

5 Steps To Obtaining Your South Dakota Electrical Contractor's License

Step 1. Sign up for the exam.

Application: To do electrical work in South Dakota, you need to be licensed as an electrical contractor, journeyman, or class B electrician. To get an application, contact:

South Dakota Electrical Commission
308 South Pierre Street
% 1320 E. Souix
Pierre, SD 57501
(605) 773-3573
(800) 233-7765
Fax: (605) 773-6213
http://www.state.sd.us/dcr/electrical/ELEC_HOM.htm

Qualifications: You must pass an exam to get a license. To qualify for the contractor exam you need 4,000 hours as a journeyman electrician. At least 2,000 hours of this time must be in commercial/industrial electrical work.

The Commission gives all exams. They're based on the National Electrical Code and last five to six hours.

Exams are given each month. Persons wishing to take an exam must meet the licensing requirements for each license. An application must be submitted with the required application fee. Once the application is approved the examinee will receive three exam dates to choose from.

Exam/license fees: It will cost you \$40 to take a licensing exam. The contractor's license costs \$100. All fees are nonrefundable. All licenses are good for two years, expiring on June 30 each even-numbered year.

Step 2. Purchase the required books for your exam.

To find out what documents and books the State of South Dakota requires for this exam, follow this link to your state's exam page of our website:
<http://www.constructionbook.com/contractor-license/south-dakota/index.asp>. You must purchase these documents and books in preparation for the exam and, if applicable, bring them with you on testing day for the open book portions of 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.

Your first responsibility as an examinee is to arrive at the exam site on the proper date, at least 30 minutes prior the exam's scheduled start time, and with your exam confirmation number and proper photo identification (issued by a state or federal regulatory agency).

NO personal items will be permitted in the testing center. Examinees will not be allowed to bring or use reference books other than those indicated on the examination outline. Along with the approved reference books, candidates must also bring a watch without an alarm, and a non-programmable, battery-operated calculator.

Step 5. Good luck on the exam!

Some general subject areas often covered on Electrical Contractors exams are:

Subject

Grounding and bonding

Services, feeders, and branch circuits

Raceways and enclosures

Conductors

Motors and controls

Utilization and general use equipment

General knowledge of the electrical trade and calculations

Low voltage circuits including alarms and communications