

227A.060 Qualifications for licensure -- Provisional license.

- (1) The department shall issue a license as an "electrical contractor" to an applicant who meets the following requirements:
 - (a) Has paid to the department the application fee not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200) and the appropriate examination fee, which shall not exceed the actual cost of examination;
 - (b) Has achieved a passing score, as set by the department, on all portions of the examination required by the department. The department shall promulgate administrative regulations to specify who shall take the examination if the applicant is a business entity; and
 - (c) Has submitted proof that he or she has complied with workers' compensation and unemployment insurance laws and administrative regulations and has obtained a general liability insurance policy of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000).
- (2) The department shall issue a license as a "master electrician" to an applicant who meets the following requirements:
 - (a) Has paid to the department the application fee not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) and the appropriate examination fee not to exceed the actual cost of the examination;
 - (b) Has completed sixteen thousand (16,000) hours of verifiable experience in the electrical trade since his or her sixteenth birthday, except as follows:
 1. Completion of any of the following shall substitute for four thousand (4,000) hours of verifiable experience in the electrical trade:
 - a. A training course in electrical work, acceptable to the department;
or
 - b. Two (2) years of teaching electrical technology or a related field at an accredited college or university; and
 2. Completion of an associate's degree or diploma program in electrical technology or a related field at a college within the Kentucky Community and Technical College System or at an accredited college or university shall substitute for six thousand (6,000) hours of verifiable experience in the electrical trade; and
 - (c) Has achieved a passing score, as set by the department, on all portions of the examination required by the department.
- (3) The department shall issue a license as an "electrician" to an applicant who meets the following requirements:
 - (a) Has paid to the department the application fee not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50) and the appropriate examination fee not to exceed the actual cost of the examination administered by the department;
 - (b) Has completed eight thousand (8,000) hours of verifiable experience in the electrical trade since his or her sixteenth birthday. Completion of any one (1) of the following shall substitute for four thousand (4,000) hours of verifiable experience in the electrical trade:

1. A training course in electrical work, acceptable to the department;
 2. Two (2) years of a minimum four (4) year training course in electrical work, acceptable to the department, with completion of the remaining years of that training course within four (4) years of obtaining the electrician license, or the electrician license shall be revoked;
 3. An associate's degree or diploma program in electrical technology or a related field at a college within the Kentucky Community and Technical College System or at an accredited college or university; or
 4. Two (2) years of teaching electrical technology or a related field at an accredited college or university; and
- (c) Has achieved a passing score, as set by the department, on all portions of the examination required and administered by the department.
- (4) (a) All or part of the experience requirements for licensing under subsection (2) or (3) of this section may be met through applicable supervised military occupational specialty experience while serving in the United States Armed Forces, including but not limited to electrical engineering, electrical power production, electrical repair or maintenance, utilities, electronic systems repair or maintenance, or aircraft electrician experience.
- (b) The department shall promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A that establish an application form for the use of military experience to apply toward licensure experience under subsection (2) or (3) of this section. As part of the application process, the applicant shall be required to provide:
1. A copy of the applicant's DD-214 form showing the applicant's military occupational specialty; or
 2. A signed statement by the applicant's commanding officer, on a form provided by the department, attesting to the fact that the applicant meets the experience requirements of this section.
- (5) (a) The department shall issue a nonrenewable provisional license as an "electrician" to an applicant who has completed at least six (6) years of verifiable experience and has worked two thousand eighty (2,080) hours a year for those six (6) years in the electrical trade since the applicant's sixteenth birthday.
- (b) A nonrenewable provisional license issued to an applicant under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be valid for a period not to exceed one (1) year from the date of issuance.
- (c) The department shall issue a license as an electrician to a provisional license holder who has, prior to the expiration of the one (1) year term of the provisional license:
1. Achieved a passing score on all portions of the examination required and administered by the department under subsection (3)(c) of this section;
 2. Paid to the department the application fee not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50) per year; and

3. Paid to the department the examination fee not to exceed the actual cost of the examination.
- (d) If a provisional license holder does not achieve a passing score on all portions of the examination required and administered under subsection (3)(c) of this section prior to the expiration of the one (1) year term of the provisional license, the provisional license shall expire and the provisional license holder shall be ineligible for any additional provisional licenses. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent a former provisional license holder from acquiring an electrician's license under subsection (3) of this section.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (7/14/2018). 2018 Ky. Acts ch. 186, sec. 2, provides: "This section shall apply to any person who became licensed between June 24, 2003, and July 15, 2004, through KRS 227A.080 prior to that statute's repeal on June 25, 2009, but whose license subsequently lapsed. That person may have his or her license reissued upon payment of a \$100 fee and retaking the regular examination required by the department for that license within one year of the fee payment. A license shall not be reissued under this section after July 31, 2020."