

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON ALASKAN-BASED UNIONS TO TEST THEIR
MEMBERS AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR TESTING THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT
IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Mechanical Inspections, proposes to change regulations in Title 8 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with Alaskan-based unions providing testing for their members as a substitute for testing through the department.

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Mechanical Inspection, proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 8 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with Alaska-based unions providing testing for their members as a substitute for testing through the department, including the following:

- (1) 8 AAC 61.720(g) is proposed to be repealed. The intended effect of this repeal is to update Alaska-based unions to allow testing for their members instead of through the department.
- (2) 8 AAC 61.740(b)(3) is proposed to be repealed. The intended effect of this repeal is to update Alaska-based unions to allow testing for their members instead of through the department.
- (3) 8 AAC 90.105(a) is proposed to be amended to allow the certificate to be printed as a physical or digital copy.
- (4) 8 AAC 90.110 is proposed to be amended to allow an individual to obtain a certificate of fitness in person, or by mail.
- (5) 8 AAC 90.115 is proposed to be repealed and readopted to update 8 AAC 90 for Alaska-based unions to allow testing for their members instead of through the department.
- (6) 8 AAC 90.130(b)(1) is proposed to be amended for the department to issue a plumber journeyman certificate of fitness upon passing the standards according to 8 AAC 90.115.
- (7) 8 AAC 90.135(b)(1) is proposed to be amended for the department to issue a plumber restricted PG certificate of fitness upon passing the standards according to 8 AAC 90.115.
- (8) 8 AAC 90.137(b) is proposed to be amended for the department to issue a plumber PU certificate of fitness upon passing the standards according to 8 AAC 90.115.
- (9) 8 AAC 90.160(b) is proposed to be amended for the department to issue an electrician journeyman certificate of fitness upon passing the standards according to 8 AAC 90.115.
- (10) 8 AAC 90.164(b) is proposed to be amended for the department to issue a residential wireman certificate of fitness upon passing the standards according to 8 AAC 90.115.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private

persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Theric Austin at 1251 Muldoon Road, Suite #109, Anchorage AK 99504. Additionally, the Division of Labor Standards and Safety will accept comments by facsimile at 907-269-4950 and by electronic mail at dol.lss.regulations@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system and using the comment link. The comments must be received not later than 4:30pm on January 31, 2023.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Theric Austin at dol.lss.regulations@alaska.gov or at 1251 Muldoon Road, Suite #109, Anchorage AK 99504. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Department will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Theric Austin by dol.lss.regulations@alaska.gov or by mail to 1251 Muldoon Road, Suite #109, Anchorage AK 99504 not later than January 20, 2023, to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Theric Austin at dol.lss.regulations@alaska.gov or by phone at 907-269-4957.

After the public comment period ends, the Division of Labor Standards and Safety, Mechanical Inspection will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected. Written comments received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

Statutory authority: AS 18.62.060

Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific: AS 18.31.020; AS 18.31.200; AS 18.62.010; AS 18.62.020; AS 18.62.030; AS 18.62.050; AS 18.62.060; AS 18.62.070; AS 23.05.060; AS 25.27.244

The Division of Labor Standards and Safety, Mechanical Inspection keeps a list of individuals and organizations interested in its regulations. Those on the list will automatically be sent a copy of all Mechanical Inspection notices of proposed regulation changes. To be added to or removed from the list, send a request to Mechanical Inspection at dol.lss.regulations@alaska.gov, giving your name, and either your e-mail address or mailing address, as you prefer for receiving notices.

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