

Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board

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Notice to Municipalities and Electrical Contractors

Ulster County Master Electrician Licenses will be required in order to obtain building permits for electrical work once the Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board begins issuing licenses. (Ulster County Local Laws 3 and 8 of 2019)

The Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board will start accepting applications for Master Electrician Licenses on November 1, 2020. Examinations will be given, and licenses will be issued at future dates to be announced.

Until licenses are issued, we recommend municipalities continue to conduct business as they have in the past regarding the issuance of building permits and certificates of occupancy.

Master Electrician License (subject to examination)

In order to qualify to take the Master Electrician licensing exam, applicants must have a minimum of 7 years of experience and or education in the installation, alteration and repair of wiring and appliances for light, heat and power and signaling in or on buildings under the requirements of the National Electrical Code.

For more detailed qualifications, see Sections 11, 12 and 13 as amended by Local Law 8 of 2019.

Grandfather Master Electrician License (not subject to examination)

In order to qualify for a grandfather license, applicants must apply within 2 years and show proof of:

- A. Possession of a valid and active Master Electrician's License issued by the City of Kingston;
- or**
- B. At least 11 consecutive years of being in business as an electrical contractor continuously and competently doing the work of a Master Electrician.

For more detailed qualifications, see Section 16 as amended by Local Law 8 of 2019.

Please visit us on the web at <https://ulstercountyny.gov/electrical-licensing-board> to review the referenced Local Laws and to download license applications.

Please Contact us at (845) 340-3537 or ELB@co.ulster.ny.us with any questions. All in-person visits must be scheduled by appointment.