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Frequently asked:

ACT 725 QUESTIONS II

5. What is the difference between Electrical Work (Statewide), Mechanical Work (Statewide), Electrical Work (Restricted), Mechanical Work (Restricted) and the specialty electrical and mechanical classifications that will be created for Act 725?

Contractors holding the classifications of Electrical Work (Statewide) or Mechanical Work (Statewide) may pull permits in any parish or municipality across the state without the necessity of having to take the local examination. Contractors holding the classifications of Electrical Work (Restricted) or Mechanical Work (Restricted) may pull permits in any parish or municipality which does not have an examination requirement but must take the examination in any parish or municipality which does have an examination requirement. The specialty electrical and mechanical classifications that will be created for Act 725 will restrict contractors not only to specific parishes but also according to the type of electrical or mechanical work they perform.

6. It seems that the benefits of having the “Statewide” designation outstrip the benefits of being grandfathered into one of the specialty classifications, true?

Yes. Although grandfathering existed when the “Statewide” designation was created in 1990, most contractors holding the “Restricted” designation found it greatly to their benefit to take and pass the “Statewide” exam. So, there are 2355 contractors currently holding the classification of Electrical Work (Statewide) as opposed to only 229 currently holding the classification of Electrical Work (Restricted). It may be to your benefit to consider taking this exam rather than being grandfathered into a specialty classification restricted by parish and restricted by type (e.g. commercial vs. residential).

7. Why do I have to take the Business and Law exam if I’m being grandfathered?

All contractors take the Business and Law exam. Prior to taking the exam, you purchase a study guide for the exam. The study guide deals with business practices, project management and, most importantly, the Louisiana Contractors Licensing Law and the Rules and Regulations of the Board. The exam comes strictly from the study guide.