

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY

A meeting of the Public Service Commission was held this date. Present: Chairman William A. Logan, Vice Chairman Barkley J. Sturgill and Commissioners Charles W. Berger, Robert E. Spurlin and Joe S. Wheeler, Jr.

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In the Matter of

THE ADOPTION BY THE COMMISSION )  
OF RULES GOVERNING THE CERTIFI- ) ADMINISTRATIVE CASE NO. 170  
CATION OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS )

O R D E R

By Executive Order No. 73-448 dated and effective May 1, 1973, the duties and responsibilities for the certification of electrical inspectors as set out in KRS 227.485, were transferred to the Public Service Commission.

After study and review of the matter on the part of the Commission, proposed rules were formulated.

The Commission having considered the proposed rules and being advised is of the opinion and finds that said rules are fair, reasonable and consistent with the law.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED That the Rules Governing the Certification of Electrical Inspectors contained in Appendix "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof be and they hereby are adopted.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of January, 1974.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Secretary

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
ELECTRICPSC:Elect-1-XXIII  
Rules Governing Certification of Electrical Inspectors

1. Pursuant to the authority vested in the Public Service Commission by Executive Order 73-448 dated May 1, 1973, and by KRS 227.485 therein referred to, the following regulations governing the Certification of Electrical Inspectors is hereby adopted.

2. Scope

Subsection (2) of KRS 227.485 defines the scope of the Commission's responsibilities as:

The (Public Service Commission) shall establish qualification requirements for electrical inspectors, and schedule examinations at regular intervals.

Examinations shall be based on the National Electrical Code incorporated in Article II of the Standards of Safety prescribed by the Department of Public Safety.

3. Applicability

These regulations shall apply to Electrical Inspectors in the employ of cities of the second and third class and/or the counties containing those cities.

4. Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in these rules shall have the meanings indicated:

Applicant - the person seeking to be certified as an electrical inspector.

Commission - the Public Service Commission of Kentucky.

Electrical Inspector - any person employed by a city and/or county, as heretofore discussed under applicability, and engaged in the inspection of wiring used for the purpose of furnishing heat, light, or power.

Certified Electrical Inspector - an Electrical Inspector who has met the criteria established by the Commission for examination, has satisfactorily passed that examination, and has received a certificate attesting thereto.

Employee - one who is employed on a full-time, part-time, or contractual basis.

Electrical - pertains to the installation of wires and conduits for the purpose of transmitting electricity, and the installation of fixtures and equipment in connection therewith.

Electrical Industry - pertains to those engaged in the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity; the design, manufacture, construction, installation, alteration or repair of electrical wiring facilities and apparatus for the utilization of electricity.

5. Qualifications for Electrical Inspectors

Prior to being examined by the Commission the applicant must meet the following requirements:

- (a) Applicant shall be an employee of a 2nd or 3rd class city and/or the county containing a 2nd or 3rd class city. Evidence of employment must accompany the application, and shall consist of a written statement from the appropriate city or

county official.

An Applicant not presently employed who has a job commitment from a city or county subject to his being certified may take the exam if otherwise qualified. He should attach to his application a letter of commitment from the appropriate city or county to that effect.

- (b) Applicant shall not be engaged in any other activity in the electrical industry which might in any way constitute a conflict of interest. (Electrical contractors, electricians, and employees of electric utilities are expressly prohibited.)
- (c) Applicant shall have had not less than 4 years of experience in the field of electrical inspection of all types of residential, commercial, and industrial electrical light and power wiring systems, installed in accordance with the National Electrical Code, or;  
Applicant shall have had not less than 8 years of experience in the installation and/or design, of all types of residential, commercial, and industrial electrical light and power wiring systems, installed in accordance with the National Electrical Code.
- (d) Applicant shall possess the ability to speak, read, and write the English language, and possess a general educational level satisfactory to perform his duties.
- (e) Applicant shall submit a duly notarized application, which shall be supplied by the Commission on request,

wherein all pertinent personal information and experience shall be stated. Application must be received by the Commission at least 30 days prior to the desired examination date.

- (f) A fee of ten dollars shall accompany the application, consisting of a check or money order made payable to the Treasurer, Commonwealth of Kentucky.

6. Examinations

- (a) Examinations for qualified applicants shall be administered beginning at 1:00 p.m. on the First Tuesday of the months of February, May, August, and November unless otherwise scheduled by the Commission.
- (b) Examinations will be administered at the Commission's offices, 24th floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky.
- (c) Examination will be based on the National Electrical Code and will be open book. Applicant must provide his own Code book.
- (d) A grade of 70 percent shall be considered passing. An applicant, otherwise qualified, who fails to make a passing score shall, upon request, be scheduled for reexamination at the next examination date without the paying of additional fees.
- (e) No applicant shall be certified without successfully passing the examination.

7. Certification

- (a) Certificates will be issued to individuals and not to corporations, partnerships, companies or any other entities and will be valid for a period of 2 years from the date of issue.
- (b) Certificates will be reissued upon request prior to expiration. The fee for renewal shall be 2 dollars.
- (c) The Certificate shall state the unit or units of local government by which the applicant is employed. The certificate shall not be valid in any other locality or jurisdiction.

8. Revocation of Certificates

- (a) The Commission may revoke, suspend or refuse to renew the certificate of an electrical inspector who is determined by the Commission to be guilty of:
  - (1) Fraud, deceit or misrepresentation in obtaining certification.
  - (2) Negligence, incompetence or misconduct in the field of electrical inspection.
  - (3) Affixing or causing to be affixed to any electrical installation subject to his inspection a seal of approval, where he has not personally inspected such installation and found it to be satisfactory.
  - (4) Operating as an electrical inspector in

localities or jurisdiction other than those  
for which his certificate is issued.

9. Policing and Fees

The responsibility for policing the activities of  
electrical inspectors and the establishment of fees or other  
compensation rests with the employing unit of local government.