

Office of Statewide Electrical Contractors

FAQ's for Electrical Contractors - As of July 1, 2019

Below are a few of the frequently asked questions about obtaining a Missouri statewide electrical contractor license. If you have additional questions, please email us at osec@pr.mo.gov.

1. **When will I be able to apply for a statewide electrical contractor license?**

Answer: We began accepting applications for licensure July 1, 2019. Application forms are posted on the office's website, <https://pr.mo.gov/electricalcontractors.asp>, under "Application Forms".

2. **I only do work in one city and I have an electrical contractor license from that city. Do I have to get a statewide electrical contractor license?**

Answer: No. The statewide electrical contractor license is optional, not mandatory. If you work only in places where you are currently licensed, or no license is required, you may not want a statewide electrical contractor license. However, if you would like to have one license that is recognized statewide, then the new statewide license may be for you. The new license aims to allow an electrical contractor to maintain just one license that is recognized statewide instead of having a license for each city or county. Each electrical contractor will have to evaluate their situation and make the decision that works for them. You may want to consult with your attorney to assist in making this decision. Statutes you may want to review include Section 324.920.3 and .4, RSMo.

3. **I work in a city or a county that does not require an electrical contractor license. Do I need to get a new statewide license?**

Answer: No. Section 324.920.4, RSMo, states: Any person operating as an electrical contractor in a political subdivision that does not require the contractor to hold a local license or that operates as an electrical contractor in a political subdivision that requires a local license possessed by that person, shall not be required to possess a statewide license under Sections 324.900 to 324.945, RSMo, to continue to operate as an electrical contractor in such political subdivision.

4. **I work for a company that has multiple licensed electrical contractors. Does the new law require everyone in the company to get a statewide license?**

Answer: No. The statewide electrical contractor license licenses a qualifier on behalf of the electrical contractor business that holds the statewide license and is responsible for the work that the company does. The qualifier must be employed by the electrical contractor business and must be at a supervisory level. Section 324.920.3, RSMo. However, if a company wishes to have more than one person with a statewide license, that is permitted.

Section 324.920.3, RSMo, states:

3. If a corporation, firm, institution, organization, company, or representative thereof desires to engage in electrical contracting licensed under this chapter, then it shall have in its employ, at a supervisory level, at least one electrical contractor who possesses a statewide license in accordance with sections 324.900 to 324.945. A statewide licensed electrical contractor shall represent only one firm, company, corporation, institution, or organization at one time.

5. **I am currently licensed as an electrical contractor in a city. Do I have to take the test again to get a statewide license?**

Answer: Maybe not. If the test you took meets the requirements for a statewide license, that test will be accepted.

Section 324.920.2, RSMo, states:

2. Electrical contractors who hold an electrical contractor or master electrician occupational or business license issued by any political subdivision in this state, the passing of a standardized and nationally accredited written electrical assessment examination that is based upon the National Electric Code and administered by an independent competent professional testing agency not affiliated with a political subdivision or the state of Missouri, and who have completed twelve thousand hours of verifiable practical experience or evidence of having been licensed by any Missouri political subdivision that requires examination as specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection as an electrical contractor or master electrician for six of the previous eight calendar years shall be issued a statewide license. The provisions of this subsection shall apply only to electrical contractor licenses issued by a political subdivision with the legal authority to issue such licenses.

6. **If am licensed in another state or political subdivision outside of Missouri, will I be able to get a license by reciprocity?**

Answer: The statute does not include language relating to licensure by reciprocity. If your license outside of Missouri required you to pass a test and required you to show verifiable hours of practical experience, you may be able to use those to meet the testing and experience requirements to qualify for a statewide electrical contractor license in Missouri. Please review the office's regulation *20 CSR 2117-2.010 Application for License* for further information. This can be accessed on the office's website <https://pr.mo.gov/electricalcontractors.asp> under "Statutes & Rules".

7. **Now that there is a statewide license, do I apply to the state to get my electrical contracting permits?**

Answer: No. You will follow the same procedures as before for obtaining permits from the local entity. The state will not be issuing permits nor will the state be inspecting the work performed. Section 324.925.3, RSMo.

8. **I work in a city or county that requires a bond. Do I now post that bond with the state instead of the city or county?**

Answer: No. You will continue to post that bond with the city or county, but you will need to provide the state proof that the proper bond has been posted when you apply for a statewide electrical contractor license. Section 324.920.1(1), RSMo.

9. **My city or county license doesn't require a bond, but it does require that I have work comp insurance and liability insurance. Will the statewide license have those requirements?**

Answer: The statewide electrical contractor license holder must have liability insurance in the amount of \$500,000. You may want to consult with your attorney to be sure you are in compliance with other laws of the state involving workers compensation. Section 324.920.1(1), RSMo.

10. **If I obtain a statewide license do I still need to get a local license?**

Answer: A business license may still be required of a statewide license holder by a political subdivision. No political subdivision shall require a holder of a statewide license to obtain a local business license or occupation license that requires passing of any examination or any special requirements to assess proficiency or mastery of the electrical trades. Section 324.925.1, RSMo.

11. **Will there be any continuing education requirements?**
Answer: At this time, the division will not be requiring continuing education. Watch our website, <https://pr.mo.gov/electricalcontractors.asp> for updates in the future. The law authorizes the state to impose continuing education requirements by implementing rules. Section 324.910.1, RSMo.
12. **What happens if the licensed statewide electrical contractor becomes unable to work or passes away?**
Answer: The statewide license law does not contain a provision for an interim qualifier. You will want to check with issuer of your permit/s.
13. **How much will the application and renewal fees be for the statewide license?**
Answer: Applications for licensure are \$200. The division is projecting a triennial renewal fee of \$200. The office's fee structure can be found on our website, <https://pr.mo.gov/electricalcontractors.asp>. Section 324.910, RSMo.
14. **What test do I need and how much does it cost?**
Answer: A listing of division approved examinations is on our website under "Approved Examinations". Watch our website, <https://pr.mo.gov/electricalcontractors.asp>, for updates. Section 324.920.1 (2) and .2(1), RSMo.
15. **What do I do if my city or county refuses to accept the statewide license?**
Answer: You will be able to report it to the division and our staff will investigate. If the city or county continues to refuse to accept the statewide license, the city or county may lose their sales tax distributions from the state. Forms to file a complaint can be found on our website, <https://pr.mo.gov/electricalcontractors.asp>, under "Complaint Forms". Section 324.925.2, RSMo.
16. **When was this statute passed and where can I find the statute?**
Answer: The statewide licenses were authorized by Senate Bill 240, effective August 28, 2017, and Senate Bill 862, effective August 28, 2018. Sections 324.900-324.945, RSMo. The current version of the statute can be found on our website, <https://pr.mo.gov/electricalcontractors.asp>, under "Statutes & Rules".
17. **How can I keep updated on the Office of Statewide Electrical Contractors?**
Visit our website at <https://pr.mo.gov/electricalcontractors.asp> and click on the "Get Office of Statewide Electrical Contractors News" link and enroll in our free subscription service. You have the option of email, text or both.
18. **Who do I contact if I have other questions?**
Answer: Check our website at <https://pr.mo.gov/electricalcontractors.asp> or contact us by email at osec@pr.mo.gov or by phone at 573-522-3280.