Question of the Month — What is the percentage of journey-level exam candidates that pass on the first attempt? See correct answer on Page 2.

Invitation to a Stakeholder Meeting Near You
There are 19 electrical stakeholder meetings in various locations across the state between January and May 2019. Meetings are an opportunity to talk with the Chief Electrical Inspector in an informal setting. Attend a meeting near you, we want to hear how we can better serve you and help you stay informed of any changes that might affect you and/or your business. Meetings are scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. at the locations listed below. Meeting dates and addresses are posted on our Electrical Calendar webpage. If you are not on the email list to receive these newsletters, you may join at our Electrical Email List webpage.

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Big Changes Coming for Trainees and Contractors – Apprenticeship Legislation Passed
Substitute Senate Bill 6126 passed by the legislature in 2018 effects those training to become 01 general journey level electricians and those who employ them.

- Effective July 1, 2023, to be eligible for the (01) general journey level electrician examination, applicants must have completed a recognized (01) electrical apprenticeship program approved by the Washington State Apprenticeship Training Council (WSATC) or out-of-state equivalent. This requirement does not apply to those approved for an (01) examination before July 1, 2023 or to any applicants for specialty electrician examinations.

- After June 30, 2023, unless working in a specialty, trainees must be registered apprentices. Apprenticeship programs may credit properly documented electrical experience on record with the department such as, 4000-hour electrical specialty certification, military experience or completion of a two-year training school program. Students enrolled in a two-year program in the electrical construction trade are not required to be registered apprentices while gaining on-the-job training experience during an externship.

Apprenticeship Roles
Electrical Apprentices — electrical trainees registered in approved Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council (WSATC) programs or equivalent out-of-state apprenticeship programs. Experience is gained while employed by a training agent.
Training Agents—employers who are registered training agents for one or more apprenticeship programs. They abide by apprenticeship standards while providing on-the-job training to apprentices.

More about apprenticeship terms at https://www.lni.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/Apprenticeship/About/glossary/default.asp

Recognized (01) General Journey Level Electrician Apprenticeship Programs

- Construction Industry Training Council of Washington (CITC)
- Area 1 Inside Electrical JATC
- Puget Sound Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee
- IBEW 48 NECA-IBEW Electrical JATC
- Inland Empire Electrical Training Trust
- Southwest Washington Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee
- LU 112 - NECA Electrical Apprenticeship Committee
- Northwest Washington Electrical Industry Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee

Want to Sponsor An Apprenticeship Program?

All sponsors for (01) general journey level electrician apprenticeship programs must adhere to Minimum Guideline Standards previously approved by the WSATC. To download a copy of the Inside Electrician (01) Minimum Guideline Standards Template follow this link.

Registered apprenticeship programs start with the formation of an apprenticeship committee made up of industry members—both employers and employees.

For more information, contact a Labor & Industries Apprenticeship Consultant. Apprenticeship consultants are located all across the state. They will help you identify which type of apprenticeship model best suits your company and then provide one-on-one consulting and on-site assistance to get your program up and running. Contact information for Apprenticeship Consultants can be found at the L&I Apprenticeship Consultants page of our website.

Rule Update – WAC 296-46B Revisions

A Second Draft of the proposed rules is posted on the Rule Development page of our website.

A public comment period will open soon so that anyone may submit written comments. In addition, a public hearing will be held at the Tumwater L&I building, exact date and time to be announced. Watch for updates on the Rule Development page and in next month’s newsletter.

For more details about the process, or to view or download rulemaking documents including the Second Draft, visit the Rule Development page of our website or see the August 2018 Special Edition Electrical Currents newsletter.

If you have any questions, please contact Alicia Curry, at 360-902-6244 or Alicia.Curry@Lni.wa.gov.

Ugly Picture of the Month: If viewing this document online, click on the picture to open a larger image. This creative method of adding service entrance conductors to two additional panels was discovered by one of our inspectors at a marijuana grow operation in need of more circuits and capacity for additional loads. There was a wad of tape on the split bolt when the inspector found it.

Answer to Question of the Month: As reported at the January 31 Electrical Board meeting, for last year about 49% of all journey-level exam candidates passed on the first attempt. Data compiled a couple years back indicates about 30% of those who did not complete an apprenticeship passed on the first attempt compared to almost 70% for those who completed an apprenticeship.