

# Trainee Classroom Education Requirements

## About the Law Change

A new law effecting electrical trainees becomes effective July 1, 2007. The change in the law requires electrical trainees to fulfill 16 hours of basic electrical classroom education before renewing their training certificate. The required classes for trainees **are not** Continuing Education Unit (CEU) classes that are required for renewal of an electrical certification.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Why do I need these classes?

*Industry proposed legislation supported the need to require classroom education from trainees, resulting in a better educated workforce.*

### I'm in a Washington State registered apprenticeship program. Do I have to take basic electrical classes before renewing?

*No, the classes taken as part of the approved apprenticeship program will count as fulfilling the classroom education requirement. Your training director will credit your training certificate.*

### Where do I find approved basic electrical classroom education classes?

*All approved classes in this new category will be listed on the electrical program website as they are approved. The list will be updated regularly as more classes and providers are approved.*

### How many hours am I required to have to renew and be active?

*Any trainee renewing from July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 must show 8 hours of classroom education for renewal. Any trainee renewing after December 31, 2007 must complete 16 hours of classroom education during the previous certificate period.*

### Can I take these classes online or as a correspondence class?

*No, Basic electrical classroom education classes cannot be taken online or as a correspondence course.*

### What if I don't have the classes before renewal?

*A training certificate can be renewed without the required classroom education but will be put into an inactive status. A trainee in inactive status **cannot perform electrical work***

*until the classroom education is fulfilled. Renewing in an inactive status will keep the trainee from paying a late renewal fee. When the trainee has completed the required education, the training certificate will be returned to active status.*

**What happens if I work without a valid training certificate?**

*If a trainee works in the electrical industry without a valid training certificate the trainee, contractor and assigned administrator are all subject to a monetary non compliance citation and possible revocation or suspension of their license or certificate.*

**Can I take CEU classes to meet the trainee class requirement?**

*No, Typical electrician continuing education classes can not be taken to meet the basic electrical classroom education requirement.*

**Can a certified electrician take these basic electrical classroom training classes to meet the CEU requirements for their certificate?**

*Yes, a certified electrician may take either a typical continuing education course or a basic electrical classroom education class in order to meet the continuing education requirements for renewing their certificate.*

**Are there any special requirements for the classroom training classes?**

*Yes, the class must be held in a classroom situation. The minimum length of a class is 8 hours which may be broken into segments at least 2 hours long. If the class is made up of multiple segments, all segments must be completed within a one month period. A written exam is required for all classroom training classes.*