

## **How Do I Take the California Electrical State Exam?**

The Labor Commissioner's Office has implemented new procedures for scheduling examinations taken after June 1, 2026. Going forward, examinations will be administered by CPS HR Consulting. For more information, please follow the instructions outlined below:

### **Step 1: Request the Required Documentation**

Before beginning your application, please contact the Student Services Coordinator via [email](#) to request the documentation required for your specific situation.

The documentation needed will vary depending on your status and must be obtained *before* submitting your application.

- A. Apprentices in Their Final Year of Training:
  - DAS-1 Apprenticeship Agreement
- B. Completed Apprentices:
  - State Completion Certificate
  - Employment History Report from the Social Security Administration
- C. Electrical Trainee (EL Trainee) / Non- Registered Apprentice
  - Employment History Report from the Social Security Administration

**NOTE:** To obtain your Employment History Report, you must submit a request to the Social Security Administration using Form SSA-7050. We have attached a copy to this walkthrough for your convenience. Please see Appendix A.

### **Step 2: Visit the Electrician Certification Program Website**

Visit the Electrician Certification Program website using the link [here](#).

Please take a few minutes to review the information on the homepage. It provides a helpful overview of the certification process, including examination requirements, application procedures, and sample test questions to help you prepare.

Reviewing this information before submitting your application can help ensure you understand the process and have all required documentation ready.

### **Step 3: Begin Your Application**

Electrician certification and exam applications are now available [online](#). Please use the link provided to begin your application.

Select the option that best applies to your application.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with the CA.GOV logo and the Department of Industrial Relations. Below the navigation bar, there is a "Main Menu" link. On the right side, there is a language selection option: "Preferred language to complete this application" with radio buttons for "English" (selected) and "Spanish". The main content area contains a "Select your option:" section with five radio button options: "Application for Electrician Examination and Certification", "Renewal Application for Electrician Certification", "Application for Electrician Exam Retest", "Request for Replacement Certification Card or Report of Address Change", and "Check the status of a previous submitted application". Below this is a section titled "Application for new Registration of Electrician Trainee or Renewal or Reinstatement" which is marked as "Temporarily disabled". A message states: "All online trainee applications have been temporarily disabled. Please use the application form found in [https://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSE/ECU/ECUTrain\\_forms.htm](https://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSE/ECU/ECUTrain_forms.htm) and mail to the address on the form." A "Submit" button is located at the bottom center.

## Step 4: Enter Your Identification Information

For this section, you will need your driver's license or state-issued identification.

**NOTE:** Please double-check all information before moving to the next screen. Your application may be rejected if the information provided does not match your supporting documents.

The screenshot shows the "Enter Identification Information" page. The top navigation bar includes "Main Menu", "Id Info", and "Electrician Exam App.". The main heading is "Enter Identification Information". A message states: "Make sure that the information you enter is correct. Your application will be rejected if the information you provided does not match with your supporting documents." There are two input fields: "State issuing the ID/DL" (a dropdown menu with "-- Select one --") and "Date of Birth" (a text input field with the placeholder "yyyy-MM-dd" and a note "(Type or select your date of birth)"). Below these is a dropdown menu with the text "For applicants who have previously filed an application, Click here to continue" and a "clear" link. A note below reads: "If you see 'No results found' after clicking the box above and are new to ECU then continue by entering your contact information below. Otherwise make corrections to your identification information and try again." The "Contact Information" section has four input fields: "First Name", "Last Name", "Middle Initial", and "Suffix". At the bottom, there is an "Address Look-up Tool" section with a note "Address selected will populate the address fields below." and a text input field with the placeholder "Start typing and select".

## Step 5: Select the Type of Certification Examination Requested and Language

Select the certification examination type you are applying for, as well as your preferred language.

## **Step 6: Select Proof of Eligibility (Only choose one option.)**

### Application for Electrician Examination and Certification

#### Type of Certification Examination Requested

*(Check one or more)*

The application will not be processed if no selection is made

- General Electrician
- Residential Electrician
- Fire/Life Safety Technician
- Voice Data Video Technician
- Nonresidential Lighting Technician

#### Examination Language Selection \*

- English    Spanish

Fees: \$75 for this application (non-refundable), plus \$100 for EACH examination checked above.

If paid with check or money order, make payable to 'DIR – Electrician Certification Fund'.

Any exam must be taken within 1 year from the date of notification of eligibility to take the original examination.

#### Total Fees Due \*

\$ 0

*This field is required*

You will need to upload the documentation provided by Student Services in Step 1. Depending on the option you select, complete all required fields before proceeding.

(a) Proof of experience as required under CCR 8, Ch. 2, Part IV, Section 291 of the regulations. *check only one* and attach the Social Security Administration Employment History Report (SSN# redacted) or if coming from another country submit verification letters from employer(s);

#### Proof of Eligibility \*

*(Choose one)*

- (1) Apprenticeship Certificate
- (2) On-the-job experience
- (3) Other state license
- (4) Apprentice in last year of training
- (5) Electrician Trainee has completed Approved Curriculum
- (6) NICET Certification

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## **Step 7: Select Payment Method**

You may choose one of the following payment methods:

- Credit/Debit Card
- Check/Money Order

### **Step 8: Sign and Certify**

Provide your digital signature by signing with your mouse, finger, or by typing your name.

### **Step 9: Schedule Your Appointment**

After DLSE reviews and approves your application, you will receive instructions from CPS HR Consulting on how to schedule your exam through Pearson VUE.

Most eligible applicants receive scheduling information within 1–2 business days after receiving their eligibility notice from DLSE. If you do not receive scheduling instructions within that timeframe, contact CPS HR Consulting at:

- Email: [ecuexams@cpshr.us](mailto:ecuexams@cpshr.us)
- Phone: 855-298-4917

### **Step 10: Take and Pass Your Exam**

Once your exam is scheduled, continue preparing using the study materials and resources available through the Electrician Certification Program website.

We wish you success on your exam. If you have any questions during the process, please contact the ABC San Diego office for assistance.