



SUBJECT: Board Determination Regarding Journeyman License Exam Waivers

This memo is to inform you of a recent decision by the Maryland State Board of Electricians that affects the eligibility of certain individuals for the journeyman electrician license exam waiver pursuant to Md. Ann. Code, Bus. Occ. & Prof. §6-307.1. It also serves as a reminder of licensing requirements that went into effect on **July 1, 2024**, under the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR).

Background on COMAR Requirements

Under **COMAR 09.09.03.03**, effective **July 1, 2024**, an applicant seeking a journeyman license through completion of an approved apprenticeship program must apply for licensure within **two (2) years** of completing that program.

Additionally, **COMAR 09.09.03.02** establishes that, **on or after July 1, 2024**, to be eligible for a journeyman license, an applicant must have:

- Held a **current apprentice license** issued by the State Board or a local board for a **period of four (4) years**, and
- During that time, **completed four (4) years of work experience** in accordance with Business Occupations and Professions Article §6-304(c) of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Board Determination

At a recent meeting, the Board considered multiple applications submitted by individuals who completed an approved apprenticeship program **prior to implementation of statewide licensing in 2021** and the **2022 revision** of journeyman requirements.

After reviewing the matter, the Board determined the following:

1. **Individuals who completed an approved apprenticeship program prior to July 1, 2022**, and who can provide documentation of completion, remain **eligible for the journeyman license exam waiver, regardless of the timing** requirements in COMAR 09.09.03.02 and .03.
2. **Individuals who enrolled in an approved apprenticeship program prior to receiving an apprentice license**, but who obtained an apprentice license during the tenure of the apprenticeship program license will **also qualify** for the exam waiver.

We ask that you notify your current and past apprentices of this **temporary waiver** to the rules.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Maryland's registered apprenticeship programs and the development of a highly skilled electrical workforce.

Sincerely,
Charles Marquette

Executive Director, Mechanical Licensing Boards

Acknowledgment and Signature

I acknowledge receipt of this notice and confirm that our program will comply with the requirement to ensure all Electrician apprentices are properly licensed at all times during their apprenticeship.

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Program Number: MATC #520

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Signature:  Date: 7/30/2025