

**TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION**  
**Informational Notice 03-05**

**To:** Local Workforce Development Board Executive Directors  
Commission Executive Staff  
Integrated Service Area Managers  
Commission Local Offices

**From:** Luis M. Macias, Director, Workforce Development Division

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**Subject:** **Electrical Licensing for Certain Veterans**

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**PURPOSE:**

To provide Local Workforce Development Boards with information on electrical licensing for certain veterans.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) is encouraging all recently discharged military veterans who held a military occupational specialty in the electrical field to apply for licensure with the State of Texas.

Prior to June 2004, the exam for journeyworker electricians and master electricians was waived if proof of experience could be provided and verified. Now, new applicants must pass the exam, but military experience can apply toward licensing requirements.

There are three categories for which veterans can apply, according to their level of experience:

**Electrical Apprentice**

An applicant for a license as an electrical apprentice must be at least 16 years of age and engaged in the process of learning and assisting in electrical work under the supervision of a licensed master electrician.

**Journeyworker Electrician**

An applicant for a license as a journeyworker electrician must:

1. have at least 8,000 hours of on-the-job training under the supervision of a master electrician; and
2. pass a journeyworker electrician examination administered under the Texas Electrical Safety and Licensing Act (Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 1305).

**Master Electrician**

An applicant for a license as a master electrician must:

1. have at least 12,000 hours of on-the-job training under the supervision of a master electrician; and
2. pass a master electrician examination administered under the Texas Electrical Safety and Licensing Act.

For more information, visit the TDLR Web site at <http://www.license.state.tx.us> or call (512) 463-6599 in Austin or toll-free at 1-800-803-9202.

**INQUIRIES:**

Direct inquiries to the assigned contract manager for your local workforce development area.