

WAC 296-96-00902 Exceptions to elevator mechanic license requirements. (1) An elevator mechanic license issued under chapter 70.87 RCW and this chapter is not required for:

(a) Individuals who install signal systems, fans, electric light fixtures, illuminated thresholds, finished cab flooring materials that are identical to existing materials and feed wires to the terminals on the elevator main line control provided that the individual does not require access to the pit, hoistway, or top of the car for the installation of these items.

(b) An owner or regularly employed employee of the owner performing only maintenance work of conveyances in accordance with RCW 70.87.270.

(c) Permanent removal of a stairway chairlift or platform lift in a private residence in accordance with RCW 70.87.270 when performed by:

(i) Homeowners;

(ii) Persons employed by homeowners who are registered as required by chapter 18.27 RCW.

"Permanent removal" means to take away and not replace a stairway chairlift or platform lift.

(2) Elevator mechanic licenses may not be required for certain types of incidental work that is performed on conveyances when the appropriate lockout and tagout procedures have been performed by a licensed elevator mechanic in the appropriate category. The department shall be notified in writing and shall approve the scope of work prior to it being performed.

(3) An elevator mechanic license in accordance with RCW 70.87.230, is not required when dismantling or removing a conveyance, if the building or structure is secure from public and unauthorized access, and:

(a) The entire building or portion thereof containing the conveyance(s) is completely demolished down to and including the foundation; or

(b) The entire building or portion thereof containing the conveyance(s) is returned to the basic supporting walls, floors, and roof.

Otherwise, the work is to be performed by a licensed elevator mechanic who works for a licensed elevator contractor.

(4) For license categories (01), (02), (03), (05), (06), (07), and (08) an individual is not required to be licensed if the individual is employed as a helper/apprentice working under the general direction of a licensed elevator mechanic provided the licensed mechanic:

(a) Is working in the same license category or as a category (01) mechanic; and

(b) Is on the same job site as the helper/apprentice at least seventy-five percent of each working day when performing installations, alterations, repairs and callbacks;

There shall not be more than one helper/apprentice assigned to a licensed elevator mechanic at any time;

(c) Provides the necessary education, assistance and supervision to ensure that the maintenance work is performed safely and to code.

(5) For license category (04), an individual is not required to be licensed if the helper/apprentice is working under the general direction of a licensed elevator mechanic provided the mechanic:

(a) Is working in the same license category or as a category (01) mechanic; and

(b) Is on the same job site as the helper/apprentice at least one hundred percent of each working day when performing installation, alterations, repairs and callbacks.

There shall not be more than three helpers/apprentices assigned to a licensed elevator mechanic at any time.

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