

CHAPTER 500  
ELECTRICIAN AND ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING PROGRAM—  
ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

**661—500.1(103) Establishment of program.** The electrician and electrical contractor licensing program is established in the fire marshal division of the department of public safety. The program is under the direction of the electrical examining board and the daily supervision of the state fire marshal or the state fire marshal's designee.

**500.1(1) Electrical examining board.** The electrical examining board, appointed by the governor, directs the electrician and electrical contractor licensing program, adopts administrative rules governing the program, establishes licensing requirements, and administers discipline related to licensure and to those engaged in activities requiring licensure but who are not licensed.

**500.1(2) Executive secretary.** The electrical examining board shall appoint an executive secretary who shall be responsible for carrying out the policies of the board and for hiring and supervising additional administrative staff.

**500.1(3) Board office.** The board office is located within the fire marshal division of the department of public safety.

*a.* The address of the board office is as follows:

Electrical Examining Board  
Iowa Department of Public Safety  
State Public Safety Headquarters Building  
215 East 7th Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

*b.* The board may be contacted by telephone at (515)725-6147 or by E-mail at [elecinfo@dps.state.ia.us](mailto:elecinfo@dps.state.ia.us).

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**661—500.2(103) Definitions.** The following definitions apply to all rules adopted by the electrical examining board.

*“Approved by the board”* means the approval of any item, test or procedure by the electrical examining board by adoption of a resolution at a meeting of the board, provided that the approval has not been withdrawn by a later resolution of the board. A list of any such items, tests, or procedures that have been approved by the board is available from the board office or from the board Web site.

*“Board”* means the electrical examining board created under 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 197, section 12.

*“Department”* means the department of public safety.

*“Division”* means the fire marshal division of the department of public safety.

*“Documented experience”* means experience which an applicant for licensing has completed and which has been documented by the applicant's completion and submission of a sworn affidavit or other evidence required by the board.

*“Emergency installation”* means an electrical installation necessary to restore power to a building or facility when existing equipment has been damaged due to a natural or man-made disaster or other weather-related cause. Emergency installations may be performed by persons properly licensed to perform the work, and may be performed prior to submission of a request for permit or request for inspection. A request for permit and request for inspection, if required by rule 661—552.1(103), shall be made as soon as practicable and, in any event, no more than 72 hours after the installation is completed.

*“Executive secretary”* means the executive secretary appointed by the board.

*“Farm”* means land, buildings and structures used for agricultural purposes including but not limited to the storage, handling, and drying of grain and the care, feeding, and housing of livestock.

*“Final agency action”* means the issuance, denial, suspension, or revocation of a license. If an action is subject to appeal, “final agency action” has occurred when the administrative appeal process provided for in 661—Chapter 503 has been exhausted or when the deadline for filing an appeal has expired.

*“Registered apprenticeship program”* means an electrical apprenticeship program registered with the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training of the United States Department of Labor or an electrical apprenticeship program registered with a state agency whose registration program is accepted by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training in lieu of direct registration with the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.

*“Residential electrical work”* means electrical work in a residence in which there are no more than four living units within the same building and includes work to connect and work within accessory structures, which are structures no greater than 3,000 square feet in floor area, not more than two stories in height, the use of which is incidental to the use of the dwelling unit or units, and located on the same lot as the dwelling unit or units.

*“Routine maintenance”* means the repair or replacement of existing electrical apparatus or equipment of the same size and type for which no changes in wiring are made. The performance of routine maintenance in itself does not require a person to obtain or hold a license as an electrician or electrical contractor.

*“Special residential electrician”* means a person who holds a current special electrician license with a residential endorsement.

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