



**Notice of adopted rule
August 12, 2020**

**Washington Electrical Journeyman
Reciprocity Standards**

Purpose of the rule:

This rule is necessary to implement a general journeyman electrician reciprocity agreement with the state of Washington. The rule amendments align Oregon standards and administrative procedures with Washington standards and administrative procedures, facilitating the ability of the two states to recognize existing licensing and examination standards as equivalent for reciprocity purposes.

Citation:

Amend: 918-030-0045

This rule is effective August 12, 2020

Background:

Due to differences in licensing and examination standards between Oregon and Washington, the two states have not had a general journeyman electrician reciprocity agreement in recent years. The Washington legislature made changes to their licensing standards in 2018, requiring all journeyman electricians in Washington to have completed an approved apprenticeship. These changes facilitated additional discussions between Oregon and Washington about implementing a new reciprocity agreement for qualified electrical journeyman who have completed an approved apprenticeship program.

History:

The Electrical and Elevator Board considered this issue at both, its May 23, 2019, meeting and its May 28, 2020, meeting, approving the reciprocity agreement both times, and directing the division to engage in rulemaking. The division held a rulemaking hearing on July 21, 2020, and accepted public comment until 5 p.m. on July 24, 2020.

Effect:

This rule allows the division to enter into a reciprocity agreement with the state of Washington for journey level electrical workers. In order to qualify for reciprocity under the proposed rules and reciprocity agreement, Washington applicants must have qualified for their journeyman license by:

- Completion of an approved apprenticeship program that included working a minimum of four (4) years (8,000 hours) in the electrical trade under the direct supervision of a licensed journeyman electrician and completion of four (4) years of electrical apprenticeship vocational education (576 classroom hours minimum).
- Receiving their general journeyman electrician license through examination with the minimum passing score as required in Washington. Reciprocal applicants must not have taken and failed the Oregon general journeyman electrician examination within the last two (2) years.
- Having worked under their license in Washington for a minimum of six months (1,000 hours).
- Have an active Washington license and have no violations or conditions attached within the last three years.

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TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & JUSTIFICATION

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BUILDING CODES DIVISION

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FILING CAPTION: Modifies requirements for journeyman electrical reciprocity agreements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 08/12/2020 THROUGH 09/30/2020

AGENCY APPROVED DATE: 08/11/2020

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NEED FOR THE RULE(S):

Need For the Temporary Rule(s): This rule is needed to implement a general journeyman electrician reciprocity agreement with the state of Washington, as approved by the Electrical and Elevator Board. The rule amendments are necessary to align existing Oregon standards and administrative procedures with Washington standards and administrative procedures, facilitating the ability of the two states to recognize existing licensing and examination standards as equivalent for reciprocity purposes.

JUSTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY FILING:

Justification of Temporary Rule(s): Without this temporary rule, Oregon and Washington cannot have reciprocity for journeyman electrician licenses, and Oregon standards and administrative procedures will not align with Washington standards and administrative procedures. The Electrical and Elevator Board has approved the draft rule and the reciprocity agreement. This temporary rule is justified as it enable the division to align adoption and implementation of the reciprocity agreement with Washington.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

Rules and board minutes from the Electrical and Elevator Board's May 23, 2019, and May 28, 2020, meetings are available from the division's rules coordinator located at 1535 Edgewater St. NW, Salem, Oregon, 97304 and are available on the division's website: <https://www.oregon.gov/bcd/laws-rules/Pages/adopted-rules.aspx>.

HOUSING IMPACT STATEMENT:

No impact.

AMEND: 918-030-0045

RULE SUMMARY: Modifies requirements for journeyman electrical reciprocity agreements.

CHANGES TO RULE:

Application - Oregon Reciprocal License Requirements ¶¶

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(3) To qualify for a license under these rules, a reciprocal applicant must prove that they:¶¶

(a) Possess an equivalent or higher license from the reciprocal state that is current and active with no violations or conditions attached within the past three (3) years;¶¶

(b) Qualified for the equivalent or higher license from the reciprocal state through required work experience and by passing an examination in the reciprocal state with a score of 75 percent or better;¶¶

(c) Have worked a minimum of six (6) months (1,000 hours) under the license in the reciprocal state;¶¶

(d) Have not taken and failed the Oregon examination within the past two (2) years for the license type they are applying to reciprocate.¶¶

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Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 455.117

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