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Licensing Requirements and Application Checklist Master Electrician by Examination

License Requirements for Master Electrician License:

Below are the minimum requirements you must meet in order to be licensed in the state of Montana.

1. **Education Requirements:** Written evidence of being a graduate as an **electrical engineer** of an accredited college or university and having minimum of (2,000) hours of legally obtained practical experience. [[37-68-304, MCA](#)]

Or;

2. **Experience Requirements:** Must be on a form prescribed by the board or as noted:

- A third party verification of (8,000) hours of legally obtained journeyman level experience** [[37-68-102, MCA](#)] in wiring for, installing, and repairing of electrical apparatus and equipment for light, heat, and power, [[37-68-304, MCA](#)] with no less than 20 percent, but not more than 50 percent residential experience. [[ARM 24-141-501 \(3\)](#)]

3. **Temporary Practice Permits:** [[ARM 24. 141.502](#)]

- A temporary practice permit may be issued to an applicant upon completion of an application, submission of verification of experience, payment of the appropriate fees, and approval by the board or designated board representative. **An applicant for a master electrician license may be issued a journeyman temporary practice permit.**
- An active temporary practice permit allows an applicant to perform work while employed by a licensed electrical contractor.
- A temporary practice permit issued to an applicant for an electrician license shall expire 60 days from the date of issuance or upon receipt of licensure examination results.
- A temporary practice permit does not allow an individual to act as a responsible electrician for a licensed electrical contractor.
- Applicants who fail an exam with a score of 69 percent or less are not eligible for a temporary practice permit.
- Subsequent temporary practice permits may be issued at the discretion of the board.

Checklist of Required Documents to Submit for Application for Master Electrician by Examination:

The following documents and additional forms are required in addition to the basic application. Some documents may be submitted directly by the applicant as part of the application. Others, such as transcripts, may need to be sent to the board directly from the source.

- Official license verification from states and jurisdictions in which the applicant holds or has ever held a professional license of any type;
- One of the following:
 - Master experience verification form providing 3rd party verification for **8000 hours** of legally obtained journeyman level experience; **or**
 - Proof of being a graduate as an electrical engineer of an accredited college or university **and** having a minimum of 2,000 hours of legally obtained practical electrical experience.

Application Fee(s) for Master Electrician by Examination:

The following fee(s) must be submitted with your application. Online applicants can pay using a credit card or e-check. If you submit a paper application you must submit a check. Do not mail cash.

- \$240 application fee
- \$50 Temporary **Journeyman Electrician** work permit for exam candidates (fee is in addition to application fee)

You can apply for a license online at <https://ebiz.mt.gov/POL/> or download a paper application from the website. Online application is recommended.

Please include a valid e-mail address with your application. E-mail is the department's primary form of communication.

If you have any questions about the application process or the licensing requirements please contact the Department of Labor and Industry Professional Licensing Bureau using the contact information at the top of this checklist.