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ELECTRICAL LICENSING FAQ's

What is the difference between a Registered/Sponsored Apprentice and a Licensed Apprentice?

A Registered/Sponsored Apprentice is one whose supervisor has registered/sponsored the apprentice's hours with a **nationally recognized and accredited apprenticeship program** to earn their certificate of completion (known as Journey Papers/Journeyman Certificate). A Licensed Apprentice is one who has enrolled in an apprenticeship program (Registered/Sponsored or not) and has applied for and obtained an Apprentice Electrician License to **legally** perform the hours of electrical work in the state of Delaware required to complete said apprenticeship. For more information about the requirements and how to apply for Delaware Apprentice Electrician Licensure, please visit DPR's "[Apprentice Electrician](#)" webpage.

If I am a Registered/Sponsored Apprentice, do I still need to obtain an Apprentice License?

Yes. In order to **legally** perform electrical work in the state of Delaware, one **must** be licensed per Statute [§1407\(a\)](#).

Is it mandatory to complete a Registered/Sponsored Apprenticeship Program in order to receive a Journeyman Electrician License?

No. If you have **not** completed a Registered/Sponsored Apprenticeship Program, you may still pursue licensure via examination. Along with your Journeyman Electrician application, you must supply proof of completion of an Apprenticeship Related Technical Instruction/School Program and an affidavit(s) from your supervisor(s) ([Verification of Employment Form](#)(s)) to demonstrate the completion of a minimum of 8,000 hours of full-time experience performing electrical work as a **Licensed** Apprentice Electrician under the supervision of a licensed Master Electrician. For more information about Delaware Journeyman Electrician Licensure, please visit the DPR's "[Journeyman Electrician](#)" webpage.

Would I benefit pursuing a Registered/Sponsored Apprenticeship Program more than an Un-Registered/Not Sponsored Apprenticeship Program?

If one completed a Registered/Sponsored Apprenticeship Program (such as one from the DOL or IBEW), they **will not** have to sit for examination for licensure, whereas one who completed an Un-Registered/Not-Sponsored Apprenticeship Program, **will** have to sit for examination for licensure.

If I have electrical Journey papers from the Delaware Department of Labor, am I still required to take the examination for Journeyman Electrician Licensure?

No. If you have completed a Registered/Sponsored Apprenticeship Program, you may apply for Journeyman Electrician licensure via certification. Along with your Journeyman Electrician application, you will be required to supply proof of completion of your Registered apprenticeship via a certificate of completion (Journey Papers/Journeyman Certificate) which will **waive** the need for an examination for licensure.

How long does it take to obtain an Apprentice Electrician License application once submitted?

Generally, Apprentice Electrician applications are processed, and licenses are issued within four to six weeks of submission should all required documentation be provided with the application when first submitted.

What construction trades require an Apprentice or Journeyman Electrician License?

Currently, the only construction trade to require an Apprentice or Journeyman License is the Electrical trade.

What are the requirements of obtaining a Master Electrician License?

For more information about the requirements and how to apply for Delaware Master Electrician Licensure, please visit the DPR's "[Electrician License \(Master, Limited, Master Special, Limited Special\)](#)" webpage.



Pursuing Journeyman Electrician Licensure in the State of Delaware

