

Information Packet

Public Hearing: Electrical Rules

Date: November 10, 2020
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Telephonic hearing only.
Please call 1-866-715-6499. When prompted for the passcode, enter 9862128073# (pound sign must be entered).

The [Washington State Department of Labor & Industries](#) (L&I) will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the general journeyman electrician and specialty electrician certification qualifications for reciprocity under [WAC 296-46B-940, Electrician/certificate of competency required](#). The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed amendments.

L&I received a petition for rulemaking requesting the amendments to allow for reciprocal certification of electricians between Washington State and Oregon.

The proposed amendments would:

- Eliminate the minimum one-year waiting period for electricians licensed in a reciprocal state to apply for a Washington State reciprocal certificate;
- Amend the provision that any electrician who has ever taken and failed the WA state electrical exam is ineligible for reciprocal licensing to only those electricians who have taken and failed the Washington state electrical exam in the past two years; and
- Eliminate the provision that a person does not qualify for a reciprocal certificate if they were not a Washington State resident at the time of examination in a reciprocal state.

You can review the proposed rules at: <https://lni.wa.gov/rulemaking-activity/?query=Electrical> or by visiting the program's "Laws, Rules, and Policies" page at: <https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/electrical/laws-rules-policies>.

The public hearing will be held telephonically only to allow for oral public comments and testimony on the proposed rules, rather than holding an in-person meeting. This is to comply with the Governor's emergency proclamation restricting the size of gatherings due to the evolving public health emergency caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. However, we strongly encourage the submittal of written comments.

Please send written comments as follows:

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Submit written comments by 5 p.m. on November 10, 2020

If you require communication or accommodation arrangements, please contact Alicia Curry at 360-902-6244, before October 27, 2020.

Details of specific proposed amendments will be published in Washington State Register 20-20 on October 21, 2020. The tentative adoption date for these rules is November 17, and the tentative effective date is December 18, 2020.