



QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE:

ELECTROLOGIST (220)

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The Division of Professional Regulation hopes that you will find the below useful in successfully applying for a professional license in the State of Illinois. Carefully review this information as it will assist you in applying for your license and eliminate any processing delays.

Important:

- An application is active for three years from the date of receipt by the Department.
- Before contacting the Department, please review our FAQs for answers to most questions. <http://www.idfpr.illinois.gov/About/FAQ.html>)
- If your question is not addressed in our FAQ's, please contact the department at 1-800-560-6420.
- If you do not meet the license qualifications as outlined, then you will not be granted a professional license.
- If you are unable to submit the required supporting documentation for the licensing method that matches your qualifications, then you may not be able to submit an application.
- All fees are non-refundable.
- Any document submitted to the Division in a foreign language must be accompanied by an original, notarized English translation. The translator must be fluent in both English and the foreign language and must certify to the accuracy of the translation.
- After you have submitted your application, all communication regarding your application will be through your email address of record.

LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

- Completion of 600 hours in the study of electrology.
- If a program of study was completed before December 31, 2003, the program may be less than 600 hours if it is approved by the Division.

Examination:

- Successful completion of the IBEC (International Board of Electrology Certification) examination.
- Proof of passage of the examination(s) are required for licensure in Illinois.
- Examinations are available through the American Electrology Association (AEA).

Endorsement:

- An applicant for licensure as an electrologist who is licensed under the laws of another state shall submit documentation from the jurisdiction of original licensure and the state by which the applicant is currently licensed stating whether the record on the applicant contains any disciplinary actions taken or pending, and the applicant's license number.

REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Upload the required supporting documentation to your online application:

1. **Official Exam Confirmation**
 - a. Confirmation of a passing IBEC score from the AEA.
2. **Proof of Education**
 - a. Official School Transcripts; or
 - b. [Supporting Document ED](#)
3. **Official License Certification – Endorsement Applicants Only**
 - a. If any state in which you practiced provides verification through a public portal this may be used as verification. If no verification is available by public portal, please upload an official verification provided by the licensing board in your state of original license and the state by which you are currently licensed; or
 - b. [Supporting Document CT](#) may be completed by the applicant and state licensing board.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ONCE LICENSED

- All Electrologist licenses expire on April 30 of each even-numbered year, regardless of issuance date.
- The licensee shall be required to complete 30 hours of continuing education (CE) each renewal cycle. One Continuing Education Unit (CEU) is defined as 10 contact hours of participation in a qualifying CE activity.
- It is your responsibility to update your contact information including email address with the Department to ensure that you receive all courtesy renewal email reminders and other notifications.
- An inactive license is a license that has been placed on inactive status by the licensee, usually at renewal time. Typically, if you choose to reactivate your license you do not have to pay lapsed renewal fees if you placed your license on inactive status.
- The Electrologist Licensing Act (Act) ([225 ILCS 412/](#)) as well as the Rules of the Administrative Code [68 Ill. Adm. Code, Section 1246](#) (Rules) regulating this profession may be amended from time to time. It is the responsibility of a licensee under the Act to be aware of any changes that may affect their profession and make any necessary adjustments to remain in compliance with the Act and Rules.
- The Department posts profession specific notices, statements and other information to the [IDFPR](#) website. Schools, educators, students and licensed professionals should visit the [IDFPR](#) website frequently, and their profession specific pages, to stay informed about the latest information and developments.