

NOTICE: IMPORTANT UPDATES

Three acts of the 91st General Assembly of the State of Arkansas impacted electrical licensing in 2017. In some cases, the new acts have superseded certain provisions of the administrative rules of the Board of Electrical Examiners. While the Board's rules are being reviewed and revised, please note these important legislative changes. Click on the act number to read the act.

Act 381 of 2017 (effective March 6, 2017) eliminated any requirement for re-testing in order to renew an expired license. The provision on late fees was amended to provide for a late fee equal to an annual renewal fee plus \$10 a month. Late fees begin accrual immediately upon expiration. After 3 years, there is an additional penalty of \$1000. The board may, after a hearing, deny renewal or reinstatement for cause.

Act 476 of 2017 (effective August 2, 2017) authorizes the Director of the Department of Labor to renew temporary licenses for certain construction projects if actual construction will exceed one (1) year and there are an insufficient number of licensed electricians.

Act 766 of 2017 (effective August 2, 2017) authorizes a specialist sign electrician to maintain and repair parking lot lights upon successfully passing a separate examination approved by the Board of Electrical Examiners. The licensee would obtain an endorsement to his/her license.