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State of Connecticut  
**REGULATION**  
of

NAME OF AGENCY

**The Department of Consumer Protection**  
**Concerning**

SUBJECT MATTER OF REGULATION

**Continuing Education for Electricians**

Section 1. Subsection (d) of Section 20-334d-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is hereby amended as follows:

**(d) Minimum continuing education hours.**

- (1) Electrical licensees, as a condition of license renewals commencing on and after October 1, 2004, shall take [at least seven (7)] not less than four (4) credit hours of continuing education courses each year prior to renewal of their licenses, except that the commissioner may, upon request of the Electrical Work Board, increase to a maximum of seven (7) the number of credit hours. The following areas of study, with an emphasis on recent changes or updates, shall be acceptable:
- (A) Licensing or business law and regulations applicable to the electrical trade;
  - (B) the current State of Connecticut Building Codes and Standards applicable to the electrical trade;
  - (C) construction safety; and
  - (D) any areas recommended by the commissioner or the Electrical Work Examining Board.
- (2) (A) Plumbing licensees, as a condition of license renewals commencing on and after November 1, 2007, shall comply with the following continuing education requirements:
- (i) Plumbing and Piping unlimited contractors, as a condition of license renewals in any even-numbered year, shall take seven (7) hours of continuing education courses during the two-year period prior to renewal of the license.
  - (ii) Plumbing and Piping limited contractors, as a condition of license renewals in any even-numbered year, shall take five (5) hours of continuing education courses during the two-year period prior to renewal of the license.

(iii) Plumbing and Piping unlimited journeypersons, as a condition of license renewals in any odd-numbered year, shall take five (5) hours of continuing education courses during the two-year period prior to renewal of the license.

(iv) Plumbing and Piping limited journeypersons, as a condition of license renewals in any odd-numbered year, shall take three (3) hours of continuing education courses during the two-year period prior to renewal of the license.

(B) The following areas of study, with an emphasis on recent changes or updates, shall be acceptable:

- (i) Licensing or business law and regulations applicable to the plumbing and piping trade;
- (ii) the current State of Connecticut Building Codes and Standards applicable to the plumbing and piping trade; and
- (iii) any areas recommended by the commissioner or the State Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board.

- (3) All continuing education courses shall be applicable to the specific license types and categories, and shall meet with the final approval of the commissioner. The commissioner shall publish the required number of hours for each license type on the website of the Department of Consumer Protection.
- (4) Courses completed prior to approval by the commissioner shall not qualify for continuing education hours.
- (5) A licensee shall not be required to comply with the continuing education requirements of this section for the licensee's first license renewal.
- (6) A licensee shall submit proof of compliance with continuing education requirements upon the request of the commissioner.

## **Statement of Purpose**

*Pursuant to CGS Section 4-170(b)(3), "Each proposed regulation shall have a statement of its purpose following the final section of the regulation."*

(A) Purpose: The purpose of these regulations is to implement Section One of Public Act 2011-247.

(B) Summary: This proposed change conforms Regulation Section 20-344d-1 to Public Act 2011-247, which specifically reduces the minimum number of hours of annual continuing education for electricians from seven (7) to four (4). In addition, the Electrical Work Board is granted the ability to request that the Commissioner of Consumer Protection require electricians to complete additional classroom time, up to a maximum of seven (7) hours.

(C) Legal Effects: The legal effect of this proposal would be to modify the current regulation subsection by reducing the current seven (7) hours of continuing education to four (4) hours, with a method to increase to total hours to a maximum of seven (7). This regulation applies to licensed electricians.