

LEGISLATION Certification and Permit Regulation

SUBJECT: General - Responsibilities for Work

The *Certification and Permit Regulation*¹ has been amended by the removal of all requirements associated with permits (Parts 1 and 2) while maintaining Status Quo regarding certification (Part 3). The *Certification and Permit Regulation* Part 3 mandates the requirements for certificates issued to Master Electricians, Restricted Master Electricians and Rural Wiremen.

Permit requirements are mandated by the new *Permit Regulation AR204/2007*¹ with Part 1 mandating “Required Permits”, “Permit Eligibility” and “Conditions” for obtaining permits and Part 2 mandating the “Administrative” requirements for permits. Rule 2-004 of the Canadian Electrical Code also supports the regulatory requirements.

The intent of the Code Rule is primarily to emphasize that permits are required. In identifying the electrical contractor or other person responsible for the work, the rule does not attempt to regulate who must physically do the work. Nor does it override any requirements in the Act or regulations regarding who may take out permits or who is responsible for compliance.

The *Safety Codes Act*¹ does not define who can work within a trade or occupation. Part 1 of the *Safety Codes Act* does however identify persons responsible for ensuring that a thing, process or activity complies with the requirements of the Act (i.e., owners, designers, manufacturers, contractors, etc.).

It is the *Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act*¹, administered by Advanced Education and Technology², which sets the framework legislation establishing who can conduct work in a trade or occupation. Furthermore, the *Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act*¹ provides for special authorizations allowing individuals to perform specific tasks within a designated trade. For example, a Luminaire Service Worker is permitted to perform specific electrical tasks in luminaire maintenance work without having to become a journeyman electrician. Another example is the water well drilling occupation.

¹ Copies of the noted Acts and Regulations are available from Alberta Queen’s Printer:

Main Floor, Park Plaza
10611 – 98th Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2P7
Phone: 780 427-4952

Web Site: <http://www.qp.alberta.ca/index.cfm>

² For information concerning trade and occupational designations or authorizations, contact the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Branch at Advanced Education and Technology:

General Inquiries (Head Office)
7th fl Commerce Place 10155 - 102 Street
Edmonton, AB T5J 4L5
Phone: 780 427-8765

Web Sites: <http://www.advancededandtech.gov.ab.ca/>
<http://www.tradesecrets.gov.ab.ca/>

The permit serves as a tool for the inspection authority to gather information about the location, type of installation, the owner, contractors, etc. in order to determine adequate resources for conducting inspections. Inspection authorities also use the permit to set terms and conditions.

Accredited corporations usually use alternatives to permits for identifying activities that require inspection.