

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON UPDATING METHODS OF APPLICATIONS,
DEFINITIONS, AND PROCESSES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Mechanical Inspection, proposes to change regulations in Title 8 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with updating methods of applications, definitions, and processes.

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 8 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with updating methods of applications, definitions, and processes, including the following:

8 AAC 61.855 is proposed to be amended to update the method of application to current standards and update the form of the certificate.

8 AAC 70.025 is proposed to be amended for periodic adoption of the latest National Electrical Code, 2020 edition.

8 AAC 90.110 is proposed to be repealed and readopted to update the process of obtaining an application for certificate of fitness.

8 AAC 90.115 is proposed to be amended to update the process of using third-party testing providers; removes the requirement for the department to conduct off-site examinations; adds a one-year expiration for applications to take the exam.

8 AAC 90.130 is proposed to be amended to clarify the standards established for an applicant's minimum hours worked.

8 AAC 90.140 is proposed to be repealed and readopted to update the requirement for plumber apprentice registration, renaming the United States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship; updates the responsibilities and process for trainees leaving the program.

8 AAC 90.164 is proposed to be amended to update the definitions reference for Residential Wireman.

8 AAC 90.165 is proposed to be repealed and readopted to update the requirement for electrical apprentice registration, naming of the United States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship; updates the responsibilities and process for trainees leaving the program.

8 AAC 90.180 is proposed to be repealed and readopted to clarify and to clean up language and structure and to remove the "employer letter" option for trainee renewal.

8 AAC 90.192 is proposed to be repealed and readopted to clarify language related to continuing

education requirements; moves “industry related” definition to 8 AAC 90.900.

8 AAC 90.194 is proposed to be repealed and readopted for clarity and to add a requirement for course registration with Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing; adds submission requirements for CEUs submitted to Department of Labor and Workforce Development for approval.

8 AAC 90.196 is proposed to be repealed and readopted for clarity and to change method of proof of completion of CEUs.

8 AAC 90.900 is proposed to be repealed and readopted for clarity and to update name of United States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship; adds definition of “approved program”; reword the definition of “direct supervision”; adds definition of “industry related”.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Becky Weimer, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Labor Standards and Safety, P.O. Box 111149, Juneau, AK 99811-1149. Additionally, you may submit comments by facsimile at (907) 465-3584 and by electronic mail at dol.lss.regulations@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system and using the comment link. The comments must be received not later than 5:00 p.m. on October 22, 2021.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Becky Weimer by e-mail at dol.lss.regulations@alaska.gov or by mail to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Labor Standards and Safety, P.O. Box 111149, Juneau, AK 99811-1149. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Department will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Becky Weimer at (907) 465-5011 not later than October 12, 2021, to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System or by contacting Becky Weimer, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Labor Standards and Safety, P.O. Box 111149, Juneau, AK 99811-1149 or dol.lss.regulations@alaska.gov or (907) 465-5011.

A copy of material proposed for adoption by reference is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System. A copy of material proposed for adoption by reference may be viewed at the agency’s office at 1251 Muldoon Road, Suite 113, Anchorage, Alaska or 1111 W. 8th Street, Suite 302, Juneau, Alaska.

After the public comment period ends, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same

subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.

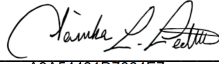
Statutory authority: AS 05.20.070; AS 18.62.060

Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific: AS 18.62.020; AS 18.62.030; AS 18.62.040; AS 18.62.050; AS 18.62.060; AS 18.62.070; AS 18.63.020; AS 18.63.060; AS 18.23.05.060; AS 25.27.244

Fiscal information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development keeps a list of individuals and organizations interested in its regulations. Those on the list will automatically be sent a copy of all of the Mechanical Inspection notices of proposed regulation changes. To be added to or removed from the list, send a request to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Labor Standards and Safety at dol.lss.regulations@alaska.gov, giving your name, and either your e-mail address or mailing address, as you prefer for receiving notices.

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Dr. Tamika L. Ledbetter, Commissioner
Department of Labor and Workforce Development