

5 Steps to Obtaining Your Alabama Journeyman Electrician's License

Step 1. Sign up for the exam.

To do electrical work throughout the state of Alabama you need a license. To get a journeyman's license you have to pass the Alabama journeyman's exam. To qualify for the exam you need four years of electrical work experience. You can substitute up to two years of education in electrical studies for one year of the work experience.

To apply for an electrician's license, contact:

Alabama Electrical Contractors Board
610 S. McDonough St.
Montgomery, AL 36104
Tel: (364) 269-9990
<http://www.aecb.state.al.us>

To obtain a journeyman electrician's license, you must pass an exam given by PSI Examination Services. PSI has four testing centers located Alabama: Birmingham, Huntsville, Mobile, and Montgomery. PSI will make every effort to schedule the examination site and time that is most convenient for you.

For information on the exam, contact:

PSI Examination Services
3210 E. Tropicana Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89121
(800) 733-9267
www.psiexams.com

Exam and License Fees: PSI charges a nonrefundable fee of \$115 to take the exam. The contractor's license fee is an additional \$35.

Step 2. Purchase the required books for your exam.

To find out what documents and books the State of Alabama requires for this exam, follow this link to your state's exam page of our website <http://www.constructionbook.com/contractor-license/alabama/index.asp>. You must purchase these documents and books in preparation for the exam.

Step 3. Start studying!

To fully prepare for your exam it is best to thoroughly study the required documents and books, as well as any recommended studying materials. The amount of preparation time needed will be different for each individual. Be sure to allow yourself enough time to fully prepare for the exam.

Step 4. Follow the rules.

PSI requires that you present two forms of ID when you appear for your exam. One ID must be government issued (Driver's license, State ID or Military ID) and must have a picture or a complete physical description. Both must have a signature and pre-printed name, which matches the name in our records.

The following security procedures will apply during the examination:

- Cell phones, pagers, and guests are not allowed in the examination site. This policy is strictly enforced.
- Any individual papers that are not part of a paper-back, ring-binder, spiral binder, or loose leaf binder type of book, or part of a multi-paged CMR, MGL, UL, or NFPA documents as described in this section MUST be removed prior to entering the examination area.
- Non-programmable, non-printing, silent, battery-operated, non-alphabet key calculators will be permitted.
- Copies of the books and references required for the open-book portions of the exam will be admitted into the exam room. They may be tabbed or un-tabbed and may contain highlighted or underlined sections or paragraphs of the original text.

Step 5. Good luck on the exam!

PSI advises that you must arrive at least 30 minutes before your exam's scheduled start time. The exam is six hours long -- three hours in the morning and three hours in the afternoon. Here's the content of the exam:

The exam is broken down into the following sections:

Part I (closed book, one hour, 50 questions)-- 25% of total grade:

Subject	Number of questions
General theory	17 - 19
Materials	1 - 3
Field application	9 - 11
NEC chapter 1 Articles 100, 110	8 - 10
NEC chapter 2	4 - 6
NEC chapter 3	3 - 5
NEC chapter 4	0 - 2
NEC chapter 9	0 - 2

Part II (open book, two hours, 50 questions) -- 25% of total grade:

Subject	Number of questions
General theory	3 - 5
Materials	1 - 3
NEC chapter 1	3 - 5
NEC chapter 2	17 - 19
NEC chapter 3	12 - 14
NEC chapter 4	5 - 7

NEC chapter 5	0 - 2
NEC chapter 6	0 - 2
NEC Article 90	0 - 2

Part III (open book, three hours, 30 questions) -- 50% of total grade:

Subject	Number of questions
Residential service	4 - 6
Conduit fill	2 - 4
Motors	3 - 5
Ambient temperature	3 - 5
Efficiency, power factor, neutral loads	0 - 2
Box fill	0 - 2
Transformers	3 - 5
Voltage drop	3 - 5
Conductor ampacity	1 - 3
Appliance loads	1 - 3