
SENATE BILL 6235

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By Senator Owen

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1 AN ACT Relating to electricians; and amending RCW 19.28.530.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.28.530 and 1988 c 81 s 13 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) Upon receipt of the application, the department shall review
6 the application and determine whether the applicant is eligible to take
7 an examination for the journeyman or specialty certificate of
8 competency.

9 (a) To be eligible to take the examination for a journeyman
10 certificate the applicant must have worked in the electrical
11 construction trade for a minimum of four years employed full time, of
12 which two years shall be in industrial or commercial electrical
13 installation under the supervision of a journeyman electrician
14 certified under this chapter and not more than a total of two years in

1 all specialties under the supervision of a journeyman electrician
2 certified under this chapter or an appropriate specialty electrician
3 certified under this chapter or have successfully completed an
4 apprenticeship program approved under chapter 49.04 RCW for the
5 electrical construction trade.

6 (b) To be eligible to take the examination to become a specialty
7 electrician the applicant shall have worked in that specialty of the
8 electrical construction trade, under the supervision of a journeyman
9 electrician certified under this chapter or an appropriate specialty
10 electrician certified under this chapter, for a minimum of two years
11 employed full time, or have successfully completed an approved
12 apprenticeship program under chapter 49.04 RCW for the applicant's
13 specialty in the electrical construction trade. Before January 1,
14 1984, applicants for nonresidential maintenance specialty licenses are
15 eligible to become nonresidential maintenance specialists upon
16 certification to the department that they have the equivalent of two
17 years full-time experience in that specialty field.

18 (c) Persons applying before January 1, 1984, for a journeyman
19 certificate are eligible to take the examination to become journeymen
20 until July 1, 1984, upon certification to the department that they have
21 the equivalent of five years full-time experience in nonresidential
22 maintenance, of which two years shall be in industrial electrical
23 installation.

24 (d) Any applicant who has successfully completed a two-year
25 technical school program in the electrical construction trade in a
26 school that is approved by the (~~commission for vocational education~~)
27 director may substitute up to two years of the technical school program
28 for two years of work experience under a journeyman electrician. The
29 applicant shall obtain the additional two years of work experience
30 required in industrial or commercial electrical installation prior to

1 the beginning, or after the completion, of the technical school
2 program.

3 (e) Any applicant who has received his or her training in the
4 electrical construction trade in the armed service of the United States
5 may be eligible to take the examination for the certificate of
6 competency. Any applicant who is a graduate of a trade school program
7 in the electrical construction trade that was established during 1946
8 is eligible to take the examination for the certificate of competency.
9 No other requirement for eligibility may be imposed.

10 (f) An applicant who has received his or her training or work
11 experience in an electrical trade as an employee of the federal
12 government and has successfully completed a four-year apprenticeship
13 program administered by the federal government in the electrical
14 construction trade may take the examination for the certificate of
15 competency. No other requirement for eligibility may be imposed.

16 (2) The department shall establish reasonable rules for the
17 examinations to be given applicants for certificates of competency. In
18 establishing the rules, the department shall consult with the board.
19 Upon determination that the applicant is eligible to take the
20 examination, the department shall so notify the applicant, indicating
21 the time and place for taking the examination.