

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3215

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Sections 1684 and 1688, which relate to the Electrical License Act; establishing maximum grade value and passing score; providing for retaking of exam; establishing time limit for registration certificates; requiring continuing education for renewal of certain licenses; requiring amendment of administrative rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1684, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1684. A. Examinations for licenses as electrical contractors or journeyman electricians shall be uniform and practical in nature for each respective license and shall be sufficiently strict to test the qualifications and fitness of the applicants for licenses. Examinations shall be in whole or in part in writing. The Committee shall conduct examinations twice a year and at such other times as it deems necessary.

1 B. ~~Any applicant initially failing to pass the examination~~
2 ~~shall not be permitted to take another examination for a period of~~
3 ~~thirty (30) days. Any applicant subsequently failing to pass the~~
4 ~~examination shall not be permitted to take another examination for a~~
5 ~~period of ninety (90) days~~ The maximum grade value of each part of
6 any such examination shall be one hundred (100) points. A passing
7 score shall be seventy percent (70%) or higher on each part. Any
8 applicant failing to pass the examination shall not be permitted to
9 take another examination for a period of thirty (30) days.

10 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1688, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 Section 1688. A. No license shall be issued for longer than
13 one (1) year, and all licenses shall expire on the last day in the
14 birth month of the licensee. A license may be renewed upon
15 application and payment of fees thirty (30) days preceding or
16 following the date the license is due. Licenses renewed more than
17 thirty (30) days following the date of expiration may be renewed
18 only upon application and payment of all required fees and payment
19 of any penalty for late renewal established by the Board and upon
20 compliance with any applicable continuing education requirements
21 established by the Board and the Electrical License Act. No penalty
22 for late renewal shall be charged to any holder of a license which
23 expires while the holder is in military service, if an application
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1 for renewal is made within one (1) year following the service
2 discharge of the holder.

3 ~~B. No journeyman or contractor license shall be renewed unless
4 the licensee has completed the required hours of continuing
5 education, as determined and approved by the Committee of Electrical
6 Examiners and approved by the Construction Industries Board.~~

7 ~~C. An apprentice registration certificate or a student intern
8 registration certificate shall be issued for one (1) year, at which
9 time the apprentice may reregister upon meeting the requirements of
10 the Construction Industries Board and paying the renewal fee An
11 apprentice registration certificate or a student intern registration
12 certificate shall be issued for one (1) year, at which time the
13 apprentice may reregister upon meeting the requirements of the
14 Construction Industries Board and paying the renewal fee.~~

15 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1688.1 of Title 59, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. 1. Effective January 1, 2026, no contractor or journeyman
19 license shall be renewed unless the licensee has completed twelve
20 (12) hours of continuing education every three (3) years or thirty-
21 six (36) months preceding the expiration date of the license or
22 registration certificate. The continuing education course and
23 instructor shall be approved in advance by the Committee of
24 Electrical Examiners. Exceptions to advance approval, or post-

1 course approval, may be allowed by the Committee, or its designee,
2 for substitute instructors in emergency situations when written
3 notice of the emergency is provided to the Committee or its designee
4 within seven (7) days of the course. The location of continuing
5 education courses shall be at the discretion of the course provider
6 and may be scheduled during the workday at the discretion of the
7 course provider. The continuing education material shall cover six
8 (6) hours of codes and revisions adopted by the Oklahoma Uniform
9 Building Code Commission (OUBCC). The remaining six (6) hours may
10 include the study of: electrical circuit theory and calculations,
11 wiring methods, grounding and bonding, transformer and motor theory,
12 electrical circuits and devices, control systems, alternative energy
13 systems including energy storage, safety related to the electrical
14 industry as defined by NFPA 70E, manufacturers' installation of
15 equipment or parts, the Electrical License Act, the trade
16 regulations as set forth in this act as well as the rules of the
17 Construction Industries Board, and other trade subject matters
18 approved by the Committee.

19 2. Effective January 1, 2026, no apprentice shall be permitted
20 to reregister unless the apprentice registrant has completed three
21 (3) hours of continuing education every year preceding the
22 expiration date of the registration certificate. The continuing
23 education course and instructor shall be approved in advance by the
24 Committee. Exceptions to advance approval, or post-course approval,
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1 may be allowed by the Committee, or its designee, for substitute
2 instructors in emergency situations when written notice of the
3 emergency is provided to the Committee or its designee within seven
4 (7) days of the course. The location of continuing education
5 courses shall be at the discretion of the course provider and may be
6 scheduled during the workday at the discretion of the course
7 provider. The continuing education material shall cover a
8 combination of the codes and revisions adopted by the OUBCC,
9 Oklahoma electrical industry regulations as well as the rules of the
10 Construction Industries Board, and "electrical safety" as defined by
11 NFPA 70E, other trade subject matters approved by the Committee, or
12 approved continuing education for the contractor or journeyman.
13 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, if an apprentice
14 is a student apprentice or is enrolled and attending an approved
15 course, the continuing education shall not be required.

16 B. The Construction Industries Board shall amend its rules,
17 wherever applicable, to conform to the provisions of the Electrical
18 License Act.

19 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.
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