



Notice of Proposed Changes in the Regulations of Alaska Mechanical Administrators

Proposed Regulations - FAQ

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1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will this regulation do?

12 AAC 39.222; 12 AAC 39.242; 12 AAC 39.262; 12 AAC 39.282; 12 AAC 39.322. This change is proposed to remove the term 'journeyman', as Department of Labor and Workforce Development does not issue the type of journeyman license that is currently referenced in these regulations.

12 AAC 39.420. This change will amend the documents that are required to be submitted for a mechanical administrator continuing education (CE) workshop to be approved by the department.

12 AAC 39.912. This change will repeal the requirement for mechanical administrators to submit notification to the department when there is a change in employment or company affiliation.

2. What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?

There are no expected fees to comply with the proposed regulation changes.

3. What are the positive and negative consequences of the regulations?

12 AAC 39.222; 12 AAC 39.242; 12 AAC 39.262; 12 AAC 39.282; 12 AAC 39.322. This will remove reference to an implied license that does not exist. This will remove confusion for applicants, which is a positive change.

12 AAC 39.420. This will make a positive impact to individuals or organizations seeking approval to provide a CE workshop by clarifying requirements to those applying, which will in turn avoid possible delays in processing.

12 AAC 39.912. The repeal of this requirement will eliminate the unnecessary burden of notifying the division of changes in employment. This should be tasked to the construction contractor that is legally required to employ a mechanical administrator, rather than to the mechanical administrator themselves.

There are no negative consequences to the proposed changes. There will be little to no impact on the public.

4. Why is the reference for ‘journeyman’ being removed?

No such journeyman license exists in Alaska. This reference in the license requirements creates unnecessary confusion for applicants.

5. Why should mechanical administrators no longer have to report changes in employer or company affiliation?

The department does not collect employer information for most licensees. The current requirement for mechanical administrators to provide this information and update accordingly is an additional burden that does not align with common practice across most professional licensing programs.

6. How will the public know which mechanical administrator is assigned to a construction contractor license if the mechanical administrator no longer is required to report a change of employer or company affiliation?

If a construction contractor license is required to have a mechanical administrator assigned to the license, the responsibility of notifying the department of the employed mechanical administrator should be placed on the construction contractor. These regulations are currently being updated.

7. Will these regulation changes affect licensees or the public in dramatic ways?

No.

The removal of a reference to a nonexistent license is a clarifying amendment.

The changes to the CE approval application requirements are clarifying amendments.

The change to employer administration will simply reduce paperwork for licensees. The public will still be able to see if a mechanical administrator is actively licensed in the state through the online Professional License Search tool.

8. When will the regulations be effective?

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Department for consideration. The Department may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its whole. After Department action, the adopted regulations go to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

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