



DBS Electrical Program Newsletter

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Coming to a city near you.

I will be on the road June 4th through June 15th presenting Idaho Electrical Rules as part of our CEU effort for Idaho license holders. These classes will be held in Twin Falls, Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Hailey, Salmon, Post Falls, Sandpoint, Lewiston and the city of McCall. You can sign up for the classes in your area at the following [link](https://www.eventbrite.com/o/the-division-of-building-safety-14643729552).

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Idaho Rules and Statutes can change each year and this is a

Apprentice requirements and licensing Negotiated rules update.

There was another collaborative effort held on Wednesday, May 24th to discuss electrical apprentice requirements and electrical licensing. Several topics were

good opportunity to stay aware of and be informed of the changes.

Electricians, apprentices, power providers, educators and other interested parties are encouraged to attend this class. I look forward to seeing all of you and answering any questions you may have concerning the Idaho electrical program.

discussed and I will try to sum up the direction that is being taken and possibly presented to the Idaho electrical board.

The idea of having two routes towards the electrical journeyman license was discussed. Currently individuals coming from out of state can present DBS with proof that they worked

Stay Informed?



This is your industry and we want you to be informed. I try to send out information through this newsletter several times a year. My goal is to do this on a monthly basis but it does not always happen. If you are not receiving this newsletter get in touch with DBS licensing staff and make sure we have an up to date email address. You may also want to make sure these aren't going to your spam.

There is also a webpage that is specifically for electrical license holders and registrants. You can find that by going to the following link

<https://dbs.idaho.gov/programs/electrical/>

You can find newsletter archives, Program Manager Announcements, electrical policies, procedures and interpretations along with other useful information.

We are constantly adding continued education classes. The link to these classes can be found in the electrical program page or by following this link

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/the-division-of-building-safety-14643729552>

Electrical Board meetings are held every three months. You can find out when the boards meet and what they discuss by going to the following link.

<https://dbs.idaho.gov/boards/>

under a licensed electrical contractor for 16000 hours and they are eligible to take the journeyman's exam. This same opportunity is not afforded to individuals within the state of Idaho. So it has been proposed to allow individuals to register with DBS and take an 8 year 16000 hour route to journeyman or a 4 year school and 4 year 8000 route to journeyman. This would allow many individuals in the state of Idaho, who have met the experience requirement that we afford to non-Idaho residents, to test for journeyman.

It is also being proposed to return to a one year registration and require 8 hours of continuing education or completion of one year of school to be completed prior to an individual being able to re-registering as an apprentice. This would allow people to move through the profession at their own pace.

Additionally it is being proposed to do away with the requirement for people to repeat the fourth year of school if they do not pass the journeyman test within two years of finishing school.

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qualified to take the journeyman exam.

Expanding the journeyman to apprentice ratio was also discussed.

So what does this look like?

A person wishing to work in Idaho as an electrician would be required to register as an "apprentice" This person would have two options. Option 1. Work 16000 hours to be eligible to take the journeyman exam. Option 2. Obtain 4 years of school and 8000 hours to become eligible to take the journeyman test. Once a person is eligible to test and passes, they become a Journeyman electrician. If they do not pass the test they are licensed as an electrical installer. An electrical installer requires supervision but can be used by contractors as a 3rd person in a 3:1 apprentice ratio. An "apprentice" can move through the program at their own pace, but would require 8 hours of continued education or completion of a year of school to "advance". An apprentice wishing to advance to "Apprentice level 1" would have to provide DBS proof of completion of 2000 hours of work experience and completion of 1st year of school. If they cannot provide both of these they remain an "apprentice" but would be required to show proof of

completion of 8 hours CEU prior to being registered. To advance from "apprentice level 1" to "level 2" and additional 2000 hours of work would be verified along with completion of the second year of school. If they cannot show both of these they cannot "advance" They would be able to register at the same level with proof of completion of 8 hours of continued education. "Apprentice level 2" to "apprentice level 3" requirements are the same as "level 1" to level 2". Once a person obtains 8000 hours of work experience and 4 years of school they are eligible to take the journeyman exam. If they pass the exam they become a journeyman electrician. If they do not pass they will be licensed as an "electrical installer." An "electrical installer" will be required to be licensed every three years and take CEU's the same as a journeyman electrician. An "electrical installer may not work unsupervised and may not supervise others.

Out of state individuals would have the following options.

Option one. Reciprocate a journeyman license.

Option two. Show proof of completion of same requirements as Idaho registrants and licensees and

test for the exam. If they cannot pass the test and show proof of over 16000 hours they are licensed as an “electrical installer”. If they have no proof of school and less than 16000 hours, they are required to take a placement exam and enroll as an apprentice at the appropriate level based on their work experience and education level.

There are a couple of possible choices being discussed for an increase in the apprentice ratio. One option is to allow an “apprentice level 3” or an “electrical installer” as a third person for the ratio. It is being discussed whether this should apply only to one and two family dwelling units or for all installations.

The requirement to get rid of requiring a master electrician license or signee in order to become an electrical contractor is also being discussed.

I am in the process of developing some official language for these options and presenting it to the collaborative on July 18th. The final language from that meeting will be presented to the Idaho Electrical Board for acceptance and may be sent to the Idaho Legislature.

You can find more details by going to the following link. Or

attending one of our rules or statutes classes.

<https://dbs.idaho.gov/boards/rulemaking.html>

Facebook

DBS Electrical Program is on Facebook.

This is just a reminder that you can sign up for Facebook reminders with the Idaho electrical program through Facebook. I send out reminders about upcoming CEU classes, policy changes, electrical board meetings, electrical equipment recalls and counterfeit equipment; negotiated rules and policies and interpretations. This is a great way to stay informed about issues involving the electrical trade. You can find the link [here](#).

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