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NEVADA OSHA PHOTOVOLTAIC PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Q: Who needs a Photovoltaic Installer's License?

A: *Any persons directly engaged with the electrical connection and wiring of a photovoltaic system project. Any persons engaged in the wiring, grounding, or repairing electrical apparatus and equipment in a photovoltaic distributed generation system.*

Photovoltaic Electrical Work does not include site preparation, trenching or excavating, hauling, or other work and does not require the Nevada OSHA Photovoltaic Installer's License.

Quality Assurance work where inspections are conducted and no components of the PV System are replaced by the inspector also does not require the Installer's License.

Q: How do I get a license?

A: *You must fill out an application and submit it to Nevada OSHA. You must pass a test administered by Nevada OSHA with 70% or more of the questions correct. The application can be found here:*

<http://dir.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dir.nv.gov/content/OSHA/Features/Photovoltaic%20Application.pdf>

Q: When is the test given?

A: *The test is administered on an appointment-only basis.*

Q: How do I make an appointment?

A: *To make an appointment, you must call (702) 486-9020 in the Southern half of Nevada and (775) 688-3700 in the Northern half of Nevada. Someone will get back to you within 24-48 hours to schedule your appointment.*

Please do not show up at the OSHA office without an appointment. You will not be allowed to test and you will not receive your license.

Q: How much does the license cost?

A: *The cost of the license, upon passing the test, is \$25.00. We do not accept cash. Please provide a check or money order payable to Division of Industrial Relations or DIR.*

Q: How many times can I take the test?

A: If you fail, you must wait 24 hours to test again, but depending on scheduling, it may not be possible to test so quickly. There is no limit on the number of tries.

Q: If I pass, how long is the card good? Does the card expire?

A: Upon passing the test, the card is good for a period of 1 year from the issuance date.

Q: Do I have to re-take the test every year?

A: If you fail to renew your license before the expiration date, you will be required to take the test again before your license will be renewed. There is no grace period. Currently, if the licensee renews his or her license within one year of the time of issuance, then no testing is required and a \$25.00 renewal fee is all that is needed. If the licensee tries to renew his or her license after one year, then testing is required. NV OSHA may adopt new rules on the education or testing requirements for renewal at some point in the future.

Q: What do I study to be able to pass the test?

A: All of the test questions come from the James P. Dunlop authored Photovoltaic Systems textbook published by American Technical Publishers.

Q: How do I get the book?

A: Training classes may be offered locally and often these classes include the purchase of the textbook. OSHA does not keep track of available training providers or available training classes. An example of a local training provider is the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) although Union membership may be required to participate. The training classes are designed to help you pass the test and learn how to successfully become a skilled Photovoltaic Installer. Independently, one may visit www.go2atp.com or www.jimdunlopsolar.com. The cost of the textbook is \$136.00 through American Technical Publishers and \$115.00 through Jim Dunlop Solar. Vendors such as Amazon may also offer the book for similar pricing.

Q: Does Nevada OSHA offer testing outside your office?

A: No, not at this time.