

010.13-019 Continuing Education

- A. No journeyman electrician license or master electrician license shall be renewed unless the licensee completes at least eight (8) hours of continuing education for each National Electrical Code (NEC) cycle. Continuing education shall consist of classroom or other Board approved instruction relating specifically to the National Electrical Code. The NEC cycle shall begin on January 1 of each year of NEC publication.

- B. Approved Continuing Education Hours:
 - 1. Continuing education hours required by these Regulations shall be obtained only in programs and courses approved by the Board.
 - 2. The Board shall examine and approve curricula from any entity that provides continuing education to determine whether it provides appropriate and adequate NEC instruction.
 - 3. Course curricula shall be presented to the Board for approval at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the course. The curricula shall be presented on a form approved by the Board. Electrical Division staff may recommend course providers and curricula to the Board for approval. The Board may approve retroactive credit for courses completed during the current NEC cycle but before the effective date of these regulations.
 - 4. Upon completion of a Board approved course, the course provider shall complete an attendance roster form approved by the Board to confirm completion. The course provider shall submit this form to the Board and/or the Arkansas Department of Labor Electrical Division. The course provider's roster is the only document acceptable to confirm completion of course credit. Each course provider shall maintain this information not less than five (5) years from the course completion date.
 - 5. The Arkansas Department of Labor Electrical Division shall:
 - a. maintain the attendance rosters submitted by course providers; and
 - b. maintain a list of Board approved courses.

- C. No apprentice that completes an apprenticeship program and passes the journeyman exam shall be required to obtain additional continuing education hours during that NEC cycle.

- D. Failure to complete continuing education hours

1. If any licensee fails to complete the required continuing education hours before the end of each NEC cycle, the licensee may obtain the required continuing education hours within ninety (90) days without being subject to examination requirements or civil penalties for performing unlicensed electrical work. All other civil penalties shall apply.
2. If the licensee fails to obtain the required hours within this ninety (90) day period, the licensee shall be required to take another examination.

E. Notwithstanding the provisions of 010.13-019(D)(2) above, the required continuing education hours for the 2005 NEC Cycle may be obtained no later than December 31, 2008, without the licensee being required to take another examination. A licensee may be subject to civil penalties for performing unlicensed electrical work and may be subject to an examination requirement pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 17-28-301(b)(5).