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Licensing Requirements and Application Checklist Residential Electrician by Examination

License Requirements for Residential Electrician License:

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

1. Education Requirements: Completion of an approved residential apprenticeship program in the electrical trade or completion of an appropriate training program conducted by a bona fide union or trade association. [[37-68-305, MCA](#)]

Or;

2. Experience Requirements: Apply by one of the following on a form prescribed by the board:

- a. **A third party verification of (4,000) hours of legally obtained practical experience** in wiring for, installing, and repairing of electrical apparatus and equipment for light, heat, and power in residential construction consisting of less than five living units in a single structure. [[37-68-305, MCA](#)]
 - a. Or;
- b. Worked in the electrical maintenance field for at least (20,000) hours, **accompanied by written certification by the applicant's employer** that the applicant has attained at least (20,000) hours in the electrical maintenance field while working for the employer. A minimum of (8,000) of these hours must be practical experience. [[37-68-305, MCA](#)]

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 Residential 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;
- Residential experience verification form providing **4000 hours** of legally obtained experience or
- Copy of **Apprenticeship Completion Certificate** showing hours and trade that was completed or
- Copy of written certification that the applicant has attained **20,000 hours** in the maintenance field by applicant's employer.

Application Fee(s) for Residential 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 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.