

SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT MEMO
WAC 296-46B-940, Electrician/certificate of competency required.
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The purpose of this rulemaking is to amend the general journey level electrician and specialty electrician certification qualifications for reciprocity to allow for reciprocal licensing of electricians between Washington State and Oregon.

Those proposed rule amendments are:

- Eliminating the minimum one-year waiting period for electricians licensed in a reciprocal state to apply for a Washington State reciprocal certificate;
- Amending the provision that any electrician who has ever taken and failed the WA state electrical exam is ineligible for reciprocal licensing to only those electricians who have taken and failed the Washington state electrical exam in the past two years; and
- Eliminating the provision that a person does not qualify for a reciprocal certificate if they were not a Washington State resident at the time of examination in a reciprocal state.

As discussed in the Cost-Benefit Analysis document, the proposed rule amendments do not increase costs as the changes eliminate current requirements and will result in a cost savings over current practice or the baseline.

According to the Regulatory Fairness Act (RFA) under RCW 19.85.030, an agency shall prepare a small business economic impact statement (SBEIS): (i) If the proposed rule will impose more than minor costs¹ on businesses in an industry; or (ii) if requested to do so by a majority vote of the joint administrative rules review committee within forty-five days of receiving the notice of proposed rulemaking under RCW 34.05.320. As the proposed rule amendments result in a cost savings over current practice or the baseline, the proposed rule does not impose more than minor costs so an SBEIS is not required.

¹ Minor cost is defined under RCW 19.85.020 as a cost per business that is less than three-tenths of one percent of annual revenue or income, or one hundred dollars, whichever is greater, or one percent of annual payroll.