

New! Licensing of Individual Construction Electricians

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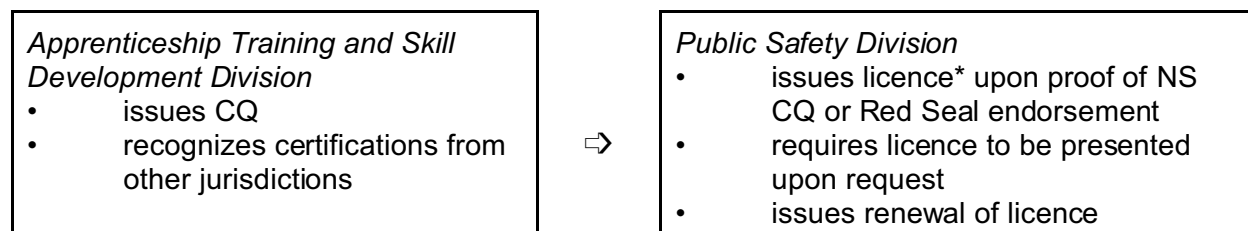
- The Department of Labour and Workforce Development is developing a new process to replace the current renewal of the *Certificate of Qualification (CQ)* with a licence for the Construction Electrician trade.
- The licence will be for individual construction electricians only.
- The effect is that once you receive your CQ, it remains valid for life.
- In order to work in the Province and obtain permits you will be required to have a licence.
- This concept is currently being done across the country.
- We believe this new process will provide you with a one-stop shop for certificates and licences.
- We invite you to comment on the new process.

What are the changes?

One Department is now responsible for the regulation of the Construction Electrician trade.

The new Department of Labour and Workforce Development was created on April 1, 2008 which combined the Skills and Learning Branch from the Department of Education, the Labour divisions from the former Department of Environment and Labour, as well as other branches / divisions from other Departments. This change was made to promote strong workplaces and build a competitive workforce.

Under the new Department, the certification and licensing of the Construction Electrician will look like this:



*apprentices are exempt from the licensing requirement until they obtain full journey person status

How and when will the changes take place?

- The CQ renewal will remain for now, but will eventually be changed to a "licence" through changes to regulations. When you apply to renew your CQ you will receive a reissued CQ with no renewal date and an individual licence.
- Your original Certificate will have to be turned in, but the reissued one will bear the original date of issue.
- The process may be in place by Spring 2010.

Where do I go to get a licence?

- The current office locations and contact information of the above Divisions will remain

the same for now. Once the offices move to one location, both Certificates of Qualification and licences will be issued from that location.

How do the changes affect me?

- There will be no changes to the qualifications needed for obtaining a CQ.
- You will no longer have to renew your CQ, but you will have to renew a licence.
- You will be required to have a licence in order to work in the Province and to obtain permits
- There will be no change to fees until a review is conducted at a later date to determine the cost for the individual licence.

In summary, the renewal of a CQ, currently issued and enforced by the Apprenticeship Training and Skill Development Division, will be replaced by a licence, issued and enforced by the Public Safety Division.

More details about this project can be found at www.gov.ns.ca/lwd/publicsafety/LicensingReview.asp

Feedback

We'd like to hear from you: your feedback is important to us. Please answer the questions and return this page to the Department of Labour and Workforce Development by **4:30 p.m., September 15, 2008.**

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Please answer the following:

#1 Do you support the concept of replacing the renewal of CQ with a licence to do work?

Yes, because _____

No, because _____

#2 What are your primary concerns with the proposed licensing? You may check any that apply, but please number them in order of priority beginning with #1 for your top concern.

Cost (initial and renewal) Frequency of renewal Other:

#3 What are the advantages you will see with the proposed licensing?

Level playing field Improved service delivery to obtain CQ / licence

Clearer responsibility Other:

Thank you for your participation in this consultation. CE