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Charles County Modifications to Electrical Trade Licensing

The 2021 General Assembly Session passed legislation (SB762) establishing the State of Maryland as the authority for the issuance of licenses for master electricians, journeypersons, and apprentice electricians effective July 1, 2021. Although the State of Maryland will be the licensing authority, local jurisdictions may continue to register licensed individuals to work in the specific jurisdictions.

To be in compliance with the 2021 Maryland Electrician Act, the Charles County Department of Codes, Permits, and Inspections will implement the following changes.

- For individuals holding a valid Charles County Master Electrician License, no action will be necessary at this time. Those master licenses will remain valid until June 30, 2022. This will allow currently licensed masters in good standing to apply for and obtain electrical permits as they currently are allowed to do. Information related to converting a master license to a master registration will be forthcoming.
- All Charles County Master Electrician licenses that have not been renewed by August 15, 2021, will expire. After the August 15, 2021, deadline the County will require the Master to validate that they have been issued a State Master License before they will be allowed to apply for and continue receiving electrical permits in the County.
- Master electricians not currently licensed by Charles County as of August 15, 2021, will require the master to register with the local Department should they wish to apply for and receive electrical permits. Applications for registration must include proof of a valid State Master Electrician License.
- Charles County will no longer accept applications for licensure nor will the County renew licenses for journeypersons as of August 15, 2021. The journeyperson licenses will remain valid until June 30, 2023. This should allow ample time for these individuals wishing to use the County license as the means to reciprocate to the State of Maryland to receive a State issued license. Any journeyperson working on a jobsite within Charles County must have either a current County or State License.

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- The modifications made by SB762 will not affect the County's authority to issue restricted class licenses or Homeowner's Electrical Permit. No changes will be made to these locally licensed categories.
- As of July 1, 2021, Charles County will only provide examination services for locally licensed restricted or Homeowner's Electrical Permit categories.

It will be necessary for the Department to revise its policies, practices, and procedures to align with the new State regulations, and any changes, when approved, will be posted on the County's website.

Individuals wishing to obtain additional information regarding State electrical licenses should visit the Department of Labor web page at <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/license/elec/> or by calling 410-230-6231.

Anyone that needs additional assistance or clarification regarding the modifications being implemented by the Charles County Electrical Board should contact us at 301 638 0804 or cceb@charlescountyMD.gov.