

IDAPA 07 – DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

07.01.03 – RULES OF ELECTRICAL LICENSING AND REGISTRATION – GENERAL

DOCKET NO. 07-0103-1901

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE RULES – NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Sections 67-5220(1) and 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency intends to promulgate rules and desires public comment prior to initiating formal rulemaking procedures. This negotiated rulemaking action is authorized pursuant to Section 54-1006, Idaho Code.

MEETING SCHEDULE: A public meeting on the negotiated rulemaking will be held as follows:

PUBLIC MEETING	
Wednesday, July 24, 2019 – 9:30 a.m. (MDT)	
Idaho Division of Building Safety 1090 E. Watertower Street, Suite 150 Meridian, ID 83642	
Via VIDEO TELECONFERENCE (same date and time as above) At the following Division of Building Safety locations:	
Coeur d’Alene Regional Office 1250 Ironwood Drive, Suite 220 Coeur d’Alene, ID 83814	Pocatello Regional Office 2055 Garrett Way, Bldg. 1, Suite 4 Pocatello, ID 83201

Additional negotiated rulemaking meetings may be established, if necessary. Adequate notice of the dates, locations, and manner of participation of any such additional meetings will be posted on the Idaho Division of Building Safety (Division) website at <http://dbs.idaho.gov/>.

The meeting sites will be accessible to persons with disabilities, if needed. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the meeting to the agency address below.

METHOD OF PARTICIPATION: Persons wishing to participate in the negotiated rulemaking must do the following:

Interested members of the public who wish to participate must submit any written comments, questions, recommendations, or ideas to the Idaho Electrical Board (Board) on designated forms available at the Division’s website at <http://dbs.idaho.gov/> and at the Division’s offices in Meridian, Coeur d’Alene, and Pocatello. Individuals may also attend the public meeting to be conducted on the date listed above. The Board invites oral comments or presentations to be made at the meeting. More information on the meeting is available by contacting Deputy Administrator Ron Whitney at (208) 332-7150 or at ron.whitney@dbs.idaho.gov.

Upon conclusion of the negotiated rulemaking, any unresolved issues, all key issues considered, and conclusion reached during the negotiated rulemaking will be addressed in a written summary. The summary will be made available to interested persons who contact the agency or, if the agency chooses, the summary may be posted on the agency website.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The following is a statement in nontechnical language of the substance and purpose of the intended negotiated rulemaking and the principal issues involved:

The purpose of the intended negotiated rulemaking is to invite public comment regarding the following:

The proposed amendments would align IDAPA 07.01.03 with Senate Bill 1008 by requiring apprentices to register and report work experience every year instead of every five years and allowing an apprentice to test for a journeyman electrician license by proving 16,000 hours of work experience.

The proposed amendments would also define continuation training as required in Idaho Code section 54-1007(2); remove a requirement that a journeyman test applicant show industrial, residential, and commercial work experience; require a journeyman test applicant to instead show work experience in at least one of those categories; remove requirements that a journeyman license applicant from a reciprocal state prove licensure in the reciprocal state for at least one year and that the applicant has not previously failed the Idaho journeyman examination; and remove a restriction preventing an out-of-state journeyman from registering as an Idaho electrical apprentice.

In addition, this rulemaking would eliminate or simplify provisions in IDAPA 07.01.03 to comply with the Red Tape Reduction Act (Executive Order 2019-02).

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, OBTAINING DRAFT COPIES: For assistance on technical questions concerning this negotiated rulemaking or to obtain a preliminary draft copy of the rule text, if available, contact Warren Wing, Electrical Program Manager, Division of Building Safety, at (208) 334-3950 or at warren.wing@dbs.idaho.gov. Materials pertaining to the negotiated rulemaking, including any available preliminary rule drafts, can be found on the Division's website at <http://dbs.idaho.gov/>.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this negotiated rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and delivered by July 19, 2019.

Dated this 5th day of April, 2019.

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