

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO UPDATE STANDARDS FOR PLUMBING AND  
ELECTRICAL WORK, AND ELEVATORS; ADOPT NEW BOILER/PRESSURE VESSELS AND  
ELEVATOR INSPECTION FEES; AND DEFINITIONS RELATED TO CERTIFICATES OF FITNESS  
IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Labor Standards and Safety proposes to change regulations to update Alaska's codes to correlate with the most recent editions of the National Electrical Code and American Society of Mechanical Engineers codes for elevators, and to correct clerical errors made in adopting the Uniform Plumbing Code. The changes also increase inspection fees for elevators, boilers, pressure vessels, refrigeration systems, and shops. Lastly, the changes clarify the experience requirements to obtain a certificate of fitness for electrical or plumbing work and the definition of "plumber journeyman."

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 8 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with plumbing and electrical standards; testing laboratories; elevator, escalator, platform lift and stairway chairlift standards; elevator and boiler inspection fees; and the definition of legally obtained experience for electricians and plumbers, including the following:

- (1) 8 AAC 63.010(a) is proposed to be amended to correct clerical errors made when the 2012 edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), was adopted by reference.
- (2) 8 AAC 70.025(a) is proposed to be amended to adopt by reference the current edition of the National Electrical Code (NEC).
- (3) 8 AAC 77.005(1)-(4) are proposed to be amended to adopt by reference the latest versions of: Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators, Safety Code for Existing Elevators and Escalators, Safety Standard for Platform Lifts and Stairway Chairlifts, and Guide for Inspection of Elevators, Escalators, and Moving Walks.
- (4) 8 AAC 77.065(a) is proposed to be amended to increase inspection fees for elevators, escalators, moving walks and similar devices.
- (5) 8 AAC 80.020 is proposed to be amended to adopt new inspection fees for boilers, pressure vessels, refrigeration systems and shops.
- (6) 8 AAC 90.890 is proposed to be amended to require that work experience for the purposes of obtaining a certificate of fitness be performed in compliance with the law of the state in which the work is performed, even if the work is on a federal military base.
- (7) 8 AAC 90.900(12) is proposed to be amended to revise the definition of "plumber journeyman."

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of

complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Shannon Devon at Labor Standards and Safety Division, P.O. Box 111149, Juneau AK, 99811. Additionally, comments can be submitted by electronic mail at [shannon.devon@alaska.gov](mailto:shannon.devon@alaska.gov). All comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 18, 2015.

Oral or written comments may be submitted at a hearing to be held on September 1, 2015, in Room 303, Third Floor of 3301 Eagle Street, Anchorage, Alaska. An option to provide comments telephonically are arranged by dialing 800-315-6338 6338 and then entering the code 56002 when prompted. The hearing will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and might be extended to accommodate those present before 10:30 a.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Shannon Devon at 907-465-4855 no later than August 24, 2015, to ensure that any necessary accommodations will be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact Shannon Devon at [shannon.devon@alaska.gov](mailto:shannon.devon@alaska.gov), P.O. Box 111149, Juneau AK 99811, or go to <http://labor.alaska.gov/commish/regindex.htm>

After the public comment period ends, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.**

**Statutory Authority:** AS 23.05.060, AS 18.60.580, AS 18.60.600, AS 18.60.705, AS 18.60.710, AS 18.60.800, AS 18.60.340, AS 18.60.360, AS 18.62.060

**Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific:** AS 18.60.180, AS 18.60.340, AS 18.60.360, AS 18.60.580, AS 18.60.600, AS 18.60.705, AS 18.60.710, AS 18.60.800, AS 18.62.020, AS 18.62.050, AS 18.62.060

**Fiscal Information:** The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: 8/14/15

  
Heidi Drygas, Commissioner