



ELECTRICAL / FIRE ALARM / SIGN SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR LICENSE REQUIREMENTS & EXAMINATION CONTENT & DESCRIPTION

Electrical Contractor – A person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of erecting, installing, altering, repairing, servicing, or maintaining electric wiring, devices, appliances, or equipment.

For Electrical, Fire Alarm, or Sign Specialty Contractor Registration Information, please see the Electrical Contractor Registration or Renewal section. 

- ✓ Must have a Detroit-based business address.
- ✓ Must complete the respective [Electrical Contractor application form](#) (Parts A, B and C as applicable).
- ✓ A passport-sized picture of the Electrical Contractor of Record shall be submitted along with the application.

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE

- Holds a Master Electrician's License or has not less than one Master Electrician residing in this state who is in his or her full-time employ. The Master Electrician shall be actively in charge of and responsible for Michigan Electrical Code compliance of all installations of electrical wiring and equipment.

FIRE ALARM CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE

- Holds a Fire Alarm Specialty Technician's License or has not less than one Fire Alarm Specialty Technician residing in this state who is in his or her full-time employ. The Fire Alarm Specialty Technician shall be actively in charge of and responsible for Michigan Electrical Code compliance of all installations of fire alarm system wiring and equipment.

PLEASE BE ADVISED: A MASTER ELECTRICIAN AND/OR FIRE ALARM SPECIALTY TECHNICIAN SHALL NOT REPRESENT MORE THAN ONE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, FIRM, OR CORPORATION AT THE SAME TIME.

SIGN SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE

- Holds a Sign Specialist's License or has not less than one Sign Specialist residing in this state who is in his or her full-time employ. The Sign Specialist shall be actively in charge of and responsible for code compliance of all installations, maintenance, connection, and repair of electric signs and related wiring.

For additional information, please see the [Electrical Licensing Procedures Guide](#).

All the Contractor Examinations consist of 40 multiple choice questions worth 2.50 points each with a 1½ hour time limit and covers the below information. The Electrical Examiner will provide all the below reference material at the examination.

The examinee **will not be allowed to bring his or her own reference materials.**

Part I	Michigan Electrical Code Rules Part 8 Rules	8 questions	20
Part II	Electrical Administrative Board General Rules	8 questions	20
Part III	Electrical Administrative Act 217 of 1956	8 questions	20
Part IV	Public Act 230 of 1972	10 questions	25
Part V	Public Act 497 of 1980 – Construction Lien Act	6 questions	15
Total Points			100

Applicants are not allowed to have personal belongings in the exam room including, but not limited to: cell phones, recording devices, ear buds, headphones, Bluetooth devices, electronic watches, electronic devices, cameras, pagers, laptop computers, tablet computers, music players, smart watches, radios, electronic games, notebooks, reference or reading material, briefcases, backpacks, other writing devices, and good luck items.

Any applicant possessing prohibited items, giving or receiving assistance on an exam, and/or found with unauthorized materials in the examination room shall immediately surrender all examination materials, shall have his or her test results invalidated, and will be reported to the Board of Electrical Examiners.

Applicants for examination are required to bring picture identification to the examination site. **(Current and valid Driver's License preferred)**. A score of 75% or better is required to pass the examination. If you do not pass, you **may not** review your examination.

If you wish to preview the material, you can download it from the Internet using the information provided below: GO TO: <http://www.detroitmi.gov/Boards/Administrative-Rules-Public-Acts>

Please print the following:

- Act 217 of 1956-Electrical Administrative Board General Rules
- Act 230 of 1972-Stille-Derossett Construction Act
- Act 497 of 1980 – Construction Lien Fund
- 2011 Michigan Part 8 Rules

EXAM RESULTS ARE NOT GIVEN OVER THE TELEPHONE.