



EMERGENCY RULE

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1. **Agency:** Office of Professional Licensure and Certification
2. **RSA Authority:** RSA 310:17
3. **Federal Authority:** N/A
4. **Action(s):** Readopt w/Amendment
5. **Filing Date:** 2026-05-06
6. **Short Title:** Substantially Similar Requirements for the Professions Regulated by the Electricians' Board.
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****PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING, numbered to correspond to the number on this sheet (a separate sheet is not required for every item):**

9. **An explanation of the nature of (a) the imminent peril to public health or safety, demonstrating that the emergency rule is necessary to prevent the imminent peril, or (b) the substantial fiscal harm to the state or its citizens which could otherwise occur if the rule were not adopted as an emergency rule.**

The Board of Electricians sees this result as a public safety concern. An electrician who did not receive a robust education as part of their initial training is more likely to provide substandard services in NH resulting in injury, loss of property, loss of life, or excessive costs to fix the work. The Board of Electricians, in its efforts to protect the public of NH, asserts the change is necessary to properly comply with the language of RSA 310:17.

10. **A summary of the effect if the rule were not adopted.**

Not adopting this rule could result in injury, loss of property, or excessive costs to fix work that is improperly done due to less training than is required for those trained in state.

11. **A description of those affected.**

Those looking to come to New Hampshire from out of state will be impacted and may need to see lower-level licensure than a Master Electrician license. Members of the public will have trust that a Master Electrician licensed in this State has at least 600 hours of education, 8,000 hours of apprenticeship hours, and 2,000 hours of work as a journeyman electrician.

****PLEASE SIGN THE FOLLOWING:**

I, the adopting authority,* hereby certify that the attached is an accurate statement explaining why an emergency rule is necessary.



Date: 2026-05-06 **Name:** Deanna E. Jurius **Title:** Executive Director

**('Adopting authority' is the official empowered by statute to adopt the rule, or a member of the group of individuals empowered by statute to adopt the rule.)*

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Readopt with amendment Plc 313.24, effective 5-3-24 (Document #13954), to read as follows:

Plc 313.24 Substantially Similar Requirements for the Professions Regulated by the Electricians’ Board.

(a) For purposes of obtaining a license by endorsement for a profession regulated by the electricians’ board, the licensing jurisdiction shall use the same edition or later of the same electrical code as is used in New Hampshire, and the current requirements of the licensing jurisdiction shall be as follows:

- (1) For a journeyman electrician:
 - a. Complete 4 years of full-time work or 8,000 hours of work in not more than 6 years as an apprentice electrician in an apprenticeship program that includes not less than 560 hours of education and is deemed by the licensing jurisdiction to prepare apprentices for licensure; and
 - b. Pass a state-approved examination for journeyman electricians; and

- (2) For a master electrician:
 - a. Complete at least one year full-time or 2,000 hours of work in not more than 3 years as a licensed journeyman electrician *in a jurisdiction which qualifies under (1) above*; and
 - b. Pass a state-approved examination for master electricians.

(b) Applicants for licensure by endorsement also shall have one year of professional experience as:

- (1) A licensed journeyman electrician, if applying for a journeyman electrician license; or
- (2) A licensed master electrician, if applying for a master electrician license.

APPENDIX A: STATE STATUTES IMPLEMENTED

Rule(s)	State Statute(s) Implemented
Plc 313.24	RSA 310:17; RSA 319-C:6-a, I; RSA 319-C:7