

**CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS  
FOR ELECTRICIANS AND PLUMBERS**

2010 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies the Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ establishes continuing education requirements for electricians and plumbers; and
- ▶ requires the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing to establish a

continuing education program and provides for its administration.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**58-55-303**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2001, Chapter 198

ENACTS:

**58-55-302.7**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **58-55-302.7** is enacted to read:



28 **58-55-302.7. Continuing education requirements for electricians and plumbers.**

29 (1) As used in this section:

30 (a) "Licensed electrician" means an individual licensed under this chapter as an  
31 apprentice electrician, journeyman electrician, or master electrician.

32 (b) "Licensed plumber" means an individual licensed under this chapter as an  
33 apprentice plumber, journeyman plumber, or master plumber.

34 (2) During each two-year renewal cycle established by rule under Subsection  
35 58-55-303(1):

36 (a) a licensed electrician shall complete the number of hours of continuing education  
37 that the division specifies under the continuing education program established under this  
38 section; and

39 (b) a licensed plumber shall complete the number of hours of continuing education that  
40 the division specifies under the continuing education program established under this section.

41 (3) The commission shall, with the concurrence of the division, establish by rule:

42 (a) a continuing education program for licensed electricians; and

43 (b) a continuing education program for licensed plumbers.

44 (4) The division may contract with a person to establish and maintain a continuing  
45 education registry to include:

46 (a) an online application for a continuing education course provider to apply to the  
47 division for approval of the course for inclusion in the continuing education program;

48 (b) a list of courses that the division has approved for inclusion in the continuing  
49 education program; and

50 (c) a list of courses that:

51 (i) a licensed electrician or licensed plumber has completed under the continuing  
52 education program; and

53 (ii) the licensed electrician or licensed plumber may access to monitor compliance with  
54 the continuing education requirement under Subsection (2).

55 (5) The division may charge a fee, established by the division under Section 63J-1-504,  
56 to administer the requirements of this section.

57 Section 2. Section **58-55-303** is amended to read:

58 **58-55-303. Term of license -- Expiration -- Renewal.**

59 (1) Each license issued under this chapter shall be issued in accordance with a two-year  
60 renewal cycle established by rule. The division may by rule extend or shorten a renewal period  
61 by as much as one year to stagger the renewal cycle it administers.

62 (2) At the time of renewal, the licensee shall show satisfactory evidence of:

63 (a) continuing financial responsibility as required under Section 58-55-306[-]; and

64 (b) if the licensee is an apprentice electrician or plumber, journeyman electrician or  
65 plumber, or master electrician or plumber, completion of the number of hours of continuing  
66 education that the division specifies under a continuing education program that the division  
67 establishes under Section 58-55-302.7.

68 (3) Each license automatically expires on the expiration date shown on the license  
69 unless the licensee renews the license in accordance with Section 58-1-308.

70 (4) The requirements of Subsection 58-55-302(9) shall also apply to applicants seeking  
71 to renew or reinstate a license.

72 (5) In addition to any other requirements imposed by law, if a license has been  
73 suspended or revoked for any reason, the applicant must pay in full all fines imposed by the  
74 division, resolve any outstanding citations or disciplinary actions with the division, satisfy any  
75 Section 58-55-503 judgment and sentence or nontrial resolution, complete a new financial  
76 responsibility review as required under Section 58-55-306, using only titled assets, and pay in  
77 full any reimbursement amount as provided in Title 38, Chapter 11, Residence Lien Restriction  
78 and Lien Recovery Fund Act.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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**Fiscal Note**

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**State Impact**

The Department of Commerce will incur expenses of approximately \$66,500 annually for licensure and oversight of continuing education courses. Fees established by the bill will generate the same amount in revenue to the Commerce Service Fund.

	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2011</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2012</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2011</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2012</u> <u>Revenue</u>
Commerce Service Fund	\$0	\$66,500	\$66,500	\$0	\$66,500	\$66,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$66,500</b>	<b>\$66,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$66,500</b>	<b>\$66,500</b>

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Providers of continuing education will be required to pay a new course transaction fee; licensees will incur a cost in completing the courses.