

# ELECTRICIAN CERTIFICATION NEWS

News from the California Division of Apprenticeship Standards



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## We have a new look

We've decided to update the look of our quarterly newsletter. We want to bring you up-to-date information on what is going on in the world of electrician certification. This newsletter will feature current issues in the legislature, frequently asked questions and other general information.

### **Two new exams launched May 2007**

The Voice/Data Video Technician and the Non-Residential Lighting Technician are two newly added exams. The Electrician Certification now has 5 different classifications for Electricians to qualify and meet minimum requirement hours:

- General Electrician – 8,000 hours
- Residential Electrician – 4,800 hours
- Fire/Life Safety Technician – 4,000 hours
- Voice/Data Video Technician – 4,000 hours
- Non-residential Lighting Technician – 2,000 hours

[California Code of Regulations §291.0 Types of Certification and §291.1 lists eligibility requirements for certification.]

Please make sure you download and start using the new application form from our website at [www.dir.ca.gov/das/electricaltrade.htm](http://www.dir.ca.gov/das/electricaltrade.htm) and click on Application Forms. Forms are available in both English and Spanish.

For **Apprentices** who test within 1 year from the date of completion from either a state or federal approved Apprenticeship Program need to fill out the new application form to take the certification exam.

For **Electrician Trainees** who have completed their curriculum, you must renew your registration for Electrician Trainee form annually until you have the required on-the-job experience before taking the certification exam. Please fill out the new application form from our website.

You can visit us on our website at [www.dir.ca.gov/das/electricaltrade.htm](http://www.dir.ca.gov/das/electricaltrade.htm) or call us at (415) 703-4919.

### **Continuing Education**

is required before your certification anniversary date in 2009 expires. The Renewal Application Form for Continuing Education will be available Fall 2008. Keep an eye out for more information to come.

### **Continuing education Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### **Who needs continuing education?**

All certified electricians who have passed their exams and are nearing their three (3) year expiration date.

#### **How many hours is needed to satisfy continuing education?**

Continuing education requirement is 32 hours of completion.

#### **In addition to my 32 hours of continuing education, do I need to work 2,000 hours in the industry in order to be able to renew?**

Yes, you will need to have worked in the industry 2,000 hours within the previous 3 years and attach a verification statement that you have completed your 32 hours of continuing education.