

Note from the Codifier: The OAH website includes notices and the text of proposed temporary rules as required by G.S. 150B-21.1(a1). Prior to the agency adopting the temporary rule, the agency must hold a public hearing no less than five days after the rule and notice have been published and must accept comments for at least 15 business days. For questions, you may contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 919.431.3000 or email oah.postmaster@oah.nc.gov.

TITLE 21 - OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CHAPTER 18 – BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.1 that the State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors intends to adopt the rule cited as 21 NCAC 18B .1109.

Codifier of Rules approved this rule as an emergency rule effective March 30, 2020 and received for publication the following notice and proposed temporary rule on March 20, 2020.

Public Hearing:

Date: April 3, 2020

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Via Telephone Only; phone (571) 317-3122, Access Code 931-561-445

Reason for Proposed Temporary Action: Due to a serious and unforeseen threat to the public health and safety, the Board is proposing a temporary rule. On March 10, 2020, the Governor of North Carolina, by issuing Executive Order No. 116, declared a state of emergency to coordinate a response and enact protective measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. The COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death. The COVID-19, previously unidentified in humans, spreads easily from person to person. Once an outbreak of the COVID-19 begins, it is difficult to contain. The World Health Organization, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services have declared COVID-19 a public health threat and emergency and have encouraged social distancing to reduce infection rates. The State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors seeks to assist contractors who are unable to locate a sufficient number of hours of in person continuing education classes that are required by 21 NCAC 18B .1101 by granting a one-time waiver of the annual requirement set forth in that rule under the authority of G.S. 87-44.1. In addition, the State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors seeks to contribute towards the social isolation efforts that have been directed by the Federal and State Government by this action. This action is to avoid undue harm.

Comment Procedures: Comments from the public shall be directed to: Tim Norman, 3101 Industrial Drive, Suite 206, Raleigh, NC 27619; email tim.norman@ncbeec.org. The comment period begins March 19, 2020 and ends April 20, 2020.

SUBCHAPTER 18B - BOARD'S RULES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING LICENSING ACT

SECTION .1100 - CONTINUING EDUCATION

21 NCAC 18B .1109 EMERGENCY WAIVER OF CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:LISTED QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS

Effective March 20, 2020, and in response to an ongoing National Health emergency, all existing listed qualified individuals shall receive a one-time waiver of their continuing education requirements to be effectuated by each listed qualified individual receiving credit for their required number of annual hours for their classification as that number is set forth in Rule .1101 of this Section.

Authority G.S. 87-42; 87-44.1.