

5 Steps To Obtaining Your Wisconsin Journeyman Electrician's License

Step 1. Sign up for the exam.

Application: In Wisconsin you can get a state master, journeyman, or electrical contractor credential which allows you to do electrical work in any municipality in the state that requires a license. To apply, contact:

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201 W. Washington Avenue
P. O. Box 7082
Madison, WI 53707-7082
(608) 261-8500
<http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/>

Qualifications: To be certified as a master or journeyman you need to pass an open book exam on the National Electrical Code and the electrical code part of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. There are two ways to qualify for the journeyman electrician exam. One way is to complete 1,000 hours per year of electrical construction work experience for at least five years, substituting 500 hours of work experience for each semester you've completed in accredited electrical study, up to 2,000 hours. The other way is to complete an electrical apprenticeship program recognized by Wisconsin and the U.S. Department of Labor.

Exam/license fees: It will cost you \$65 nonrefundable to file the application and take the exam for master or journeyman. When you pass the exam you'll have to pay \$80 to get your credential. The credential is good for four years.

Step 2. Purchase the required books for your exam.

To find out what documents and books the State of Wisconsin requires for this exam, follow this link to your state's exam page of our website:

<http://www.constructionbook.com/contractor-license/wisconsin/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!

The Journeyman Electrician's exam covers these subjects:

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