forth in Section 54-1014, Idaho Code, may satisfy the initial registration fee or any portion thereof. (3-20-20)T

03. Examination and Licensure Approval. The Division must approve each application before examination and licensure. (3-20-20)T

04. Examination. An applicant who does not take the applicable examination within ninety (90) days of the date of approval must reapply. (3-20-20)T

05. License. Upon application approval and successful completion of the applicable examination, each license applicant must purchase a license. A license applicant who does not purchase a license within ninety (90) days of successful completion of the applicable examination must reapply, obtain application approval again, and re-examine. (3-20-20)T

06. License or Registration Period. The license or registration period set forth in Section 54-1008, Idaho Code, for each license or registration shall begin upon satisfaction of the applicable fee provided in Section 54-1013, Idaho Code. Each license or registration period shall expire at midnight on the last day of the final month of the license or registration period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the license or registration period for each expired license or registration revived in accordance with Section 54-1013, Idaho Code, shall begin on the day the license or registration previously expired. (3-20-20)T

102. APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN REGISTRATION.

01. Registration Requirements. To become an apprentice electrician, a person shall comply with Section 54-1010(3), Idaho Code. Each apprentice electrician shall carry a current Registration Card while performing electrical work and present the Registration Card upon request by the Division for examination. (3-20-20)T

02. Renewal Requirements. To renew an apprentice registration, an apprentice electrician shall submit to the Division sufficient evidence demonstrating the apprentice electrician has successfully completed one (1) of the following during the prior registration period: (3-20-20)T

a. One (1) year of a Board-approved sequence of instruction and one (1) year, defined as a minimum of two thousand (2,000) hours of work experience, under the constant, on-the-job supervision and training of a journeyman electrician. Verification of work experience shall consist of a notarized letter from each employer with which the apprentice electrician obtained the experience. (3-20-20)T

b. Continuation training, defined as eight (8) hours of NFPA 70E training and sixteen (16) hours of code-update training, code-related training, or industry-related training. (3-20-20)T

103. JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN EXAMINATION AND LICENSE.

01. Examination Requirements. To take the journeyman examination, an applicant shall submit to the Division sufficient evidence demonstrating the applicant has successfully completed one (1) of the following: (3-20-20)T

a. Four (4) years of a sequence of instruction approved by the Board and the Idaho Division of Career-Technical Education and three (3) years, defined as a minimum of six thousand (6,000) hours, of work experience under the constant on-the-job supervision and training of a journeyman electrician. (3-20-20)T

b. Eight (8) years, defined as a minimum of sixteen thousand (16,000) hours, of work experience in accordance with the requirements of the jurisdiction in which the applicant obtained the experience. Verification of work experience shall consist of a notarized letter from each employer with which the applicant obtained the experience. (3-20-20)T

02. License Requirements. (3-20-20)T

a. To obtain a provisional journeyman license, an applicant shall submit to the Division evidence demonstrating the applicant has successfully completed eight (8) years, defined as a minimum of sixteen thousand (16,000) hours, of work experience in accordance with the requirements of the jurisdiction in which the applicant obtained the experience. Verification of work experience shall consist of a notarized letter from each employer with which the applicant obtained the experience. (3-20-20)T

b. To obtain a journeyman license, an applicant shall submit to the Division sufficient evidence demonstrating the applicant has successfully completed the journeyman examination; and (3-20-20)T

i. Four (4) years, defined as a minimum of eight thousand (8,000) hours, of work experience under the constant on-the-job supervision and training of a journeyman electrician; or (3-20-20)T

ii. Eight (8) years, defined as a minimum of sixteen thousand (16,000) hours, of work experience in accordance with the requirements of the jurisdiction in which the applicant obtained the experience. (3-20-20)T

c. To obtain a journeyman license, an applicant with a Recognized License shall comply with Section 54-1007(5), Idaho Code, and submit to the Division sufficient evidence demonstrating: (3-20-20)T

i. The applicant's Recognized License is current, active, and in good standing; and (3-20-20)T

ii. The applicant obtained the Recognized License by testing from the issuing jurisdiction. (3-20-20)T

03. Unacceptable Work Experience. The Division will not accept work experience in appliance repair, motor winding, or communications to meet the requirements to take the journeyman examination or obtain a provisional journeyman or journeyman license. (3-20-20)T

104. MASTER ELECTRICIAN.

An applicant for a master electrician license must have at least four (4) years' experience as a licensed journeyman electrician as provided in Section 54-1007, Idaho Code. Any person having these qualifications may make application at any time by remitting to the Division the application fee. Upon approval, the applicant will be notified and may apply to take the next examination. Upon notification of passing the examination, the applicant must remit the required fee for the issuance of a master license. A person holding a current master license shall not be required to hold a journeyman license. (3-20-20)T

105. ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR.

01. Qualifications for Electrical Contractor. (3-20-20)T

a. On and after July 1, 2008, except as hereinafter provided, any person, partnership, company, firm, association, or corporation shall be eligible to apply for an electrical contractor license upon the following requirements: (3-20-20)T

i. Applicant shall have at least one (1) full-time employee who holds a valid master electrician license issued by the Division. Licensed electrical contractors who are current and active prior to July 1, 2008, shall not be required to have a master electrician as the supervising electrician until a new supervising electrician is designated. A master electrician license will be required for a new supervising electrician designated after July 1, 2008. (3-20-20)T

ii. The master electrician shall be designated the supervising electrician and shall be available during working hours to carry out the duties of supervising, as set forth herein, and who will be responsible for supervision of electrical installations made by said company, firm, association, or corporation as provided by Section 54-1010, Idaho Code. (3-20-20)T

iii. An individual electrical contractor may act as his own supervising master electrician upon the condition that he holds a valid master electrician license. (3-20-20)T

iv. Applicant must pass a contractor examination administered by the Division or its designee. Any applicant which purports to be a non-individual (such as, corporation, partnership, company, firm, or association), must designate in writing an individual to represent it for examination purposes. Any such designee shall be a full-time supervisory employee and may not represent any other applicant for an electrical contractor's license. (3-20-20)T

v. Applicant shall provide proof of liability insurance to the Division in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from an insurance company licensed to do business in the state of Idaho. The liability insurance shall be in effect for the duration of the applicant's contractor licensing period. (3-20-20)T

vi. Applicant shall provide to the Division proof of Idaho's worker's compensation insurance unless specifically exempt from Idaho law. The Division will provide written confirmation of exemption status. (3-20-20)T

b. Any person designated under Paragraph 105.01.a. of these rules, and the contractor he represents, shall each notify the Division in writing if the supervising master's or the designee's working relationship with the contractor has been terminated within ten (10) days of the date of termination. If the supervising master's or the designee's relationship with the contractor is terminated, the contractor's license is void within ninety (90) days unless another supervising master is qualified by the Division, or unless another duly qualified designee passes the electrical contractor's examination on behalf of the contractor, as applicable. (3-20-20)T

02. Required Signatures on Application. An application for an electrical contractor license shall be signed by the applicant or by the official representative of the partnership, company, firm, association, or corporation making the application countersigned by the supervising master electrician. (3-20-20)T

03. Electrical Contracting Work Defined. An electrical contractor license issued by the Division must be obtained prior to acting or attempting to act as an electrical contractor in Idaho. (3-20-20)T

a. Electrical contracting work includes electrical maintenance or repair work, in addition to new electrical installations, unless such work is expressly exempted by Section 54-1016, Idaho Code. (3-20-20)T

b. Any person or entity performing or offering to perform electrical contracting services, including, but not limited to, advertising or submitting a bid shall be considered as acting or attempting to act as an electrical contractor and shall be required to be licensed. Advertising includes, but is not limited to: newspaper, telephone directory, community flier ads or notices, telephone, television, radio, internet, business card, or door-to-door solicitations. (3-20-20)T

c. Any person or entity, not otherwise exempt, who performs or offers to perform electrical contracting work, is acting as an electrical contractor, whether or not any compensation is received. (3-20-20)T

d. Registered general contractors who submit a bid on a multi-trade construction project that includes a licensed electrical contractor's pricing shall not be considered to be acting or attempting to act as an electrical contractor. (3-20-20)T

04. Previous Revocation. Any applicant for an electrical contractor license who has previously had his electrical contractor license revoked for cause, as provided by Section 54-1009, Idaho Code, shall be considered as unfit and unqualified to receive a new electrical contractor license so long as such cause for revocation is continuing and of such nature that correction can be made by the applicant. (3-20-20)T

05. Reviving an Expired License. Any applicant for an electrical contractor license who has allowed his license to expire and seeks to revive it under the provisions of Section 54-1013, Idaho Code, may be denied a license as unfit and unqualified if, while operating under the license prior to expiration, he violates any of the laws or rules applicable to electrical contractors. (3-20-20)T

06. Qualification and Duties for Supervising Journeyman or Master. (3-20-20)T

a. A master electrician shall not be considered as qualified to countersign an electrical contractor license application as the supervising master, nor shall said application be approved if he does countersign said

application as the supervising master, if said master has had his Idaho electrical contractor license revoked for cause under Section 54-1009, Idaho Code. (3-20-20)T

b. A supervising master shall not countersign for more than one (1) contractor. (3-20-20)T

c. A journeyman who is a full-time employee of a company, corporation, firm or association with a facility account may sign as supervising journeyman for that facility account in addition to signing as supervising journeyman for his own contractor's license so long as the journeyman is listed as the owner and complies with the provisions of Paragraphs 105.01.a. and 01.b. of these rules. (3-20-20)T

d. Duties include: assuring that all electrical work substantially complies with the National Electrical Code and other electrical installation laws and rules of the state, and that proper electrical safety procedures are followed; assuring that all electrical labels, permits, and licenses required to perform electrical work are used; assuring compliance with correction notices issued by the Division. (3-20-20)T

07. Failure to Correct Defects in Electrical Installations. If a master countersigns an electrical contractor license application pursuant to Subsection 105.02 of these rules and thereafter willfully fails to correct defects in electrical installations he made or supervised, and such defects are within his power to correct and are not the fault of the contractor, then the Division shall have the power to suspend or revoke said master's license pursuant to Section 54-1009, Idaho Code. (3-20-20)T

08. Overcharging of Fees. It shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of an electrical contractor license if he charges and collects from the property owner an electrical permit or inspection fee which is higher than the fee actually in effect at the time of such charging and collection, pursuant to the current Electrical Laws and Rules of the Division, and the fee remitted by the contractor to the Division is less than the fee actually charged and collected by him. (3-20-20)T

09. Direct Supervision and Training. It shall be the responsibility of the employing electrical contractor to ensure that each apprentice electrician and provisional journeyman electrician perform electrical work only under the constant on-the-job supervision and training of a journeyman electrician. (3-20-20)T

a. Journeyman-to-Apprentice Ratio. One (1) journeyman shall not supervise more than four (4) apprentices performing electrical work on one and two-family dwelling units. One (1) journeyman shall not supervise and train more than two (2) apprentices performing electrical work on all other types of electrical installations. (3-20-20)T

b. Any electrical contractor violating the journeyman-to-apprentice ratio established in Paragraph 105.09.a of these rules is presumed to be in violation of the direct supervision requirement of Section 54-1010(1), Idaho Code, and the constant on-the-job supervision requirement of Section 54-1003A(3), Idaho Code. The journeyman-to-apprentice ratio established herein these rules may be adjusted on a case-by-case basis by a showing by an electrical contractor of special circumstances that are peculiar to the work done by that electrical contractor and that allow for effective supervision and training by each journeyman electrician. An electrical contractor must obtain permission from the Division to adjust the journeyman-to-apprentice ratio. Failure to comply with this requirement will be grounds for suspension or revocation of the electrical contractor's license. (3-20-20)T

106. -- 149. (RESERVED)

SUBCHAPTER D – LIMITED ELECTRICAL LICENSING AND REGISTRATION
(Rules 150 through 199)

150. QUALIFIED JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIANS.

Qualified journeyman electricians, as defined in Section 54-1003A(2), Idaho Code, shall be permitted to make all installations as subsequently described herein without securing an additional license for said installation. (3-20-20)T

151. MINIMUM EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS.

Experience gained by an individual while engaged in the practice of one (1) or more of the limited categories named below shall not be considered towards the satisfaction of the minimum experience requirements for licensing as a

journeyman electrician.

(3-20-20)T

152. LIMITED EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT.

01. Limited Electrical Installer. An applicant for a limited electrical installer license must have at least two (2) years of experience, or more as specified for the individual category, with the type of installation for which the license is being applied for, in compliance with the requirements of the state in which the experience was received, or as a limited electrical installer trainee making electrical installations in accordance with the requirements as stated herein. (3-20-20)T

02. Limited Electrical Installer Trainee. A limited electrical installer trainee shall be required to work not less than two (2) years, defined as a minimum of four thousand (4,000) hours of work experience, under the constant on-the-job supervision of a limited electrical installer of the same limited category to qualify for testing as a limited electrical installer. A person wishing to become a limited electrical installer trainee shall register with the Division for a period of three (3) years and pay the applicable fee prior to going to work. Said person shall carry a current registration certificate on his person at all times and present it upon request to personnel. Time shall not be credited while the trainee is inactive or not registered. (3-20-20)T

153. ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS REQUIRING A LIMITED ELECTRICAL INSTALLER LICENSE.

The following categories of electrical installations shall be considered limited electrical installations, the practice of which shall require a journeyman electrician, master electrician, or limited electrical installer license: (3-20-20)T

01. Elevator, Dumbwaiter, Escalator, or Moving-Walk Electrical. Any person qualifying for and having in his possession a current elevator electrical license may install, maintain, repair, and replace equipment, controls, and wiring beyond the disconnect switch in the machine room of the elevator and pertaining directly to the operation and control thereof when located in the elevator shaft and machine room. He shall be employed by a licensed elevator electrical contractor or electrical contractor, and his installations shall be limited to this category. The holder of such limited license may only countersign a limited electrical contractor's license application as a supervising limited electrical installer for work within this category. (3-20-20)T

02. Sign Electrical. Any person qualifying for and having in his possession a current sign electrical license may install, maintain, repair, and replace equipment, controls, and wiring on the secondary side of sign disconnecting means; providing the disconnecting means is located on the sign or within sight therefrom. He shall be employed by a licensed sign electrical contractor or electrical contractor, and his installations shall be limited to this category. The holder of such limited license may only countersign a limited electrical contractor's license application as supervising limited electrical installer for work within this category. (3-20-20)T

03. Manufacturing or Assembling Equipment. (3-20-20)T

a. A licensed limited electrical manufacturing or assembling equipment installer must be employed by a licensed limited electrical manufacturing or assembling equipment contractor or electrical contractor, and his installation shall be limited to this category. The holder of such limited license may only countersign a limited electrical contractor's license application as a supervising limited electrical installer for work within this category. (3-20-20)T

b. Any person licensed pursuant to Paragraph 153.03.a. of these rules may install, maintain, repair, and replace equipment, controls, and accessory wiring, integral to the specific equipment, on the load side of the equipment disconnecting means. Electrical service and feeder are to be installed by others. The licensee may also install circuitry in modules or fabricated enclosures for the purpose of connecting the necessary components which individually bear a label from a nationally recognized testing laboratory when such equipment is designed and manufactured for a specific job installation. All wiring completed shall meet all requirements of Title 54, Chapter 10, Idaho Code, all rules promulgated pursuant thereto, and the most current edition of the National Electrical Code. (3-20-20)T

c. Subsection 153.03 of these rules does not apply to a limited electrical manufacturing or assembling equipment installer installing electrical wiring, equipment, and apparatus in modular buildings as that term is defined

in Section 39-4105, Idaho Code. Only journeyman electricians and electrical apprentices, employed by an electrical contractor, may perform such installations. (3-20-20)T

04. Limited Energy Electrical. (3-20-20)T

a. Limited energy systems are defined as fire and security alarm systems, class 2 and class 3 signaling circuits, key card operators, nurse call systems, motor and electrical apparatus controls and other limited energy applications covered by the NEC. (3-20-20)T

b. Limited energy systems do not include, and no license of any type is required for, the installation of landscape sprinkler controls or communication circuits, wires and apparatus that include telephone systems, telegraph facilities, outside wiring for fire and security alarm systems which are used for communication purposes, and central station systems of a similar nature, PBX systems, audio-visual and sound systems, public address and intercom systems, data communication systems, radio and television systems, antenna systems and other similar systems. (3-20-20)T

c. Unless exempted by Section 54-1016, Idaho Code, any person who installs, maintains, replaces or repairs electrical wiring and equipment for limited energy systems in facilities other than one (1) or two (2) family dwellings shall be required to have a valid limited energy limited electrical license and must be employed by a licensed limited energy limited electrical contractor or electrical contractor. The holder of such limited license may only countersign a limited electrical contractor's application as a supervising limited electrical installer for work within this category. (3-20-20)T

05. Irrigation Sprinkler Electrical. Any person qualifying for and having in his possession, an irrigation system electrical license may install, maintain, repair and replace equipment, controls and wiring beyond the disconnect switch supplying power to the electric irrigation machine. The irrigation machine is considered to include the hardware, motors and controls of the irrigation machine and underground conductors connecting the control centers on the irrigation machine to the load side of the disconnecting device. Disconnect device to be installed by others. All such installations performed by individuals under this Subsection shall be done in accordance with the applicable provisions of the National Electrical Code. He shall be employed by a licensed limited electrical contractor whose license is contingent upon the granting of a limited electrical license to an employee, and his installations shall be limited to this category. The holder of such limited license may not countersign a limited electrical contractor's license application as supervising limited electrical installer except for work within this category. (3-20-20)T

06. Well Driller and Water Pump Installer. All installations performed by individuals under this Subsection shall be done in accordance with the applicable provisions of the approved National Electrical Code. A license holder in this category shall be employed by a licensed well driller and water pump installer limited electrical contractor or electrical contractor, and his installations shall be limited to this category. The holder of such limited license may only countersign a limited electrical contractor's license application as supervising limited electrical installer for work within this category. Any person currently licensed in this category may perform the following types of installations: (3-20-20)T

a. Single or three (3) phase water pumps: install, maintain, repair and replace all electrical equipment, wires, and accessories from the pump motor up to the load side, including fuses, of the disconnecting device. Disconnecting device to be installed by others. (3-20-20)T

b. Domestic water pumps, one hundred twenty/two hundred forty (120/240) volt, single phase, sixty (60) amps or less: Install, maintain, repair and replace all electrical equipment, wires, and accessories from the pump motor up to and including the disconnecting device. (3-20-20)T

c. Temporarily connect into a power source to test the installations, provided that all test wiring is removed before the installer leaves the site. (3-20-20)T

d. Individual residential wastewater pumping units. Install, maintain, repair and replace all electrical equipment, wires, and accessories from the pump motor up to and including the disconnecting device for systems that serve one-family, two-family, or three-family residential installations. (3-20-20)T

07. Refrigeration, Heating, and Air-Conditioning Electrical Installer. All installation, maintenance, and repair performed by individuals under this Subsection shall be done in accordance with applicable provisions of the National Electrical Code. A license holder in this category shall be employed by a licensed limited electrical contractor whose license shall be covered by this category or electrical contractor, and his installations shall be limited to this category. The holder of such limited license may only countersign a limited electrical contractor's license application as a supervising limited electrical installer for work in this category. Any person currently licensed in this category may perform the following types of installations, which installations shall be limited to factory-assembled, packaged units: (3-20-20)T

a. Heating Units (single phase): install, repair, and maintain all electrical equipment, wires, and accessories from the unit up to the load side, including fuses, of the disconnecting device. Disconnecting device to be installed by others. (3-20-20)T

b. Refrigeration, Air-Conditioning Equipment and Heat Pumps (single phase): install, repair, and maintain all electrical equipment, wires, and accessories from the unit up to the load side, including fuses, of the disconnecting device. Disconnecting device to be installed by others. (3-20-20)T

c. Refrigeration, Air-Conditioning and Heating Systems (three (3) phase): install, maintain, and repair all electrical equipment and accessories up to the load side, including fuses, of the disconnecting device. Disconnecting device to be installed by others. (3-20-20)T

08. Outside Wireman. All installation, maintenance, and repair not exempt under the provisions of Section 54-1016, Idaho Code, performed by individuals under this Subsection shall be done in accordance with the applicable provisions of the National Electrical Code. A license holder in this category shall be employed by a licensed limited electrical contractor whose license shall be covered by this category or electrical contractor, and his installations shall be limited to this category. The holder of such limited electrical license may only countersign a limited electrical contractor's license application as a supervising limited electrical installer for work in this category. Applicants for this license category shall provide documentation of having completed an electrical lineman apprenticeship program or similar program approved by the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship. Any person currently licensed in this category may perform the following types of installations: (3-20-20)T

a. Overhead distribution and transmission lines in excess of six hundred (600) volts. (3-20-20)T

b. Underground distribution and transmission lines in excess of six hundred (600) volts. (3-20-20)T

c. Substation and switchyard construction in excess of six hundred (600) volts. (3-20-20)T

09. Solar Photovoltaic. All installation, maintenance, and repair not exempt under the provisions of Section 54-1016, Idaho Code, performed by individuals under this Subsection shall be done in accordance with the applicable provisions of the National Electrical Code. A license holder in this category shall be employed by a licensed limited electrical contractor whose license shall be covered by this category or electrical contractor, and his installations shall be limited to this category. The holder of such limited electrical license may only countersign a limited electrical contractor's application as a supervising limited electrical installer for work in this category. Applicants for this license category shall provide proof of photovoltaic installer certification by the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) or equivalent. Any person licensed in this category may perform the following types of installations: (3-20-20)T

a. Solar Photovoltaic DC Systems: Install, maintain, repair, and replace all electrical equipment, wires, and accessories up to and including the inverter. (3-20-20)T

b. Solar Photovoltaic micro-inverter/AC Systems: Install, maintain, repair, and replace all electrical equipment, wires, and accessories up to and including the AC combiner box. (3-20-20)T

154. APPLICATIONS FOR LIMITED ELECTRICAL INSTALLER LICENSE.

An application for a limited electrical installer license may be obtained from the Division. The forms shall be returned with the application fee, as provided by Section 54-1014, Idaho Code, with proof of the required two (2)

years of experience in the field of limited electrical category and notarized signature. Upon receiving a passing grade, the applicant may remit the license fee for issuance of the license. (3-20-20)T

155. LICENSURE PERIOD AND FEES.

All original limited electrical licenses and registrations shall be issued by the Division immediately upon receipt of the licensure fee and other necessary documentation from the applicant which date will be designated as the original license anniversary date and signify the commencement of the licensing period. All specialty license and registration renewals shall be effective in the year renewed as of the original license anniversary date. All license and registration periods end at midnight on the last day of the final month of the licensing or registration period. Limited electrical licenses and registrations not renewed by this date are expired. Any expired license revived within the twelve-month period following the expiration date will continue to have the original license anniversary date for the purposes of subsequent renewal. The license fee and renewal fee for each type of limited electrical license is provided for by Section 54-1014, Idaho Code, for other journeyman licenses. (3-20-20)T

156. LIMITED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR LICENSE.

01. Qualifications for Limited Electrical Contractor. Except as herein provided, any person, partnership, company, firm, association, or corporation shall be eligible to apply for a limited electrical contractor license upon the condition that such applicant will be responsible for supervision of electrical installations made by said company, firm, association, or corporation as provided by Section 54-1010, Idaho Code. The supervising limited electrical installer shall be available during working hours to carry out the duties of supervising limited electrical installer, as set forth herein. In addition, the applicant shall meet or have at least one (1) full-time employee who meets one (1) of the following criteria: (3-20-20)T

a. Holds a valid limited electrical installer license issued by the Division, in the same category as the limited electrical contractor, and has held a valid limited electrical installer license for a period of not less than two (2) years, during which time he was employed as a limited electrical installer for a minimum of four thousand (4,000) hours; (3-20-20)T

b. Holds a valid limited electrical installer license issued by the Division, in the same category as the limited electrical contractor, and has at least four (4) years of experience in the limited electrical category with a minimum of two (2) years practical experience in planning, laying out, and supervising electrical installations in the category. (3-20-20)T

02. Modification to Qualifications. Applicants for limited electrical contractor licenses, or individuals countersigning such applications, shall be subject to the same requirements, restrictions, and fees applicable to other electrical contractors and countersigning master, as set forth in the current electrical statutes and rules with the exception that an electrical contractor requires a master electrician to countersign as a supervising master whereas a supervising limited electrical installer for a limited electrical contractor must meet the requirements of Subsection 156.01 of these rules. (3-20-20)T

157. -- 199. (RESERVED)

SUBCHAPTER E – EXAMINATIONS
(Rules 200 through 249)

200. EXAMINATIONS.

01. Frequency of Conducting of Examinations. Board-approved examinations for all classifications under the Electrical Laws and Rules will be offered a minimum of four (4) times each year at the Division's three (3) office locations. The applicant will be notified in writing of the date, time, and location at which the examination will be given, following approval of the application. (3-20-20)T

02. Professional Testing Services. In lieu of the administration by the Board of the examination for licenses pursuant to this rule, the Board may contract with a professional testing service to administer the examination and require license applicants to pay to the testing service the fee that they have set for the examination, take such examination at the time set by such service, and provide the Division acceptable verification of the test

score. If the examination is conducted in this fashion, the Board may charge and retain the application fee provided for by Section 54-1014, Idaho Code, to cover the cost of reviewing the applicant's application. (3-20-20)T

03. Required Scores. The following scores are considered minimum for passing and are required to be achieved by the applicant prior to issuance of the appropriate license or certification.

Required Scores		
Journeyman Electrician	-	70%
Limited Electrical Installer	-	70%
Electrical Contractor	-	75%
Limited Electrical Contractor	-	70%
Electrical Inspector	-	75%
Master Electrician	-	75%

(3-20-20)T

04. Failed Examinations. (3-20-20)T

a. An applicant receiving less than a passing score on a first or second examination attempt may be reexamined. (3-20-20)T

b. Before being reexamined after failing an examination the third time, an applicant must: (3-20-20)T

i. Wait until the expiration of one (1) year from the date of the failed third examination; or (3-20-20)T

ii. Provide proof, satisfactory to the Board, of completion of a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours of Board-approved, related electrical training or continuing education since the date of the failed third examination. (3-20-20)T

c. Before being reexamined after any further failures, an applicant for reexamination must: (3-20-20)T

i. Wait until the expiration of an additional one (1) year from the date of the failed examination; or (3-20-20)T

ii. Provide proof, satisfactory to the Electrical Board, of completion of thirty-two (32) hours of Board-approved, related electrical training or continuing education since the date of the failed examination. (3-20-20)T

201. -- 249. (RESERVED)

SUBCHAPTER F – USE OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE
(Rules 200 through 299)

250. ADOPTION AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE.

01. Documents. Under the provisions of Section 54-1001, Idaho Code, the National Electrical Code, 2017 Edition, (herein NEC) is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference for the state of Idaho and are in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2017, with the following amendments: (3-20-20)T

a. Article 110.3(A) and 110.3(B) shall not apply to submersible well pumps installed in swimming and marine areas; provided however, such articles shall apply to all other equipment required in the installation of a

- submersible well pump in such areas except for the actual submersible well pump itself. (3-20-20)T
- b.** Article 210.8(A)(7) Sinks. Delete article 210.8(A)(7) and replace with the following: Sinks - located in areas other than kitchens where receptacles are installed within one and eight tenths (1.8) meters (six (6) feet) of the outside edge of the sink. (3-20-20)T
- c.** Article 210.8(A)(10). Delete article 210.8(A)(10). (3-20-20)T
- d.** Article 210.8(D). Delete article 210.8(D). (3-20-20)T
- e.** Article 210.52(E)(3). Delete article 210.52(E)(3) and replace with the following: Balconies, Decks, and Porches. Balconies, decks, and porches having an overall area of twenty (20) square feet or more that are accessible from inside the dwelling unit shall have at least one (1) receptacle outlet installed within the perimeter of the balcony, deck, or porch. The receptacle shall not be located more than two (2.0) meters (six and one half (6½) feet) above the balcony, deck, or porch surface. (3-20-20)T
- f.** Add a new Article 225.30(F) – One (1)- or Two (2)-Family Dwelling Unit(s). For a one (1)- or two (2)-family dwelling unit(s) with multiple feeders with conductors one aught (1/0) or larger, it shall be permissible to install not more than six (6) disconnects grouped at one (1) location where the feeders enter the building, provided that the feeder conductors originate at the same switchboard, panelboard, or overcurrent protective device location. (3-20-20)T
- g.** Where the height of a crawl space does not exceed one and four tenths (1.4) meters or four and one half (4.5) feet it shall be permissible to secure NM cables, that run at angles with joist, to the bottom edge of joist. NM cables that run within two and one tenth (2.1) meters or seven (7) feet of crawl space access shall comply with Article 320.23. (3-20-20)T
- h.** Article 334.10(3). Delete Article 334.10(3) and replace with the following: Other structures permitted to be of Types III, IV, and V construction. Cables shall be concealed within walls, floors, or ceilings that provide a thermal barrier of material that has at least a fifteen (15)-minute finish rating as identified in listings of fire-rated assemblies. For the purpose of this section, cables located in attics and underfloor areas that are not designed to be occupied shall be considered concealed. (3-20-20)T
- i.** Article 675.8(B). Compliance with Article 675.8(B) will include the additional requirement that a disconnecting means always be provided at the point of service from the utility no matter where the disconnecting means for the machine is located. (3-20-20)T
- j.** Article 682.10 shall not apply to submersible well pumps installed in swimming and marine areas; provided however, such articles shall apply to all other equipment required in the installation of a submersible well pump in such areas except for the actual submersible well pump itself. (3-20-20)T
- k.** Article 682.11. Add the following exception to Article 682.11: This article shall not apply to service equipment that is located on or at the dwelling unit and which is not susceptible to flooding. (3-20-20)T
- l.** Article 682.13. Add the following exceptions to Article 682.13: (3-20-20)T
- i.** Exception No 1. Wiring methods such as HDPE schedule eighty (80) electrical conduit or its equivalent or greater, and clearly marked at a minimum “Caution Electrical” to indicate that it contains electrical conductors shall be approved. It shall be buried whenever practical, and in accordance with the requirements of the authority having jurisdiction. The use of gray HDPE water pipe rated at two hundred (200) PSI (e.g. SIDR-7 or DR-9) is suitable for use as a chase only when the following conditions are met: (3-20-20)T
- (1) When internal conductors are jacketed submersible pump cable. (3-20-20)T
- (2) When used in continuous lengths, directly buried, or secured on a shoreline above and below the water line. (3-20-20)T

(3) When submersible pump wiring terminations in the body of water according to 682.13 Exception No. 2 are met. (3-20-20)T

ii. Exception No. 2. Any listed and approved splices required to be made at the submersible well pump itself, outside of a recognized submersed pump sleeve or housing, when wires are too large to be housed inside such sleeve, shall be covered with a non-metallic, impact resistant material, no less than one quarter (.25) inches thick, such as heavy duty heat shrink or other equivalent method approved by the authority having jurisdiction. (Eg. install a heat shrink over the sleeve or housing that the submersible well pump is installed in, and then recover (apply heat) the heat shrink over both the HDPE and the water line). At least six (6) inches shall be over the sleeve and at least twelve (12) inches over the HDPE and water line. (3-20-20)T

iii. Exception No. 3. Pipe, conduit, PVC well casing, or other electrically unlisted tubing may be used as a chase, but not as a raceway, to protect conductors or cables from physical damage. Conductors or cables within a chase shall be rated for the location. (3-20-20)T

m. Article 682.14. Add the following additional exception to Article 682.14: For installations of submersible well pumps installed in public swimming and marine areas, submersible well pumps shall be considered directly connected and shall be anchored in place. Ballast is an acceptable form of anchoring. (3-20-20)T

n. Article 682.14(A). Add the following exception to Article 682.14(A): For installations of submersible well pumps installed in public swimming and marine areas, motor controller circuits such as remotely located stop pushbutton/s, disconnect/s, relay/s or switches shall be permitted as a required disconnecting means. Such circuits shall be identified at a minimum as “Emergency Pump Stop”, or “Emergency Stop” with other obvious indications on the visible side of the enclosure, that it controls a submersible pump in the body of water. (3-20-20)T

o. Article 682.15. Add the following exceptions to Article 682.15: (3-20-20)T

i. Exception No. 1. Submersible pumps, and their motor leads, located in bodies of water, and that are rated sixty (60) amperes maximum, two hundred fifty (250) volts maximum of any phase, shall have GFCI or Ground Fault Equipment Protection designed to trip at a maximum of thirty (30) milliamps or less, protected by means selected by a licensed installer, meeting listing or labeling requirements, and inspected by the AHJ prior to submersion in bodies of water. (3-20-20)T

ii. Exception No. 2. Installations or repair and replacement of submersible pumps located in bodies of water, that are rated over sixty (60) amperes, and rated at any voltage, shall be evaluated by a qualified designer or experienced licensed contractor, or involve engineering or be engineered, for each specific application, with the goal of public safety. Whenever possible, GFCI or Ground Fault Equipment Protection designed to trip at a maximum of thirty (30) milliamps or less, meeting listing or labeling requirements, shall be installed, and inspected by the AHJ prior to submersion in bodies of water. (3-20-20)T

p. Article 550.32(B). Compliance with Article 550.32(B) shall limit installation of a service on a manufactured home to those homes manufactured after January 1, 1992. (3-20-20)T

q. Poles used as lighting standards that are forty (40) feet or less in nominal height and that support no more than four (4) luminaires operating at a nominal voltage of three hundred (300) volts or less, shall not be considered to constitute a structure as that term is defined by the National Electrical Code (NEC). The disconnecting means shall not be mounted to the pole. The disconnecting means may be permitted elsewhere in accordance with NEC, Article 225.32, exception 3. SEC special purpose fuseable connectors (model SEC 1791-DF or model SEC 1791-SF) or equivalent shall be installed in a listed handhole (underground) enclosure. The enclosure shall be appropriately grounded and bonded per the requirements of the NEC applicable to Article 230-Services. Overcurrent protection shall be provided by a (fast-acting – minimum - 100K RMS Amps 600 VAC) rated fuse. Wiring within the pole for the luminaires shall be protected by supplementary overcurrent device (time-delay – minimum - 10K RMS Amps 600 VAC) in break-a-away fuse holder accessible from the hand hole. Any poles supporting or incorporating utilization equipment or exceeding the prescribed number of luminaires, or in excess of forty (40) feet, shall be considered structures, and an appropriate service disconnecting means shall be required per the NEC. All luminaire-supporting poles shall be appropriately grounded and bonded per the NEC. (3-20-20)T

r. Compliance with Article 210.12 Arc-Fault Circuit-Interrupter Protection. Article 210.12 shall apply in full. Exception: In dwelling units Arc-Fault Circuit-Interrupter Protection shall only apply to all branch circuits and outlets supplying bedrooms. All other locations in dwelling units are exempt from the requirements of Article 210.12. (3-20-20)T

02. **Availability.** A copy of the National Electrical Code is available at the offices of the Division. (3-20-20)T

251. --299. (RESERVED)

SUBCHAPTER G – CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
(Rules 300 through 349)

300. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

Journeyman and master electricians must complete at least twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education instruction in every three (3) year period between renewals of such licenses. The twenty-four (24) hours of instruction shall consist of eight (8) hours of code update covering changes included in the latest edition of the National Electrical Code. The remaining sixteen (16) hours may consist of any combination of code-update training, code-related training, or industry-related training. Proof of completion of these continuing education requirements must be submitted to the Division prior to or with the application for license renewal by any such licensee in order to renew a journeyman or master electrician license for the code change year. (3-20-20)T

301. COURSE APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS.

Continuing education courses for electricians must cover technical aspects of the electrical trade. Courses will be approved as either code update, code related or industry related based on the criteria as defined in this section. (3-20-20)T

01. **General Course Requirements.** (3-20-20)T

a. Courses must be at least four (4) hours in length. (3-20-20)T

b. Courses must be taught by an instructor approved by the Division. (3-20-20)T

c. The presentation should be delivered orally with the assistance of power point or other means of visual media. Pre-taped video or audio shall be held to a minimum. (3-20-20)T

d. A course evaluation card shall be provided to all participants to evaluate course and presentation. The completed evaluation cards must be submitted to the Division. (3-20-20)T

e. All programs are subject to audit by representatives of the Division or Board for content and quality without notice and at no charge. Course and instructor approval are subject to revocation if the minimum requirements of course content or instructor qualifications are not met. (3-20-20)T

02. **Code-Update Programs.** Code-update programs must cover changes to the National Electrical Code utilizing pre-approved materials such as the NFPA-IAEI Analysis of Changes. (3-20-20)T

03. **Code-Related Programs.** Code-related programs must cover portions of NFPA 70 other than changes to the National Electrical Code. (3-20-20)T

04. **Industry-Related Programs.** Industry-related programs shall be technical in nature and directly related to the electrical industry. Electrical theory, application of the National Electrical Code, grounding, photovoltaic systems, programmable controllers, and residential wiring methods are examples of industry-related programs. (3-20-20)T

05. **Program Approval Procedures.** (3-20-20)T

a. Program approvals are effective for one (1) code cycle. Subsequent applications for the same

program may incorporate by reference all or part of the original application. An application for course approval must be on a form obtained from the Division and include all requirements specified on the form. (3-20-20)T

b. Certificates of Completion. Certificates of completion must contain the following: the date of the program the title of the program; the location of the program the name of the sponsor; the number of hours of credit completed; the name of the attendee; the license number of the attendee; the name of the instructor; and the Idaho course approval number. (3-20-20)T

c. Evaluation Cards. Evaluation cards or forms must be pre-addressed to the Division and must include the following: the date; title; and location of the program; the instructors name; and an evaluation of the course and of the instructor's presentation skills. (3-20-20)T

06. Appeals. Appeals for courses that have been denied approval shall be submitted in writing to the Board within thirty (30) days for review. (3-20-20)T

07. Instructor Approval Procedures. (3-20-20)T

a. Instructor approvals shall be effective for one (1) code cycle. (3-20-20)T

b. An application for instructor approval may be obtained from the Division. Documentation of the instructor qualifications must be included with the instructor application. The minimum qualification for an instructor shall be established by providing proof of one (1) of the following: (3-20-20)T

i. Current and active master or journeyman electrician license; (3-20-20)T

ii. An appropriate degree related to the electrical field; or (3-20-20)T

iii. Other recognized experience or certification in the subject matter to be presented. (3-20-20)T

c. Any person denied instructor approval may appeal to the Board within thirty (30) days. (3-20-20)T

08. Revocation of Approval. (3-20-20)T

a. The Board may revoke, suspend, or cancel the approval of any continuing education program or instructor if the Board determines that the program or instruction does not meet the intent of furthering the education of electricians. Grounds for revocation of approval include, but are not limited to: (3-20-20)T

i. Failure of the instructor to substantially follow the approved course materials; (3-20-20)T

ii. Failure to deliver instruction for the full amount of time approved for the course; or (3-20-20)T

iii. Substantial dissatisfaction with the instructor's presentation or the content of the course or materials by the class attendees or representatives of the Division or Board. (3-20-20)T

09. Board and Negotiated Rulemaking Meetings. Licensees may receive up to eight (8) hours of industry-related continuing education credits by attending eight (8) hours of board meetings or electrical-board negotiated rulemaking meetings. (3-20-20)T

10. Schedule of Approved Classes. The Division shall publish a list of approved classes at a minimum of once a year. This list shall be forwarded to all states that are members of the continuing education reciprocal agreement and shall be made available to any licensee through the Division. (3-20-20)T

302. -- 349. (RESERVED)

SUBCHAPTER H – ELECTRICAL INSPECTION APPEALS
(Rules 350 through 399)

350. APPEALS.

In order to determine the suitability of materials and methods of wiring and to provide for interpretations of the provisions of the National Electrical Code NFPA 70, the creation of an electrical appeals board is hereby authorized by the administrator of the Division, to be composed of three (3) members of the Board, or an electrical supervisor and two (2) members of the Board, as determined and selected by the administrator upon receipt of a written notice of appeal as set forth below. (3-20-20)T

01. Notice of Appeal. A person, firm, or corporation making an electrical installation subject to the provisions of Title 54, Chapter 10, Idaho Code, may appeal, to the administrator, a decision by the Electrical Program Manager or other electrical inspector, that a particular electrical installation is not in conformance with Idaho Code, these rules, or the National Electrical Code as adopted by Idaho law. An appeal must be lodged by filing a written notice of appeal with the administrator within ten (10) days of the date of issuance of a notice of correction issued pursuant to Section 54-1004, Idaho Code. The notice of appeal shall state in particular the reasons why the appellant contends that the notice of defects is incorrect. (3-20-20)T

02. Filing Date. If mailed, the notice of appeal shall be considered filed as of the date of postmark. (3-20-20)T

03. Appeals Board. The members of the Board and other persons appointed by the administrator to act as the appeals board, are authorized to hold hearings at the Division in Meridian, Idaho, to determine the merits of an appeal filed pursuant to this rule. (3-20-20)T

04. Function of Appeals Board. The members of the Board, acting as an appeals board, shall not have the authority to grant variances from the National Electrical Code; its sole function as an appeals board shall be to determine whether the materials or method of wiring utilized by the appellant meets the requirements of the National Electrical Code. (3-20-20)T

05. Appeals Hearing Fee. An appeals hearing fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) shall be charged to an appellant for each appeal brought before the appeals board and accompany the notice of appeal. When the appeal is found in favor of the appellant, the appeals hearing fee shall be returned to the appellant. (3-20-20)T

06. Conditions Disqualifying Board Member. No Board member shall sit on an appeals board in which he or his employer, employee, business partner or any person related to him, is the appellant in the matter. or where he has a pecuniary interest in the outcome of the matter to be decided by the appeals board. (3-20-20)T

07. Rules of Evidence. The rules of evidence for the hearing are governed by the Idaho Administrative Procedures Act, Title 67, Chapter 52, Idaho Code. (3-20-20)T

08. Limitations of Appeal. The filing of an appeal does not stay or discontinue a red tag, disconnect order, or notification to the power company not to connect or energize, in situations where the defect is of a nature so as to be an imminent threat to life or property. (3-20-20)T

09. Preliminary Order. Within five (5) days of the conclusion of the administrative hearing, the appeals board shall issue a preliminary order. The preliminary order will become a final order without further notice unless reviewed by the administrator, or review is requested by any party to the inspection appeal, pursuant to the provisions of Section 67-5245, Idaho Code. When a preliminary order is reviewed by the administrator, the administrator will issue a final order pursuant to the requirements of Sections 67-5245 and 67-5246, Idaho Code. (3-20-20)T

10. Motions for Reconsideration. Motions for reconsideration of the appeal board's preliminary order or of the administrator's final order are not allowed. (3-20-20)T

351. -- 399. (RESERVED)

SUBCHAPTER I – CERTIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS

AND MATERIALS
(Rules 400 through 449)

400. CERTIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS AND MATERIALS.

In the state of Idaho, all materials, devices, fittings, equipment, apparatus, luminaires, and appliances installed or to be used in installations that are supplied with electric energy shall be approved as provided in one (1) of the following methods: (3-20-20)T

01. Testing Laboratory. Be tested, examined, and certified (Listed) by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). (3-20-20)T

02. Field Evaluation. Non-listed electrical equipment may be approved for use through a field evaluation process performed in accordance with recognized practices and procedures such as those contained in the 2012 edition of NFPA 791 - Recommended Practice and Procedures for Unlabeled Electrical Equipment Evaluation published by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Such evaluations shall be conducted by: (3-20-20)T

a. The authority having jurisdiction; (3-20-20)T

b. A field evaluation body approved by the authority having jurisdiction. The field evaluation body shall meet minimum recognized standards for competency, such as NFPA 790 - Standard for Competency of Third-Party Field Evaluation Bodies, 2012 edition, published by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); or (3-20-20)T

c. In the case of industrial machinery only, as defined by NFPA 79 - Electrical Standard for Industrial Machinery, 2012 edition, a field evaluation may be performed by a professional engineer currently licensed to practice electrical engineering by the state of Idaho and who is not involved in the design of the equipment being evaluated or the facility in which the equipment is to be installed. (3-20-20)T

03. Availability of NFPA Standards. The most recent edition of NFPA 790 - Standard for Competency of Third-Party Field Evaluation Bodies, and NFPA 791 - Recommended Practice and Procedures for Unlabeled Electrical Equipment Evaluation published by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) are available at the Division. (3-20-20)T

401. -- 449. (RESERVED)

SUBCHAPTER J – CIVIL PENALTIES
(Rules 450 through 499)

450. CIVIL PENALTIES.

Except for the acts described in Subsections 450.01 and 450.10 of this rule, the acts described in this section shall subject the violator to a civil penalty of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200) for the first offense and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each offense that occurs thereafter within one (1) year of an earlier violation. (3-20-20)T

01. Electrical Contractor. Except as provided by Section 54-1016, Idaho Code, any person who acts, or purports to act as an electrical contractor, as defined by Section 54-1003A, Idaho Code, without a valid Idaho state electrical contractor's license shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for the first offense and a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each offense thereafter. (3-20-20)T

02. Employees. Any person, who knowingly employs a person who does not hold a valid Idaho state electrical license or registration as required by Section 54-1010, Idaho Code, to perform electrical installations. (3-20-20)T

03. License or Registration. Except as provided by Section 54-1016, Idaho Code, any person performing electrical work as a journeyman electrician as defined by Section 54-1003A(2), Idaho Code, limited

electrical installer as defined by Section 54-1003A(6), Idaho Code, apprentice electrician as defined by Section 54-1003A(3), Idaho Code, or a limited electrical installer trainee as defined by Section 54-1003A(8), Idaho Code, without a valid license or registration. (3-20-20)T

04. Journeyman to Apprentice Ratio. Any electrical contractor or facility account employing electricians in violation of the journeyman to apprentice ratio established by the Board. (3-20-20)T

05. Supervision. Any contractor failing to provide constant on-the-job supervision to apprentice electricians or trainees by a qualified journeyman electrician or limited electrical installer. (3-20-20)T

06. Performance Outside Scope of License. Any limited electrical contractor or limited electrical installer performing electrical installations, alterations or maintenance outside the scope of the contractor's or installer's limited electrical license. (3-20-20)T

07. Fees and Permits. Any person failing to pay applicable fees or properly post an electrical permit. (3-20-20)T

08. Corrections. Any person who fails to make corrections in the time allotted in the notice on any electrical installation as set forth in Section 54-1004, Idaho Code. (3-20-20)T

09. Failure to Disclose. Any applicant for an electrical registration, license, or certificate of competency who upon request fails to disclose any required information including, but not limited to, their complete licensure history or the fact that they have been previously granted a recognized license. (3-20-20)T

10. Gross Violation. In the case of continued, repeated or gross violation of Title 54, Chapter 10, Idaho Code, or these rules, a license revocation shall be initiated for licensees under this chapter and non-licensees shall be subject to prosecution by the appropriate jurisdiction under Idaho law. (3-20-20)T

451. -- 999. (RESERVED)

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