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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to M. G. L. c. 13, § 32A; c. 30A; c. 112, § 61, and c. 141, §§ 2, 2A the Board of State Examiners of Electricians and the Board of Electricians' Appeals will hold a public hearing relative to the proposed promulgation of amendments to the Board's regulations at 237 Code Mass. Regs. §§ 14.00 (Examinations for Licensure) and 15.00 (Licensure without Examination). By these proposed amendments, the Board seeks to: remove outdated and unnecessary requirements which have become burdensome on license applicants; provide new pathways to licensure; and otherwise clarify language which may have led to confusion, thus making compliance easier and more cost effective. A small business impact statement has been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office.

The Board will hold the public hearing as follows (pre-registration is not required):

Monday, August 18, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.:

By videoconference

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>

Meeting ID: 250 774 201 730 0

Passcode: nN36tp2u

Or call in to:

(857) 327-9245, Phone Conference ID: 948 621 856#

Interested Parties will be given an opportunity to present testimony orally at this hearing. The Board will also accept written comments received prior to the hearing regarding the regulations sent via email at electricians.board@mass.gov or by mail at this address:

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Division of Occupational Licensure
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Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 28, 2025. A copy of the proposed regulations may be obtained at the Board's web site located at: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-state-examiners-of-electricians> or by contacting the Board office directly at the above address or by phone: (617) 727-9931.

Small Business Impact Statement

(As required by M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 2, 3 & 5)

CMR No: 237 CMR 14.00: Examinations for Licensure

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: Approximately 2,700. As of July 2025, there are currently 2,666 licensed electrician and systems contractor businesses (which include 2456 electrical businesses and 210 systems contractor businesses).

Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports? This regulation amendment does not create an additional reporting requirement.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures? This regulation amendment does not mandate additional recordkeeping procedures.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight? This regulation is not being amended to create additional administrative oversight.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation? This regulation amendment does not create regulatory burdens requiring the hiring of additional employees.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)? This regulation amendment does not create regulatory burdens requiring the hiring of professionals.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation? This regulation does not mandate that electrician businesses purchase a product or make other capital investments. However, individuals seeking to enter the electrician profession will be required to pay for a licensure examination.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are performance standards more appropriate than design/operational standards to accomplish the regulatory objective? The board is tasked with imposing licensure and practice requirements upon licensees based upon the standards of the electrician profession. Both specific performance standards and design/operational standards are appropriate for establishing licensure and practice standards.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation? No other regulations are known to duplicate or conflict with this section.
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities? Individuals performing electrician services or operating electrician businesses are currently subject to inspections and regulatory enforcement activities in order to ensure that the standards of the profession are maintained. They are also required to respond to requests from the Board, make available records requested by the Board, and report to the Board unethical, incompetent or illegal acts committed by another licensee. These requirements will continue under the amended regulation.

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements? The amended regulation does not require small businesses to pay for the education of its electricians.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? It is not anticipated that the amendment of this written examination requirement will have a strong adverse impact on the formation of electrician businesses in Massachusetts.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? This regulation gives the Board flexibility in administering examinations in languages other than English and therefore may encourage massage therapists who are English language learners to establish electrician businesses in Massachusetts.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? The amended regulation does not contain a compliance or reporting requirement.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? The amended regulation does not contain a compliance or reporting requirement.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? This regulation requires electrician licensees to cooperate with requests by the Board and make available to the Board any requested record. It does not simplify or consolidate any reporting requirements for electrician establishments.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective? The board is tasked with imposing licensure and practice requirements upon licensees based upon the standards of the electrician profession. This regulation uses both specific performance standards and design/operational standards to assess candidates for licensure and renewal of massage therapy licenses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?

		<p>The board is tasked with imposing licensure and practice requirements upon licensees based upon the standards of the electrician profession. There are no alternative regulatory methods available in order to achieve that objective.</p>
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Small Business Impact Statement

(As required by M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 2, 3 & 5)

CMR No: 237 CMR 15.00: Licensure without Examination

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: Approximately 2,700. As of July 2025, there are currently 2,666 licensed electrician and systems contractor businesses (which include 2456 electrical businesses and 210 systems contractor businesses).

Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain

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Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation? This regulation amendment does not create regulatory burdens requiring the hiring of additional employees.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)? This regulation amendment does not create regulatory burdens requiring the hiring of professionals.
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Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? It is not anticipated that the amendment of this reciprocal licensure requirement will have a strong adverse impact on the formation of electrician businesses in Massachusetts.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? This regulation amendment closes a loophole for reciprocal licensure to persons previously-licensed in the Commonwealth and therefore the effect on establishing electrician and systems contractor businesses in Massachusetts is neutral.
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