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TO: Theric Austin, Regulations Specialist
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FROM: April Simpson, Alaska Administrative Code Coordinator 
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

DATE: July 9, 2025

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Department of Labor and Workforce Development regulations re: Certificate of Fitness
(Plumbing & Electrical) (8 AAC 63, 8 AAC 90)

Attorney General File:	2025200069
Regulation Filed:	7/9/2025
Effective Date:	8/8/2025
Print:	255, October 2025

cc with enclosures: Beth Parsons, Paralegal 2
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July 9, 2025

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom
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Re: 8 AAC 63, 8 AAC 90: DLWD - Certificate of Fitness (Plumbing &
Electrical)
Our file: 2025200069

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This letter constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development after the close of the public comment period.

Implementing new amendments to AS 18.62.020 and 18.62.030(a) enacted under ch. 21, SLA 2024 (HCS SB 204(FIN) am H), the regulations concern certificates of fitness for journeyman plumbers and journeyman electricians, allow for the issuance of a provisional certificate of fitness to an individual who applies for a certificate of fitness under AS 18.62.020 and holds a comparable certificate in another jurisdiction, include related provisions for reciprocity for journeyman plumbers and journeyman electricians from jurisdictions with substantially similar standards to the state, and make miscellaneous clarifications.

The April 16, 2025 public notice and the June 26, 2025 adoption order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

No technical corrections were necessary to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060.

Sincerely,

TREG TAYLOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Adoption Order

ORDER ADOPTING CHANGES TO REGULATIONS
OF DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The attached seven pages of regulations, dealing with changes to certificate of fitness for journeyman electricians and journeyman plumbers, are adopted and certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Department of Labor and Workforce Development adopts under the authority of AS 18.60.705, AS 18.60.710, AS 18.62.020, AS 18.62.030, AS 18.62.040, AS 18.62.050, AS 18.62.060, AS 18.62.070, and AS 23.05.060. After compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

In considering public comments, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes adopted under this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor as provided in AS 44.62.180.

Date: _____

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Cathy Muñoz, Commissioner
Department of Labor and Workforce Development



FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on

July 9, 2025, at 1:27 p.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.


for Lieutenant Governor Nancy Dahlstrom

Effective: August 8, 2025.

Register: 255, October 2025.

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nancy Dahlstrom", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

**NANCY DAHLSTROM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

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The introductory language of 8 AAC 63.010(a) is amended to read:

8 AAC 63.010. Minimum plumbing standards. (a) The codes set out in this section are adopted in accordance with AS 18.60.705 as the minimum plumbing standards to be followed throughout the state, except as provided under AS 18.60.710 or 18.60.735. The department [DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT] adopts the following codes by reference that are published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO):

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(Eff. 8/5/72, Register 43; am 7/12/81, Register 79; am 11/1/2000, Register 156; am 9/25/2002, Register 163; am 12/6/2003, Register 168; am 9/27/2008, Register 187; am 2/23/2011, Register 197; am 10/23/2014, Register 212; am 3/6/2016, Register 217; am 11/5/2017, Register 224; am 4/24/2020, Register 234; am 8 / 8 / 2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 18.60.705 AS 18.60.710

8 AAC 90 is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 AAC 90.111. Reciprocity. (a) The department may reciprocate a plumbing or electrical certificate of fitness with any jurisdiction that has substantially similar requirements to the state.

(b) To determine if a jurisdiction has substantially similar requirements to the state, the department may consider

- (1) the number of work hours required for licensure in the jurisdiction;
- (2) whether the jurisdiction has a testing requirement;
- (3) whether the jurisdiction requires membership in a registered apprenticeship program; and

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(4) other factors the department determines are relevant to assess whether a jurisdiction's requirements are substantially similar to the state. (Eff. 8 / 8 / 2025,

Register 255)

Authority: AS 18.62.050 AS 18.62.060

8 AAC 90 is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 AAC 90.112. Provisional certificate of fitness. (a) An applicant seeking a certificate under 8 AAC 90.111 and this section must hold a current certificate or license in another jurisdiction and must have held that license for a full year before the application date. The department may require the applicant to provide additional information to clarify the requirements of the jurisdiction where the current license is held.

(b) The department will issue a provisional certificate to the holder of a current electrical or plumbing journeyman certificate or license from another jurisdiction.

(c) An applicant who currently holds a substantially similar certificate or license to the state's electrical journeyman or plumbing journeyman certificate of fitness shall submit an application on a form provided by the department and a

(1) \$50 application fee;

(2) \$100 certificate fee, prorated as described in AS 18.62.030(a); and

(3) copy of the applicant's current license from another jurisdiction.

(d) A provisional certificate issued under this section expires on the earlier of the following dates:

(1) one year from the date the provisional certificate was issued; or

(2) the date the current certificate or license from another jurisdiction expires.

(e) When performing work under a provisional certificate issued under this section, the certificate holder shall

(1) carry both the provisional certificate and the current certificate or license from another jurisdiction; and

(2) perform work to the appropriate code in the state.

(f) The department may immediately cancel a provisional certificate if an applicant's

(1) application is incomplete or contains a false statement;

(2) credentials or accompanying documents are insufficient; or

(3) current certificate or license was not issued by another jurisdiction with substantially similar requirements to the state.

(g) A plumber journeyman provisional certificate holder may not perform gas work.

(h) The department will process a provisional certificate application as a reciprocal application under 8 AAC 90.111 and this section. If the department determines that an applicant's current certificate or license was issued by another jurisdiction that does not have substantially similar requirements to the state, the department will contact the applicant to request proof of hours. The applicant must take an examination before the department will issue a journeyman certificate to the applicant. (Eff. 8 / 8 / 2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 18.62.020 AS 18.62.050 AS 18.62.060
AS 18.62.040

8 AAC 90 is amended by adding a new section to Article 1 to read:

8 AAC 90.125. Definition. In 8 AAC 90.105 - 8 AAC 90.125, "jurisdiction" means

(1) a state within the meaning given in AS 01.10.060;

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(2) a local government within a state, if the local government issues certificates of fitness or licenses to journeyman electricians or journeyman plumbers. (Eff. 8 / 8 / 2025,

Register 255)

Authority: AS 18.62.020 AS 18.62.060

8 AAC 90.140(d) is repealed:

(d) Repealed 8 / 8 / 2025.

8 AAC 90.140(e) is repealed:

(e) Repealed 8 / 8 / 2025. (Eff. 9/13/80, Register 75; am 6/14/84, Register 90; am 12/25/98, Register 148; am 9/25/2002, Register 163; am 12/6/2003, Register 168; am 6/14/2006, Register 178; am 9/27/2008, Register 187; am 4/16/2022, Register 242; am 8 / 8 / 2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 18.62.030 AS 18.62.060 AS 23.05.060
AS 18.62.050 AS 18.62.070

8 AAC 90.145(d) is repealed:

(d) Repealed 8 / 8 / 2025. (Eff. 2/23/2011, Register 197; am 8 / 8 / 2025,

Register 255)

Authority: AS 18.62.030 AS 18.62.060 AS 23.05.060
AS 18.62.050 AS 18.62.070

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8 AAC 90.160(g) is repealed:

(g) Repealed 8 / 8 / 2025. (Eff. 9/13/80, Register 75; am 12/25/98, Register 148; am 12/17/99, Register 152; am 9/25/2002, Register 163; am 9/27/2008, Register 187; am 5/9/2018, Register 226; am 10/28/2023, Register 248; am 8 / 8 / 2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 18.62.020 AS 18.62.050 AS 18.62.070
AS 18.62.030 AS 18.62.060

8 AAC 90.165(e) is repealed:

(e) Repealed 8 / 8 / 2025. (Eff. 9/13/80, Register 75; am 6/14/84, Register 90; am 12/25/98, Register 148; am 12/17/99, Register 152; am 9/25/2002, Register 163; am 12/6/2003, Register 168; am 6/14/2006, Register 178; am 9/27/2008, Register 187; am 4/16/2022, Register 242; am 8 / 8 / 2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 18.62.030 AS 18.62.060 AS 18.62.070
AS 18.62.050

The introductory language of 8 AAC 90.185(a) is amended to read:

(a) The department **may** [WILL, IN ITS DISCRETION,] cancel a certificate of fitness upon a finding that the certificate holder

...

8 AAC 90.185(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(4) has failed to comply with state laws and regulations regarding the use of the certificate of fitness.

8 AAC 90.185(c) is repealed and readopted to read:

(c) If the department cancels a certificate holder's certificate of fitness, the certificate holder may apply for a new certificate of fitness 90 days after the previous certificate's cancellation date, or at an earlier time as determined by the director. To apply for a new certificate of fitness, the certificate holder must

(1) pass an examination administered by the department; and

(2) pay the applicable fees set out under AS 18.62.030. (Eff. 9/13/80, Register 75; am 6/14/84, Register 90; am 12/25/98, Register 148; am 10/28/2023, Register 248; am 8 / 8 / 2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 18.62.030 AS 18.62.060 AS 23.05.060
AS 18.62.040 AS 18.62.070

((Publisher: Please remove the "or" connector from the end of 8 AAC 90.185(a)(1), move the "or" connector from the end of 8 AAC 90.185(a)(2) to the end of 8 AAC 90.185(a)(3), and change the period at the end of 8 AAC 90.185(a)(3) to a semicolon.)))

8 AAC 90.192(c) is amended to read:

(c) An applicant for renewal of a plumber journeyman certificate of fitness must satisfactorily complete **at least 16 hours of continuing education workshops, formal correspondence programs, individual study programs, or a combination approved by the department** [AN APPROVED PROGRAM,] within the preceding 24-month period [, OF AT LEAST 16 HOURS]. At least eight hours must **cover significant changes or updates to** [INCLUDE A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF] the Uniform Plumbing Code[, as adopted by

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AS 18.60.705 and 8 AAC 63.010, Not [, AND NO] more than eight hours may be industry related.

(Eff. 12/25/98, Register 148; am 9/25/2002, Register 163; am 9/27/2008, Register 187; am 2/23/2011, Register 197; am 10/23/2014, Register 212; am 4/16/2022, Register 242; am

8 / 8 / 2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 18.62.030 AS 18.62.060 AS 23.05.060
AS 18.62.050 AS 18.62.070

8 AAC 90.890 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) The department will count work performed as part of military service as vocational or military hours as follows:

(1) the department will determine which military occupational specialty (MOS) codes or Air Force specialty codes (AFSC) qualify for hands-on experience in the trade;

(2) the department will determine which vocational schools qualify for vocational experience in the trade;

(3) an applicant may claim up to 500 hours per full year assigned to a qualifying MOS or AFSC;

(4) the maximum amount of military service or vocational hours an applicant may claim on an application is half the total required for the certificate;

(5) the applicant must submit proof of hours on a copy of the applicant's DD Form 214 or a certificate issued by the vocational training program. (Eff. 9/27/2008, Register 187; am 3/6/2016, Register 217; am 8 / 8 / 2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 18.62.020 AS 18.62.050 AS 18.62.060