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Electrical and Mechanical Licenses - Restricted or Statewide What is the Difference?

Contractors holding Electrical Work (Restricted) can perform exactly the same work as Electrical Work (Statewide), and can bid for exactly the same types of projects. The same goes for Mechanical Work. The difference is that Statewide Contractors are exempt from all local licensing exams and Restricted Contractors are not.

Act 635 of 1998 added a grandfathering provision to the State Contractor's Licensing Law which allowed certain state contractors to be exempted from all local examinations when applying for a local license. All contractors taking the State Electrical or Mechanical licensing exam from July 1, 1990 forward were also exempt.

Act 725 of 2008 created another grandfathering provision that allowed certain Electrical and Mechanical contractors to obtain a geographically restricted license without taking the State Licensing trade examination. The notations of (Statewide), (Restricted) or (Act 725-Restricted) are placed behind the license classification name in order to assist local licensing/permitting authorities in determining of which contractors are exempt from the local examination(s) and which contractors are not.

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