

Changes to Electrical Trainee Education Requirement

Effective **July 1, 2011** Electrical trainees must have **32 hours** of basic electrical classroom education to renew/activate their training certificate. This is to enforce changes enacted in the 2010 legislative session to [RCW 19.28.161](#).

This means for a trainee card to be activated (issued) on or after July 1, 2011 and prior to June 30, 2013, the trainee will have to have 32 hours of basic classroom instruction regardless of when the renewal fee was paid.

I paid my renewal fee prior to June 30, 2011 how many hours will I need to activate my card?

If you had 16 hours of training reported to the department by June 30, 2011 your certificate will be issued with the 16 hours.

*If your hours are not completed **and reported** to the department by June 30, 2011, you will need to complete 32 hours for your card to be issued.*

Effective **July 1, 2013** Electrical trainees will be required to have **48 hours** of basic classroom education to renew/activate.

If I receive a card between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2013 how many hours will I have to have to renew my card in 2013?

If your certificate is renewed and all hours reported by June 30, 2013, you will need to have 32 hours.

If your certificate is not issued until after June 30, 2013, you will have to provide 48 hours for your card to be issued.

NOTE: If the certificate is placed inactive for lack of education, see below for the hours required to activate:

The "date" referred in this document means the date the hours are submitted to the department, not the date the renewal fee is paid or the courses are taken.

16 hours - June 30, 2011 and prior

32 hours – July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013

48 hours – July 1, 2013 and later

Contact the Electrical Program at 360-902-5269 if you have any questions regarding this information.

More information regarding basic classroom courses available [here](#).