

103.15 Apprentice electrician — unclassified person.

1. A person shall be licensed by the board and pay a licensing fee to work as an apprentice electrician while participating in an apprenticeship training program registered by the office of apprenticeship of the United States department of labor in accordance with the standards established by that department. An apprenticeship shall be limited to six years from the date of licensure, unless extended by the board upon a finding that a hardship existed which prevented completion of the apprenticeship program. Such licensure shall entitle the licensee to act as an apprentice to an electrical contractor, a class A master electrician, a class B master electrician, a class A journeyman electrician, or a class B journeyman electrician as provided in [subsection 3](#).

2. *a.* A person shall be licensed as an unclassified person by the board to perform electrical work if the work is performed under the personal supervision of a person actually licensed to perform such work and the licensed and unclassified persons are employed by the same employer. A person shall not be employed continuously for more than one hundred days as an unclassified person without having obtained a current license from the board. For the purposes of determining whether a person has been “*employed continuously*” for more than one hundred days under [this subsection](#), employment shall include any days not worked due to illness, holidays, weekend days, and other absences that do not constitute separation from or termination of employment. Any period of employment as a nonlicensed unclassified person shall not be credited to any applicable experiential requirement of an apprenticeship training program registered by the office of apprenticeship of the United States department of labor.

b. Licensed persons shall not permit unclassified persons to perform electrical work except under the personal supervision of a person actually licensed to perform such work. Unclassified persons shall not supervise the performance of electrical work or make assignments of electrical work to unclassified persons. Any person employing unclassified persons performing electrical work shall maintain records establishing compliance with [this section](#), which shall designate all unclassified persons performing electrical work.

3. Apprentice electricians and unclassified persons shall do no electrical wiring except under the direct personal on-the-job supervision and control and in the immediate presence of a licensee as specified in [section 103.11](#). Such supervision shall include both on-the-job training and related classroom training as approved by the board. The licensee may employ or supervise apprentice electricians and unclassified persons at a ratio not to exceed three apprentice electricians and unclassified persons to one licensee, except that such ratio and the other requirements of [this section](#) shall not apply to apprenticeship classroom training.

4. For purposes of [this section](#), “*the direct personal on-the-job supervision and control and in the immediate presence of a licensee*” shall mean the licensee and the apprentice electrician or unclassified person shall be working at the same project location but shall not require that the licensee and apprentice electrician or unclassified person be within sight of one another at all times.

5. An apprentice electrician shall not install, alter, or repair electrical equipment except as provided in [this section](#), and the licensee employing or supervising an apprentice electrician shall not authorize or permit such actions by the apprentice electrician.

6. The board may reject an application for licensure under [this section](#) from an applicant who would be subject to suspension, revocation, or reprimand pursuant to [section 103.35](#).

7. Conviction of a felony in Iowa that is sexual abuse in violation of [section 709.4](#), a sexually violent offense as defined in [section 229A.2](#), the offense of dependent adult abuse in violation of [section 235B.20](#), a forcible felony as defined in [section 702.11](#), or the offense of domestic abuse assault in violation of [section 708.2A](#), shall be grounds for denial, revocation, or suspension of a license. Conviction for any other felony shall not be grounds for denial, revocation, or suspension. A conviction of a crime in violation of federal law or in violation of the law of another state shall be given the same effect as it would if such conviction had been under Iowa law. If federal law or the laws of another state do not provide for offenses or violations denominated or described in precisely the same words as Iowa law, the

department shall determine whether those offenses or violations are substantially similar in nature to Iowa law and apply those offenses or violations accordingly.

2007 Acts, ch 197, §25, 50; 2008 Acts, ch 1092, §20, 32; 2009 Acts, ch 133, §27; 2010 Acts, ch 1061, §21, 22; 2019 Acts, ch 99, §7

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