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1 AN ACT Relating to certificates of competency for electricians; and  
2 amending RCW 19.28.530.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.28.530 and 1988 c 81 s 13 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) Upon receipt of the application, the department shall review  
7 the application and determine whether the applicant is eligible to take  
8 an examination for the journeyman or specialty certificate of  
9 competency. To be eligible to take the examination for a journeyman  
10 certificate the applicant must have worked in the electrical  
11 construction trade for a minimum of four years employed full time, of  
12 which two years shall be in industrial or commercial electrical  
13 installation under the supervision of a journeyman electrician  
14 certified under this chapter and not more than a total of two years in  
15 all specialties under the supervision of a journeyman electrician  
16 certified under this chapter or an appropriate specialty electrician  
17 certified under this chapter or have successfully completed an  
18 apprenticeship program approved under chapter 49.04 RCW for the  
19 electrical construction trade. To be eligible to take the examination

1 to become a specialty electrician the applicant shall have worked in  
2 that specialty of the electrical construction trade, under the  
3 supervision of a journeyman electrician certified under this chapter or  
4 an appropriate specialty electrician certified under this chapter, for  
5 a minimum of two years employed full time, or have successfully  
6 completed an approved apprenticeship program under chapter 49.04 RCW  
7 for the applicant's specialty in the electrical construction trade.  
8 Before January 1, 1984, applicants for nonresidential maintenance  
9 specialty licenses are eligible to become nonresidential maintenance  
10 specialists upon certification to the department that they have the  
11 equivalent of two years full-time experience in that specialty field.  
12 Persons applying before January 1, 1984, for a journeyman certificate  
13 are eligible to take the examination to become journeymen until July 1,  
14 1984, upon certification to the department that they have the  
15 equivalent of five years full-time experience in nonresidential  
16 maintenance, of which two years shall be in industrial electrical  
17 installation. Any applicant who has successfully completed a two-year  
18 postsecondary technical ((school)) program in the electrical  
19 construction trade ((in a school that is approved by the commission for  
20 vocational education)) offered by a public community or technical  
21 college in Washington state or by an institution that is licensed under  
22 chapter 28C.10 RCW by the work force training and education  
23 coordinating board, shall be eligible to take the journeyman  
24 examination. No other requirement for eligibility may be imposed. The  
25 department may substitute up to two years of the technical school  
26 program for two years of work experience under a journeyman  
27 electrician. The applicant shall obtain the additional two years of  
28 work experience required in industrial or commercial electrical  
29 installation prior to the beginning, or after the completion, of the  
30 technical school program. Any applicant who has received training in  
31 the electrical construction trade in the armed service of the United  
32 States may be eligible to take the examination for the certificate of  
33 competency. ((Any applicant who is a graduate of a trade school  
34 program in the electrical construction trade that was established  
35 during 1946 is eligible to take the examination for the certificate of  
36 competency. No other requirement for eligibility may be imposed.)) Any  
37 applicant who is a graduate of an approved trade or technical school  
38 program in the electrical construction trade that is accredited by the

1 state or the national association of technical and trade schools is  
2 eligible to take the journeyman examination.

3 (2) The department shall establish reasonable rules for the  
4 examinations to be given applicants for certificates of competency. In  
5 establishing the rules, the department shall consult with the board.  
6 Upon determination that the applicant is eligible to take the  
7 examination, the department shall so notify the applicant, indicating  
8 the time and place for taking the examination.

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