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1 AN ACT Relating to the regulation of heating, ventilating, air
2 conditioning, and refrigeration contractors; amending RCW 18.106.010,
3 18.106.020, 18.106.030, 18.106.040, 18.106.050, 18.106.070, 18.106.080,
4 18.106.090, 18.106.110, 18.106.130, 18.106.150, 18.106.155, 18.106.170,
5 18.106.180, 18.106.250, 18.106.270, 18.106.320, and 19.28.041; adding
6 a new section to chapter 18.106 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

8 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.106.010 and 2003 c 399 s 102 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 Unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, the
11 following words and phrases as (~~hereinafter~~) used in this chapter
12 shall have the following meaning:

13 (1) "Advisory board" means the state plumbing and mechanical
14 advisory board (~~of plumbers~~);

15 (2) "Contractor" means any person, corporate or otherwise, who
16 engages in, or offers or advertises to engage in, any work covered by
17 the provisions of this chapter by way of trade or business, or any
18 person, corporate or otherwise, who employs anyone, or offers or

1 advertises to employ anyone, to engage in any work covered by the
2 provisions of this chapter;

3 (3) "Department" means the department of labor and industries;

4 (4) "Director" means the director of department of labor and
5 industries;

6 (5) "Heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration" or
7 "HVAC/R" (a) means that craft involved in installing, altering,
8 repairing and renovating heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and
9 refrigeration systems and equipment; and (b) does not include
10 residential wood stoves, or work performed by an electric utility or
11 employees of an electrical utility while engaging in the installation,
12 repair, replacement, or maintenance of HVAC/R equipment associated with
13 work performed on the utility's lines or systems;

14 (6) "HVAC/R equipment" means all materials, devices, components,
15 appliances, fuel delivery piping, controls, including thermostatic
16 controls for air, liquid, or gas, cabling, and wiring necessary to
17 operate any system that heats, cools, conditions, ventilates, filters,
18 refrigerates, humidifies, or dehumidifies environmental air for
19 industrial, commercial, or residential use, including decorative gas
20 fireplaces, which does not include: (a) Electrical wiring on the
21 energized side of a switch or other means of disconnecting the
22 electrical circuit providing power to the HVAC/R equipment from a
23 source of power; (b) mechanical piping other than that necessary to
24 deliver fuel; or (c) sheet metal work or ducting;

25 (7) "HVAC/R fuel delivery piping mechanic" means a person who
26 installs, alters, repairs, and renovates piping that delivers liquid or
27 gas fuel to HVAC/R equipment, other than a registered journeyman or
28 specialty plumber who works on piping necessary to deliver gas fuel to
29 HVAC/R equipment;

30 (8) "Journeyman HVAC/R mechanic" means a person who installs,
31 alters, repairs, and renovates HVAC/R equipment who has been issued a
32 certificate of competency by the department of labor and industries
33 under RCW 18.106.070;

34 (9) "Journeyman residential HVAC/R mechanic" means a person who
35 installs, alters, repairs, and renovates HVAC/R equipment in a
36 residential structure who has been issued a certificate of competency
37 by the department of labor and industries under RCW 18.106.070;

1 (10) "Journeyman plumber" means any person who has been issued a
2 certificate of competency by the department of labor and industries as
3 provided in this chapter;

4 ~~((+6))~~ (11) "Like-in-kind" means having similar characteristics
5 such as plumbing size, type, and function, and being in the same
6 location;

7 ~~((+7))~~ (12) "Medical gas piping" means oxygen, nitrous oxide, high
8 pressure nitrogen, medical compressed air, and medical vacuum systems;

9 ~~((+8))~~ (13) "Medical gas piping installer" means a journeyman
10 plumber who has been issued a medical gas piping installer endorsement;

11 ~~((+9))~~ (14) "Plumbing" means that craft involved in installing,
12 altering, repairing and renovating potable water systems, liquid waste
13 systems, and medical gas piping systems within a building.
14 Installation in a water system of water softening or water treatment
15 equipment is not within the meaning of plumbing as used in this
16 chapter;

17 ~~((+10))~~ (15) "Specialty plumber" means anyone who has been issued
18 a specialty certificate of competency limited to:

19 (a) Installation, maintenance, and repair of the plumbing of
20 single-family dwellings, duplexes, and apartment buildings that do not
21 exceed three stories; or

22 (b) Maintenance and repair of backflow prevention assemblies.

23 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.106.020 and 2002 c 82 s 2 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 (1) No person may engage in or offer to engage in the trade of
26 plumbing without having a journeyman certificate, specialty
27 certificate, temporary permit, or trainee certificate. A trainee must
28 be supervised by a person who has a journeyman certificate, specialty
29 certificate, or temporary permit, as specified in RCW 18.106.070. No
30 contractor may employ a person to engage in or offer to engage in the
31 trade of plumbing unless the person employed has a journeyman
32 certificate, specialty certificate, temporary permit, or trainee
33 certificate. This section does not apply to a contractor who is
34 contracting for work on his or her own residence.

35 (2) No person may engage in or offer to engage in medical gas
36 piping installation without having a certificate of competency as a
37 journeyman plumber and a medical gas piping installer endorsement. A

1 trainee may engage in medical gas piping installation if he or she has
2 a training certificate and is supervised by a person with a medical gas
3 piping installer endorsement. No contractor may employ a person to
4 engage in or offer to engage in medical gas piping installation unless
5 the person employed has a certificate of competency as a journeyman
6 plumber and a medical gas piping installer endorsement.

7 (3) Except for electricians properly licensed or supervised
8 pursuant to chapter 19.28 RCW and performing work within the scope of
9 their licenses, no person may engage in or offer to engage in the trade
10 of installing, repairing, or maintaining HVAC/R equipment without
11 having a journeyman HVAC/R mechanic certificate, journeyman residential
12 HVAC/R mechanic certificate, HVAC/R fuel delivery piping mechanic
13 certificate, temporary permit, or HVAC/R trainee certificate. A
14 trainee must be supervised by a person who has a journeyman HVAC/R
15 mechanic certificate, journeyman residential HVAC/R mechanic
16 certificate, or temporary permit, as specified in RCW 18.106.070. No
17 contractor may employ a person to engage in or offer to engage in the
18 trade of repairing, maintaining, or installing HVAC/R equipment unless
19 the person employed has a journeyman HVAC/R mechanic certificate,
20 journeyman residential HVAC/R mechanic certificate, HVAC/R fuel
21 delivery piping mechanic certificate, temporary permit, or HVAC/R
22 trainee certificate. This section does not apply to a contractor who
23 is contracting for work on his or her own residence. This section
24 shall also not apply to workers retained by an HVAC/R contractor to
25 engage in only activities that do not require knowledge or skills
26 associated with the energizing or fueling of HVAC/R equipment, such as
27 the lifting or movement of decommissioned, de-energized, or un-
28 energized HVAC/R equipment and related tools and supplies to, from, or
29 within the worksite.

30 (4) No contractor may advertise, offer to do work, submit a bid, or
31 perform any work under this chapter without being registered as a
32 contractor under chapter 18.27 RCW.

33 ~~((4))~~ (5) Violation of this section is an infraction. Each day
34 in which a person engages in the trade of plumbing or HVAC/R in
35 violation of this section or employs a person in violation of this
36 section is a separate infraction. Each worksite at which a person
37 engages in the trade of plumbing or HVAC/R in violation of this section

1 or at which a person is employed in violation of this section is a
2 separate infraction.

3 ~~((5))~~ (6) Notices of infractions for violations of this section
4 may be issued to:

5 (a) The person engaging in or offering to engage in the trade of
6 plumbing or HVAC/R in violation of this section;

7 (b) The contractor in violation of this section; and

8 (c) The contractor's employee who authorized the work assignment of
9 the person employed in violation of this section.

10 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.106.030 and 1997 c 326 s 4 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 (1) Any person desiring to be issued a certificate of competency as
13 provided in this chapter shall deliver evidence in a form prescribed by
14 the department affirming that said person has had sufficient experience
15 in as well as demonstrated general competency in the trade of plumbing
16 or specialty plumbing so as to qualify him to make an application for
17 a certificate of competency as a journeyman plumber or specialty
18 plumber. Completion of a course of study in the plumbing trade in the
19 armed services of the United States or at a school accredited by the
20 work force training and education coordinating board shall constitute
21 sufficient evidence of experience and competency to enable such person
22 to make application for a certificate of competency.

23 (2) Any person desiring to be issued a medical gas piping installer
24 endorsement shall deliver evidence in a form prescribed by the
25 department affirming that the person has met the requirements
26 established by the department for a medical gas piping installer
27 endorsement.

28 (3) Any person desiring to be issued a journeyman HVAC/R mechanic
29 certificate, journeyman residential HVAC/R mechanic certificate, HVAC/R
30 fuel delivery piping certificate, temporary permit, or HVAC/R trainee
31 certificate shall deliver evidence in a form prescribed by the
32 department affirming that the person has met the requirements
33 established under this chapter for a journeyman HVAC/R mechanic
34 certificate, journeyman residential HVAC/R mechanic certificate, HVAC/R
35 fuel delivery piping mechanic certificate, temporary permit, or HVAC/R
36 trainee certificate.

1 (4) In addition to supplying the evidence as prescribed in this
2 section, each applicant for a certificate of competency shall submit an
3 application for such certificate on such form and in such manner as
4 shall be prescribed by the director of the department.

5 **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.106.040 and 2001 c 281 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Upon receipt of the application and evidence set forth in RCW
8 18.106.030, the director shall review the same and make a determination
9 as to whether the applicant is eligible to take an examination for the
10 certificate of competency. To be eligible to take the examination:

11 (a) Each applicant for a journeyman plumber's certificate of
12 competency shall furnish written evidence that he or she has completed
13 a course of study in the plumbing trade in the armed services of the
14 United States or at a school licensed by the work force training and
15 education coordinating board, or has had four or more years of
16 experience under the direct supervision of a licensed journeyman
17 plumber.

18 (b) Each applicant for a specialty plumber's certificate of
19 competency under RCW 18.106.010(~~((8)(a))~~) (15)(a) shall furnish written
20 evidence that he or she has completed a course of study in the plumbing
21 trade in the armed services of the United States or at a school
22 licensed by the work force training and education coordinating board
23 under chapter 28C.10 RCW, or that he or she has had at least three
24 years practical experience in the specialty.

25 (c) Each applicant for a specialty plumber's certificate of
26 competency under RCW 18.106.010(~~((8)(b))~~) (15)(b) shall furnish written
27 evidence that he or she is eligible to take the examination. These
28 eligibility requirements shall be adopted by rule by the director
29 pursuant to subsection (2)(b) of this section.

30 (d) Each applicant for a journeyman HVAC/R mechanic certificate of
31 competency under RCW 18.106.010(8) shall furnish: (i) Written evidence
32 that he or she has completed a course of study in the HVAC/R trade in
33 the armed services of the United States, civil service shipyard, or
34 repair facility, at a school licensed by the work force training and
35 education coordinating board, or at an apprenticeship program approved
36 by the apprentice council created under RCW 49.04.010; or (ii) evidence
37 of at least eight thousand hours of verifiable work experience, of

1 which at least four thousand hours must be other than (A) the
2 installation, repair, or maintenance of residential HVAC/R equipment,
3 (B) fuel delivery piping work, and (C) work in accordance with an
4 HVAC/R equipment's manufacturer's preventative or routine maintenance
5 procedures, other than the repair or replacement of electrical or
6 mechanical components, preventative maintenance work, and fuel delivery
7 piping. Of the eight thousand hours of work experience, up to four
8 thousand hours of training may be applied from the completion of a work
9 force accredited training school or apprenticeship program specializing
10 in heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration.

11 (e) Each applicant for a journeyman residential HVAC/R mechanic
12 certificate of competency under RCW 18.106.010(9) shall furnish: (i)
13 Written evidence that he or she has completed a course of study in the
14 HVAC/R trade in the armed services of the United States, civil service
15 shipyard, or repair facility, at a school licensed by the work force
16 training and education coordinating board, or at an apprenticeship
17 program approved by the apprentice council created under RCW 49.04.010;
18 or (ii) evidence of at least four thousand hours of verifiable work
19 experience of which two thousand hours must be other than: (A) Fuel
20 delivery piping work; and (B) work in accordance with an HVAC/R
21 equipment's manufacturer's preventative or routine maintenance
22 procedures, other than the repair or replacement of electrical or
23 mechanical components, preventative maintenance work and fuel delivery
24 piping. Of the four thousand hours or less of work experience, no more
25 than two thousand hours of training may be applied from the completion
26 of a work force accredited training school or apprenticeship program
27 specializing in heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and
28 refrigeration.

29 (f) Each applicant for an HVAC/R fuel delivery piping mechanic
30 certificate of competency under RCW 18.106.010(7) shall furnish: (i)
31 Written evidence that he or she has completed a course of study in the
32 HVAC/R trade in the armed services of the United States, civil service
33 shipyard, or repair facility, at a school licensed by the work force
34 training and education coordinating board, or at an apprenticeship
35 program approved by the apprentice council created under RCW 49.04.010;
36 or (ii) evidence of at least two thousand hours of verifiable work
37 experience, of which one thousand hours must be from other than
38 preventative maintenance work. In addition, a gas codes course

1 approved by the department, of no less than sixty hours, must be
2 completed. Of the two thousand hours of work experience, no more than
3 one thousand hours of training may be applied from the completion of a
4 work force accredited training school or apprenticeship program
5 specializing in heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and
6 refrigeration.

7 (2)(a) The director shall establish reasonable rules for the
8 examinations to be given applicants for certificates of competency. In
9 establishing the rules, the director shall consult with the state
10 plumbing and mechanical advisory board (~~(of plumbers as)~~) established
11 in RCW 18.106.110.

12 (b) The director shall establish reasonable criteria by rule for
13 determining an applicant's eligibility to take an examination for the
14 certificate of competency for specialty plumbers under subsection
15 (1)(c) of this section. In establishing the criteria, the director
16 shall consult with the state plumbing and mechanical advisory board
17 (~~(of plumbers as)~~) established in RCW 18.106.110. (~~(These rules must~~
18 ~~take effect by July 1, 2002.)~~)

19 (3) Upon determination that the applicant is eligible to take the
20 examination, the director shall so notify the applicant, indicating the
21 time and place for taking the same.

22 (4) No other requirement for eligibility may be imposed.

23 **Sec. 5.** RCW 18.106.050 and 1997 c 326 s 5 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 (1) The department, with the advice of the advisory board, shall
26 prepare a written examination to be administered to applicants for
27 certificates of competency for journeyman plumber and specialty
28 plumber. The examination shall be constructed to determine:

29 (a) Whether the applicant possesses varied general knowledge of the
30 technical information and practical procedures that are identified with
31 the trade of journeyman plumber or specialty plumber; and

32 (b) Whether the applicant is familiar with the applicable plumbing
33 codes and the administrative rules of the department pertaining to
34 plumbing and plumbers.

35 (~~(The department shall administer the examination to eligible~~
36 ~~persons. All applicants shall, before taking the examination, pay to~~
37 ~~the department a fee.)~~)

1 (2) ~~((For purposes of the medical gas piping installer~~
2 ~~endorsement,))~~ The department, with the advice of the advisory board,
3 shall prepare a written examination to be administered to applicants
4 for certificates of competency for journeyman HVAC/R mechanic,
5 journeyman residential HVAC/R mechanic, and HVAC/R fuel delivery piping
6 mechanic. The examination shall be constructed to determine:

7 (a) Whether the applicant possesses varied general knowledge of the
8 technical information and practical procedures that are identified with
9 the HVAC/R trade; and

10 (b) Whether the applicant is familiar with the applicable plumbing,
11 electrical, and mechanical codes and administrative rules of the
12 department pertaining to HVAC/R.

13 (3) The department, with the consent of the advisory board, may
14 enter into a contract with a nationally recognized testing agency to
15 develop, administer, and score ~~((medical gas piping installer))~~ any
16 examinations required by this chapter. All applicants shall, before
17 taking an examination ~~((for a medical gas piping installer~~
18 ~~endorsement))~~, pay the required examination fee. The department shall
19 set the examination fee by contract with a nationally recognized
20 testing agency. The fee shall cover but not exceed the costs of
21 preparing and administering the examination and the materials necessary
22 to conduct the practical elements of the examination. The department
23 shall approve training courses and set the fees for training courses
24 for ~~((the medical gas piping installer endorsement))~~ examinations under
25 this chapter.

26 The department shall certify the results of the examinations under
27 this chapter, and shall notify the applicant in writing whether he or
28 she has passed or failed. Any applicant who has failed the examination
29 may retake the examination, upon the terms and after a period of time
30 that the director shall set by rule. The director may not limit the
31 number of times that a person may take the examination.

32 **Sec. 6.** RCW 18.106.070 and 2003 c 399 s 801 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 (1) The department shall issue a certificate of competency to all
35 applicants who have passed the examination and have paid the fee for
36 the certificate. The certificate shall bear the date of issuance, and
37 shall expire on the birthdate of the holder immediately following the

1 date of issuance. The certificate shall be renewable every other year,
2 upon application, on or before the birthdate of the holder. The
3 department shall renew a certificate of competency if the applicant:
4 (a) Pays the renewal fee assessed by the department; and (b) during the
5 past two years has completed sixteen hours of continuing education
6 approved by the department with the advice of the advisory board,
7 including four hours related to electrical safety. If a person fails
8 to renew the certificate by the renewal date, he or she must pay a
9 doubled fee. If the person does not renew the certificate within
10 ninety days of the renewal date, he or she must retake the examination
11 and pay the examination fee.

12 The journeyman plumber and specialty plumber certificates of
13 competency, the medical gas piping installer endorsement, the
14 journeyman HVAC/R mechanic, journeyman residential HVAC/R mechanic,
15 HVAC/R fuel delivery piping mechanic certificates, and the temporary
16 permits provided for in this chapter grant the holder the right to
17 engage in the work of plumbing as a journeyman plumber, specialty
18 plumber, journeyman HVAC/R mechanic, journeyman residential HVAC/R
19 mechanic, HVAC/R fuel delivery piping mechanic, or medical gas piping
20 installer, in accordance with their provisions throughout the state and
21 within any of its political subdivisions on any job or any employment
22 without additional proof of competency or any other license or permit
23 or fee to engage in the work. This section does not preclude employees
24 from adhering to a union security clause in any employment where such
25 a requirement exists.

26 (2)(a) A person who is indentured in an apprenticeship program
27 approved under chapter 49.04 RCW for the plumbing construction trade or
28 who is learning the plumbing construction trade may work in the
29 plumbing construction trade if supervised by a certified journeyman
30 plumber or a certified specialty plumber in that plumber's specialty.
31 All apprentices and individuals learning the plumbing construction
32 trade shall obtain a plumbing training certificate from the department.
33 The certificate shall authorize the holder to learn the plumbing
34 construction trade (~~while~~) under the direct supervision of a
35 journeyman plumber or a specialty plumber working in his or her
36 specialty. The holder of the plumbing training certificate shall renew
37 the certificate annually. At the time of renewal, the holder shall
38 provide the department with an accurate list of the holder's employers

1 in the plumbing construction industry for the previous year and the
2 number of hours worked for each employer. An annual fee shall be
3 charged for the issuance or renewal of the certificate. The department
4 shall set the fee by rule. The fee shall cover, but not exceed, the
5 cost of administering and enforcing the trainee certification and
6 supervision requirements of this chapter. Apprentices and individuals
7 learning the plumbing construction trade shall (~~have~~) possess their
8 plumbing training certificates (~~in their possession~~) at all times
9 (~~that they are~~) when performing plumbing work. They shall show their
10 certificates to an authorized representative of the department at the
11 representative's request.

12 (b) A person who is indentured in an apprenticeship program
13 approved under chapter 49.04 RCW for the HVAC/R trade or who is
14 learning the HVAC/R trade may work in the HVAC/R trade if supervised by
15 a journeyman HVAC/R mechanic, journeyman residential HVAC/R mechanic,
16 or HVAC/R fuel delivery piping mechanic who works in that mechanic's
17 scope of work. All apprentices and individuals learning the HVAC/R
18 trade shall obtain an HVAC/R training certificate from the department.
19 The certificate shall authorize the holder to learn the HVAC/R trade
20 under the direct supervision of a journeyman HVAC/R mechanic, a
21 journeyman residential HVAC/R mechanic, or an HVAC/R fuel delivery
22 piping mechanic who works in that mechanic's scope of work. The holder
23 of the HVAC/R training certificate shall renew the certificate
24 annually. At the time of renewal, the holder shall provide the
25 department with an accurate list of the holder's employers in the
26 HVAC/R industry for the previous year and the number of hours worked
27 for each employer. An annual fee shall be charged for the issuance or
28 renewal of the certificate. The department shall set the fee by rule.
29 The fee shall cover, but not exceed, the cost of administering and
30 enforcing the trainee certification and supervision requirements of
31 this chapter. Apprentices and individuals learning the HVAC/R trade
32 shall possess their HVAC/R training certificates at all times when
33 performing HVAC/R work. They shall show their certificates to an
34 authorized representative of the department at the representative's
35 request.

36 (3) Any person who has been issued a plumbing or HVAC/R training
37 certificate under this chapter may work if that person is under
38 supervision. Supervision shall consist of a person being on the same

1 job site and under the control of either a journeyman plumber or an
2 appropriate specialty plumber, or a journeyman HVAC/R mechanic,
3 journeyman residential HVAC/R mechanic, or HVAC/R fuel delivery piping
4 mechanic who has an applicable certificate of competency issued under
5 this chapter. Either a journeyman plumber or an appropriate specialty
6 plumber, or a journeyman HVAC/R mechanic, journeyman residential HVAC/R
7 mechanic, or HVAC/R fuel delivery piping mechanic shall be on the same
8 job site as the noncertified individual for a minimum of seventy-five
9 percent of each working day unless otherwise provided in this chapter.
10 The ratio of noncertified individuals to certified journeymen or
11 specialty plumbers, or journeyman HVAC/R mechanics, journeyman
12 residential HVAC/R mechanics, or HVAC/R fuel delivery piping mechanics
13 working on a job site shall be:

14 (a) Not more than two noncertified plumbers working on any one job
15 site for every certified specialty plumber or journeyman plumber
16 working as a specialty plumber; ~~((and))~~

17 (b) Not more than one noncertified plumber working on any one job
18 site for every certified journeyman plumber working as a journeyman
19 plumber;

20 (c) Not more than one HVAC/R trainee working on any job site for
21 every journeyman HVAC/R mechanic working as a journeyman HVAC/R
22 mechanic;

23 (d) Not more than two HVAC/R trainees working on any residential
24 job site for either every (i) journeyman residential HVAC/R mechanic
25 working as a journeyman residential HVAC/R mechanic or (ii) journeyman
26 HVAC/R mechanic; and

27 (e) At least one (i) certified HVAC/R fuel delivery piping mechanic
28 working as an HVAC/R fuel delivery piping mechanic, (ii) journeyman
29 residential HVAC/R mechanic working as a journeyman residential HVAC/R
30 mechanic, or (iii) journeyman HVAC/R mechanic at a site where an HVAC/R
31 trainee is performing HVAC/R fuel delivery piping work.

32 An individual who has a current training certificate and who has
33 successfully completed or is currently enrolled in an approved
34 apprenticeship program or in a technical school program in the plumbing
35 construction or HVAC/R trade in a school approved by the work force
36 training and education coordinating board, may work without direct on-
37 site supervision during the last six months of meeting the practical
38 experience requirements of this chapter.

1 (4) An individual who has a current training certificate and who
2 has successfully completed or is currently enrolled in a medical gas
3 piping installer training course approved by the department may work on
4 medical gas piping systems if the individual is under the direct
5 supervision of a certified medical gas piping installer who holds a
6 medical gas piping installer endorsement one hundred percent of a
7 working day on a one-to-one ratio.

8 (5) The training to become a certified plumber, journeyman HVAC/R
9 mechanic, journeyman residential HVAC/R mechanic, or HVAC/R fuel
10 delivery piping mechanic must include not less than sixteen hours of
11 classroom training established by the director with the advice of the
12 advisory board. The classroom training must include, but not be
13 limited to, electrical wiring safety, grounding, bonding, and other
14 related items plumbers and HVAC/R mechanics need to know to work under
15 RCW 19.28.091.

16 (6) All persons who are certified plumbers before January 1, 2003,
17 are deemed to have received the classroom training required in
18 subsection (5) of this section.

19 (7)(a) An HVAC/R trainee may perform work in accordance with an
20 HVAC/R equipment's manufacturer's preventative or routine maintenance
21 procedures, other than the repair or replacement of any electrical or
22 mechanical components, as long as on-site supervision is provided by
23 either a journeyman HVAC/R mechanic working as a journeyman HVAC/R
24 mechanic or a journeyman residential HVAC/R mechanic working as a
25 journeyman residential HVAC/R mechanic no less than twenty-five percent
26 of the time during any day the HVAC/R trainee is engaged in such work.

27 (b) Each hour that an HVAC/R trainee performs work that is properly
28 supervised pursuant to this section is creditable towards the minimum
29 hours of experience necessary to qualify to take an examination for the
30 certification of competency under RCW 18.106.040.

31 **Sec. 7.** RCW 18.106.080 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 175 s 8 are each
32 amended to read as follows:

33 No examination shall be required of any applicant for:

34 (1) A certificate of competency who, on July 16, 1973, was engaged
35 in a bona fide business or trade of plumbing, or on said date held a
36 valid journeyman plumber's license issued by a political subdivision of
37 the state of Washington and whose license is valid at the time of

1 making his application for said certificate. Applicants qualifying
2 under this section shall be issued a certificate by the department upon
3 making an application as provided in RCW 18.106.030 and paying the fee
4 required under RCW 18.106.050(~~(+—PROVIDED, That)~~). However, no
5 applicant under this section shall be required to furnish such evidence
6 as required by RCW 18.106.030.

7 (2) A certificate of competency as a journeyman HVAC/R mechanic,
8 who before June 30, 2007, provides the department with evidence of at
9 least eight thousand hours of verifiable work experience of which four
10 thousand hours or more must be:

11 (a) Nonresidential HVAC/R work performed after January 1, 1998,
12 with a general or specialty HVAC/R contractor registered under chapter
13 18.27 RCW, and must also possess, at the time of application, a valid
14 electrical license that allows work in the repair, replacement,
15 maintenance, or installation of heating, ventilation, air conditioning,
16 and refrigeration equipment in Washington state;

17 (b) Nonresidential HVAC/R work performed after January 1, 1998,
18 with a registered general or specialty HVAC/R contractor, or the
19 equivalent, which was accrued in another state, country, or province;

20 (c) Nonresidential HVAC/R work experience in the United States
21 armed forces; or

22 (d) Any combination of at least eight thousand hours of verifiable
23 work experience as described in (a) through (c) of this subsection.

24 (3) A certificate of competency as a journeyman residential HVAC/R
25 mechanic, who before June 30, 2007, provides the department with
26 evidence of at least four thousand hours of verifiable work experience
27 after January 1, 1998:

28 (a) With a general or specialty HVAC/R contractor registered under
29 chapter 18.27 RCW, and who possesses at the time of application, a
30 valid electrical license that allows work in the repair, replacement,
31 maintenance, or installation of heating, ventilation, air conditioning,
32 and refrigeration equipment in Washington state;

33 (b) With a registered general or specialty HVAC/R contractor, or
34 the equivalent, which was accrued in another state, country, or
35 province;

36 (c) In the United States armed forces; or

37 (d) Any combination of at least four thousand hours of verifiable
38 work experience as described in (a) through (c) of this subsection.

1 (4) A certificate of competency as an HVAC/R fuel delivery piping
2 mechanic, who before June 30, 2007, provides the department with
3 evidence of at least two thousand hours of verifiable work experience
4 after January 1, 1998:

5 (a) With a general or specialty HVAC/R contractor registered under
6 chapter 18.27 RCW, and who either provides proof of completion of a gas
7 codes course approved by the department of at least sixty hours or
8 holds a valid jurisdictional gas code license within the state of
9 Washington;

10 (b) With a registered general or specialty HVAC/R contractor, or
11 the equivalent, which was accrued in another state, country, or
12 province;

13 (c) In the United States armed forces; or

14 (d) Any combination of at least two thousand hours of verifiable
15 work experience as listed in (a) through (c) of this subsection.

16 **Sec. 8.** RCW 18.106.090 and 1985 c 7 s 78 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 The department is authorized to grant and issue temporary permits
19 in lieu of certificates of competency whenever a plumber or HVAC/R
20 mechanic coming into the state of Washington from another state
21 requests the department for a temporary permit to engage in the trade
22 of plumbing as a journeyman plumber or as a specialty plumber, or as a
23 journeyman HVAC/R mechanic, journeyman residential HVAC/R mechanic, or
24 HVAC/R fuel delivery piping mechanic during the period of time between
25 filing of an application for a certificate as provided in RCW
26 18.106.030 as now or hereafter amended and taking the examination
27 provided for in RCW 18.106.050(~~(:—PROVIDED, That)~~). However, no
28 temporary permit shall be issued to:

29 (1) Any person who has failed to pass the examination for a
30 certificate of competency;

31 (2) Any applicant under this section who has not furnished the
32 department with such evidence required under RCW 18.106.030;

33 (3) (~~(To)~~) Any apprentice plumber or apprentice HVAC/R mechanic.

34 **Sec. 9.** RCW 18.106.110 and 1997 c 307 s 1 are each amended to read
35 as follows:

36 (1) There is created a state plumbing and mechanical advisory board

1 (~~of plumbers~~), to be composed of (~~five~~) fourteen members appointed
2 by the governor. (~~Two~~) Three members shall be journeyman plumbers,
3 (~~two~~) three members shall be persons conducting a plumbing business,
4 (~~and~~) one member shall be from the general public who is familiar
5 with the business and trade of plumbing, three members shall be either
6 journeyman HVAC/R mechanics or journeyman residential HVAC/R mechanics,
7 at least one of which must reside east of the crest of the Cascade
8 mountains, three members shall be persons conducting an HVAC/R
9 business, at least one of which must reside east of the crest of the
10 Cascade mountains, and one member from the general public who is
11 familiar with the HVAC/R trade and business.

12 (2) The term of one journeyman plumber expires July 1, 1995; the
13 term of the second journeyman plumber expires July 1, 2000; the term of
14 the third journeyman plumber expires July 1, 2008; the term of one
15 person conducting a plumbing business expires July 1, 1996; the term of
16 the second person conducting a plumbing business expires July 1, 2000;
17 (~~and~~) the term of the third person conducting a plumbing business
18 expires July 1, 2007; the term of the public member with plumbing
19 experience expires July 1, 1997; the term of one journeyman HVAC/R
20 mechanic expires July 1, 2007; the term of the second journeyman HVAC/R
21 mechanic expires July 1, 2008; the term of the third journeyman HVAC/R
22 mechanic expires July 1, 2009; the term of one person conducting an
23 HVAC/R business expires July 1, 2007; the term of the second person
24 conducting an HVAC/R business expires July 1, 2008; the term of the
25 third person conducting an HVAC/R business expires July 1, 2009; and
26 the term of the public member with HVAC/R experience expires July 1,
27 2008. (~~Thereafter,~~) Upon the expiration of said terms, the governor
28 shall appoint a new member to serve for a period of three years.
29 However, to ensure that the board can continue to act, a member whose
30 term expires shall continue to serve until his or her replacement is
31 appointed. In the case of any vacancy on the board for any reason, the
32 governor shall appoint a new member to serve out the term of the person
33 whose position has become vacant.

34 (3)(a) The advisory board shall carry out all the functions and
35 duties enumerated in this chapter, as well as generally advise the
36 department on all matters relative to this chapter. However, no rules
37 shall be amended or repealed until the advisory board has had an

1 opportunity to consider any proposed amendments or repeals and make
2 recommendations to the director relative thereto.

3 (b) The advisory board may, upon a two-thirds majority vote of the
4 entire board, organize itself into two subboards for the purpose of
5 addressing issues of relevance to either the plumbing trade and
6 business or the HVAC/R trade and business, but not to both trades and
7 businesses. All decisions of either subboard constituted pursuant to
8 this subsection (3)(b) shall be deemed a decision of the advisory board
9 if approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the
10 subboard.

11 (4) Each member of the advisory board shall receive travel expenses
12 in accordance with the provisions of RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now
13 existing or hereafter amended for each day in which such member is
14 actually engaged in attendance upon the meetings of the advisory board.

15 **Sec. 10.** RCW 18.106.130 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 175 s 13 are each
16 amended to read as follows:

17 All moneys received from certificates, permits, or other sources,
18 shall be paid to the state treasurer as ex officio custodian thereof
19 and by him placed in a special fund designated as the "plumbing and
20 HVAC/R certificate fund". He shall pay out upon vouchers duly and
21 regularly issued therefor and approved by the director. The treasurer
22 shall keep an accurate record of payments into said fund, and of all
23 disbursement therefrom. Said fund shall be charged with its pro rata
24 share of the cost of administering said fund.

25 **Sec. 11.** RCW 18.106.150 and 2003 c 399 s 402 are each amended to
26 read as follows:

27 (1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require that a
28 person obtain a license, a certified HVAC/R mechanic, or a certified
29 plumber in order to do HVAC/R or plumbing work at his or her residence
30 or farm or place of business or on other property owned by him or her.

31 (2) A current certificate of competency or apprentice permit is not
32 required for:

33 (a) Persons performing HVAC/R or plumbing work on a farm; or

34 (b) Certified journeyman electricians, certified residential
35 specialty electricians, or electrical trainees working for an

1 electrical contractor and performing exempt work under RCW
2 18.27.090(18).

3 (3) Nothing in this chapter shall be intended to derogate from or
4 dispense with the requirements of any valid or mechanical plumbing code
5 enacted by a political subdivision of the state, except that no code
6 shall require the holder of a certificate of competency to demonstrate
7 any additional proof of competency or obtain any other license or pay
8 any fee in order to engage in the trade of plumbing or HVAC/R.

9 (4) This chapter shall not apply to common carriers subject to Part
10 I of the Interstate Commerce Act, nor to their officers and employees.

11 (5) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to apply to any
12 farm, business, industrial plant, or corporation doing plumbing or
13 HVAC/R work on premises it owns or operates.

14 (6) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to restrict the
15 right of any householder to assist or receive assistance from a friend,
16 neighbor, relative or other person when none of the individuals doing
17 such plumbing or HVAC/R work hold themselves out as engaged in the
18 trade or business of plumbing or HVAC/R, respectively.

19 **Sec. 12.** RCW 18.106.155 and 1977 ex.s. c 149 s 11 are each amended
20 to read as follows:

21 The director may, upon payment of the appropriate fees, grant a
22 certificate of competency without examination to any applicant who is
23 a registered journeyman HVAC/R mechanic, journeyman residential HVAC/R
24 mechanic, journeyman plumber, or specialty plumber in any other state
25 whose requirements for registration are at least substantially
26 equivalent to the requirements of this state, and which extends the
27 same privileges of reciprocity to journeyman HVAC/R mechanics,
28 journeyman residential HVAC/R mechanics, journeymen plumbers, or
29 specialty plumbers registered in this state.

30 **Sec. 13.** RCW 18.106.170 and 1983 c 124 s 6 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 An authorized representative of the department may investigate
33 alleged or apparent violations of this chapter. An authorized
34 representative of the department upon presentation of credentials may
35 inspect sites at which a person is doing plumbing or HVAC/R work for
36 the purpose of determining whether that person has a certificate or

1 permit issued by the department in accordance with this chapter or is
2 supervised by a person who has such a certificate or permit. Upon
3 request of the authorized representative of the department, a person
4 doing plumbing or HVAC/R work shall produce evidence that the person
5 has a certificate or permit issued by the department in accordance with
6 this chapter or is supervised by a person who has such a certificate or
7 permit.

8 **Sec. 14.** RCW 18.106.180 and 2002 c 82 s 3 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 (1) An authorized representative of the department may issue a
11 notice of infraction as specified in RCW 18.106.020 if:

12 (a) A person who is doing plumbing or HVAC/R work or who is
13 offering to do plumbing or HVAC/R work fails to produce evidence of:

14 (i) Having a certificate or permit issued by the department in
15 accordance with this chapter, or being supervised by a person who has
16 such a certificate or permit; and

17 (ii) Being registered as a contractor as required under chapter
18 18.27 RCW or this chapter, or being employed by a person who is
19 registered as a contractor;

20 (b) A person who employs anyone, or offers or advertises to employ
21 anyone, to do plumbing or HVAC/R work fails to produce evidence of
22 being registered as a contractor as required under chapter 18.27 RCW or
23 this chapter; or

24 (c) A contractor violates RCW 18.106.320.

25 (2) A notice of infraction issued under this section shall be
26 personally served on the person named in the notice by an authorized
27 representative of the department or sent by certified mail to the last
28 known address provided to the department of the person named in the
29 notice.

30 **Sec. 15.** RCW 18.106.250 and 2002 c 82 s 4 are each amended to read
31 as follows:

32 (1) The administrative law judge shall conduct notice of infraction
33 cases under this chapter pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW.

34 (2) The burden of proof is on the department to establish the
35 commission of the infraction by a preponderance of the evidence. The

1 notice of infraction shall be dismissed if the defendant establishes
2 that, at the time the notice was issued:

3 (a) The defendant who was issued a notice of infraction authorized
4 by RCW 18.106.020(~~((5)(a))~~) (6)(a) had a certificate or permit issued
5 by the department in accordance with this chapter, was supervised by a
6 person who has such a certificate or permit, or was exempt from this
7 chapter under RCW 18.106.150; or

8 (b) For the defendant who was issued a notice of infraction
9 authorized by RCW 18.106.020(~~((5)(b) or (c))~~) (6)(b) or (c), the
10 person employed or supervised by the defendant has a certificate or
11 permit issued by the department in accordance with this chapter, was
12 supervised by a person who had such a certificate or permit, was exempt
13 from this chapter under RCW 18.106.150, or was registered as a
14 contractor under chapter 18.27 RCW.

15 (3) After consideration of the evidence and argument, the
16 administrative law judge shall determine whether the infraction was
17 committed. If it has not been established that the infraction was
18 committed, an order dismissing the notice shall be entered in the
19 record of the proceedings. If it has been established that the
20 infraction was committed, the administrative law judge shall issue
21 findings of fact and conclusions of law in its decision and order
22 determining whether the infraction was committed.

23 (4) An appeal from the administrative law judge's determination or
24 order shall be to the superior court. The decision of the superior
25 court is subject only to discretionary review pursuant to Rule 2.3 of
26 the Rules of Appellate Procedure.

27 **Sec. 16.** RCW 18.106.270 and 1994 c 174 s 8 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 (1) A person found to have committed an infraction under RCW
30 18.106.020 shall be assessed a monetary penalty of two hundred fifty
31 dollars for the first infraction, and not more than one thousand
32 dollars for a second or subsequent infraction. The department shall
33 set by rule a schedule of penalties for infractions imposed under this
34 chapter.

35 (2) The administrative law judge may waive, reduce, or suspend the
36 monetary penalty imposed for the infraction for good cause shown.

1 (3) Monetary penalties collected under this chapter shall be
2 deposited in the plumbing and HVAC/R certificate fund.

3 **Sec. 17.** RCW 18.106.320 and 2005 c 274 s 229 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Contractors shall accurately verify and attest to the trainee
6 hours worked by plumbing and HVAC/R trainees on behalf of the
7 contractor and that all training hours were under the supervision of a
8 certified plumber and within the proper ratio, and shall provide names
9 and certificate numbers of the supervising plumbers(~~(names and~~
10 ~~certificate numbers))~~ or HVAC/R mechanics. However, contractors are
11 not required to identify which hours a trainee works with a specific
12 certified plumber or HVAC/R mechanic.

13 (2) The department may audit the records of a contractor that has
14 verified the hours of experience submitted by a plumbing or HVAC/R
15 trainee to the department under RCW 18.106.030 in the following
16 circumstances: Excessive hours were reported; hours were reported
17 outside the normal course of the contractor's business; or for other
18 similar circumstances in which the department demonstrates a likelihood
19 of excessive or improper hours being reported. The department shall
20 limit the audit to records necessary to verify hours. The department
21 shall adopt rules implementing audit procedures. Information obtained
22 from a contractor under the provisions of this section is confidential
23 and is not open to public inspection under chapter 42.56 RCW.

24 (3) Violation of this section by a contractor is an infraction.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** A new section is added to chapter 18.106
26 RCW to read as follows:

27 (1) It is unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, corporation,
28 or other entity to advertise, offer to do work, submit a bid, engage
29 in, conduct, or carry on the business of installing or maintaining
30 wires or equipment to convey electric current, or installing or
31 maintaining equipment to be operated by electric current as it pertains
32 to any HVAC/R equipment defined in RCW 18.106.010(6), without having an
33 unrevoked, unsuspended, and unexpired: (a) Electrical contractor
34 license as required by RCW 19.28.041; (b) certificate of competency as
35 a master journeyman electrician, journeyman electrician, master
36 specialty residential electrician, specialty residential electrician,

1 or a properly supervised electrical trainee, as required by RCW
2 19.28.161; or (c) certificate of competency as a journeyman HVAC/R
3 mechanic or journeyman residential HVAC/R mechanic issued by the
4 department in accordance with this chapter.

5 (2) It is unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, corporation,
6 or other entity to advertise, offer to do work, submit a bid, engage
7 in, conduct, or carry on the business of installing, maintaining, or
8 repairing fuel piping relating to HVAC/R equipment as defined in RCW
9 18.106.010(6), without having an unrevoked, unsuspended, and unexpired:

10 (a) Certificate of competency as a journeyman plumber, specialty
11 plumber, properly supervised plumbing trainee, or temporary permit, as
12 required by RCW 18.106.020 and provided in RCW 18.106.070; or (b)
13 certificate of competency as a journeyman HVAC/R mechanic, journeyman
14 residential HVAC/R mechanic, HVAC/R fuel delivery mechanic, properly
15 supervised HVAC/R trainee, or temporary permit issued by the department
16 in accordance with this chapter.

17 **Sec. 19.** RCW 19.28.041 and 2002 c 249 s 2 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 (1) Except as provided by section 18 of this act, it is unlawful
20 for any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity to
21 engage in, conduct, or carry on the business of installing or
22 maintaining wires or equipment to convey electric current, or
23 installing or maintaining equipment to be operated by electric current
24 as it pertains to the electrical industry, without having an unrevoked,
25 unsuspended, and unexpired electrical contractor license, issued by the
26 department in accordance with this chapter. All electrical contractor
27 licenses expire twenty-four calendar months following the day of their
28 issue. The department may issue an electrical contractors license for
29 a period of less than twenty-four months only for the purpose of
30 equalizing the number of electrical contractor licenses that expire
31 each month. Application for an electrical contractor license shall be
32 made in writing to the department, accompanied by the required fee.
33 The application shall state:

34 (a) The name and address of the applicant; in case of firms or
35 partnerships, the names of the individuals composing the firm or
36 partnership; in case of corporations, the names of the managing
37 officials thereof;

1 (b) The location of the place of business of the applicant and the
2 name under which the business is conducted;

3 (c) Employer social security number;

4 (d) Evidence of workers' compensation coverage for the applicant's
5 employees working in Washington, as follows:

6 (i) The applicant's industrial insurance account number issued by
7 the department;

8 (ii) The applicant's self-insurer number issued by the department;

9 or

10 (iii) For applicants domiciled in a state or province of Canada
11 subject to an agreement entered into under RCW 51.12.120(7), as
12 permitted by the agreement, filing a certificate of coverage issued by
13 the agency that administers the workers' compensation law in the
14 applicant's state or province of domicile certifying that the applicant
15 has secured the payment of compensation under the other state's or
16 province's workers' compensation law;

17 (e) Employment security department number;

18 (f) State excise tax registration number;

19 (g) Unified business identifier (UBI) account number may be
20 substituted for the information required by (d) of this subsection if
21 the applicant will not employ employees in Washington, and by (e) and
22 (f) of this subsection; and

23 (h) Whether a general or specialty electrical contractor license is
24 sought and, if the latter, the type of specialty. Electrical
25 contractor specialties include, but are not limited to: Residential,
26 pump and irrigation, limited energy system, signs, nonresidential
27 maintenance, restricted nonresidential maintenance, appliance repair,
28 and a combination specialty. A general electrical contractor license
29 shall grant to the holder the right to engage in, conduct, or carry on
30 the business of installing or maintaining wires or equipment to carry
31 electric current, and installing or maintaining equipment, or
32 installing or maintaining material to fasten or insulate such wires or
33 equipment to be operated by electric current, in the state of
34 Washington. A specialty electrical contractor license shall grant to
35 the holder a limited right to engage in, conduct, or carry on the
36 business of installing or maintaining wires or equipment to carry
37 electrical current, and installing or maintaining equipment; or

1 installing or maintaining material to fasten or insulate such wires or
2 equipment to be operated by electric current in the state of Washington
3 as expressly allowed by the license.

4 (2) The department may verify the workers' compensation coverage
5 information provided by the applicant under subsection (1)(d) of this
6 section, including but not limited to information regarding the
7 coverage of an individual employee of the applicant. If coverage is
8 provided under the laws of another state, the department may notify the
9 other state that the applicant is employing employees in Washington.

10 (3) The application for an electrical contractor license shall be
11 accompanied by a bond in the sum of four thousand dollars with the
12 state of Washington named as obligee in the bond, with good and
13 sufficient surety, to be approved by the department. The bond shall at
14 all times be kept in full force and effect, and any cancellation or
15 revocation thereof, or withdrawal of the surety therefrom, suspends the
16 license issued to the principal until a new bond has been filed and
17 approved as provided in this section. Upon approval of a bond, the
18 department shall on the next business day deposit the fee accompanying
19 the application in the electrical license fund and shall file the bond
20 in the office. The department shall upon request furnish to any
21 person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity a certified
22 copy of the bond upon the payment of a fee that the department shall
23 set by rule. The fee shall cover but not exceed the cost of furnishing
24 the certified copy. The bond shall be conditioned that in any
25 installation or maintenance of wires or equipment to convey electrical
26 current, and equipment to be operated by electrical current, the
27 principal will comply with the provisions of this chapter and with any
28 electrical ordinance, building code, or regulation of a city or town
29 adopted pursuant to RCW 19.28.010(3) that is in effect at the time of
30 entering into a contract. The bond shall be conditioned further that
31 the principal will pay for all labor, including employee benefits, and
32 material furnished or used upon the work, taxes and contributions to
33 the state of Washington, and all damages that may be sustained by any
34 person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity due to a
35 failure of the principal to make the installation or maintenance in
36 accordance with this chapter or any applicable ordinance, building
37 code, or regulation of a city or town adopted pursuant to RCW
38 19.28.010(3). In lieu of the surety bond required by this section the

1 license applicant may file with the department a cash deposit or other
2 negotiable security acceptable to the department. If the license
3 applicant has filed a cash deposit, the department shall deposit the
4 funds in a special trust savings account in a commercial bank, mutual
5 savings bank, or savings and loan association and shall pay annually to
6 the depositor the interest derived from the account.

7 (4) The department shall issue general or specialty electrical
8 contractor licenses to applicants meeting all of the requirements of
9 this chapter. The provisions of this chapter relating to the licensing
10 of any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity
11 including the requirement of a bond with the state of Washington named
12 as obligee therein and the collection of a fee therefor, are exclusive,
13 and no political subdivision of the state of Washington may require or
14 issue any licenses or bonds or charge any fee for the same or a similar
15 purpose. No person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity
16 holding more than one specialty contractor license under this chapter
17 may be required to pay an annual fee for more than one such license or
18 to post more than one four thousand dollar bond, equivalent cash
19 deposit, or other negotiable security.

20 (5) To obtain a general or specialty electrical contractor license
21 the applicant must designate an individual who currently possesses a
22 valid master journeyman electrician's certificate of competency, master
23 specialty electrician's certificate of competency in the specialty for
24 which application has been made, or administrator's certificate as a
25 general electrical contractor administrator or as a specialty
26 electrical contractor administrator in the specialty for which
27 application has been made.

28 (6) Administrator certificate specialties include but are not
29 limited to: Residential, pump and irrigation, limited energy system,
30 signs, nonresidential maintenance, restricted nonresidential
31 maintenance, appliance repair, and combination specialty. To obtain an
32 administrator's certificate an individual must pass an examination as
33 set forth in RCW 19.28.051 unless the applicant was a licensed
34 electrical contractor at any time during 1974. Applicants who were
35 electrical contractors licensed by the state of Washington at any time
36 during 1974 are entitled to receive a general electrical contractor
37 administrator's certificate without examination if the applicants apply
38 prior to January 1, 1984. The board of electrical examiners shall

1 certify to the department the names of all persons who are entitled to
2 either a general or specialty electrical contractor administrator's
3 certificate.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 20.** This act takes effect January 1, 2007.

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