

N.J. Admin. Code § 13:31-2.3

Section 13:31-2.3 - Experience requirements

(a) For purposes of this section, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Accredited and approved" means that an apprenticeship program is registered with or approved by the United States Department of Labor.

"Journeyman electrician" means an individual who has successfully completed four years of a United States Department of Labor-accredited and approved apprenticeship. A "journeyman electrician" shall not be deemed a "qualified journeyman," as that term is used at N.J.A.C. 13:31-5 and shall not supervise the performance of electrical work pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:31-3.4.

"One year of employment" means 2,000 hours of practical hands-on experience.

"Practical hands-on experience" means experience working with tools in the installation, alteration, or repair of wiring for electric light, heat, or power, which work shall have been done in compliance with the National Electrical Code. "Practical hands-on experience" shall not include time spent in supervising or engaging in the practice of engineering, estimating, or performing managerial tasks.

(b) Applicants for examination for a license as an electrical contractor shall present proof to the Board that the applicant:

1. Has been, for a period of at least five years immediately preceding the submission of the application, employed or engaged in the business of electrical construction and installation. During that period, the applicant shall have:

i. Successfully completed a four-year electrical apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the United States Department of Labor while actively engaged or employed as an electrical apprentice.

(1) As proof of successful completion of the electrical apprenticeship program, the applicant shall submit a copy of a Certificate of Completion issued by the United States Department of Labor; and

ii. Obtained at least one year of practical hands-on experience as a journeyman electrician.

(1) The applicant shall complete the four-year electrical apprenticeship program prior to spending at least one year as a journeyman electrician.

(2) For the purposes of (b)1ii above, one year of practical hands-on experience shall mean 2,000 hours.

(c) Between December 17, 2018 and December 17, 2022, for an applicant who was employed in the electrical trade prior to December 17, 2018, or enrolled in a formal electrical apprenticeship program completed prior to December 17, 2018, the Board shall accept one year of employment, in lieu of one year's enrollment in an electrical apprenticeship program, accredited and approved by the United States Department of Labor, up to a maximum total credit of four years.

1. As proof of each year of employment, the applicant shall submit, on a form provided by the Board, an affidavit from each employer acknowledging the number of hours that the applicant has had practical hands-on experience. In lieu of an affidavit, the Board shall accept as proof of employment copies of filed income tax returns or W-2 forms.