

Texas / Minnesota Comparison Chart

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	Subject	Reciprocity Similarities	Minnesota		Texas	
				Citation		Citation
1	Statewide licensing	MN Statute 326B.33 Subd. 20 for reciprocity	Yes	MN Statute 326B.33	Yes	Texas Occupations Code Title 8 Chapter 1305.
2	Electrical inspections covered statewide	NERA	Yes. State and municipal	MN Statute 326B.36	Inspections are not mandatory by law, but are required by city and county ordinance.	
3	State administered exam	MN Rule 3800.3520, MN Statute 326B.33 Subd. 20, & NERA	Yes, Minnesota writes and proctors our own exams	MN Rule 3800.3520, MN Statute 326B.33 Subd. 18	Yes, Texas creates its own exam, which is administered by third-party vendor psi.	Texas Occupations Code 1305.162
4	Number of questions	MN Statute 326B.33 Subd. 20, & NERA	80	Policy	85. In 2025 we split into 2 parts. 1 exam being calculations and 1 part being knowledge. Calculations is 26 questions and knowledge is 59 questions.	Candidate information bulletin located at https://test-takers.psiexams.com/api/content/bulletin/1682
5	Time allowed	MN Statute 326B.33 Subd. 20, & NERA	5.5 hours	Policy	4 hours. 110 minutes for calculations part and 130 minutes for knowledge part.	Candidate information bulletin located at https://test-takers.psiexams.com/api/content/bulletin/1682
6	Open book/memory	MN Statute 326B.33 Subd. 20, & NERA	Open book, we provide everything. Cannot bring any notes in.	Policy Exam Guide:	Open book	Candidate information bulletin located at https://urlzs.com/UzdVt
7	Minimum score	MN Statute 326B.33 Subd. 20, & NERA	70%	Policy	70%	16 Texas Administrative Code 73.21 ("An individual applicant must achieve a passing score on an examination approved by the executive director of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.")
8	Qualifying experience to qualify to examine	MN Statute 326B.33 Subd. 20, & NERA, & MN Rule 3800.3520, MN statute 326B.33 Subd. 2	All hours can be obtained in new installation of light, heat, power in any occupancy type	MN Rule 3800.3520, MN Statute 326B.33	Hours may be gained if under the supervision of a master electrician; must be performing "electrical work" as defined by statute and rule.	Texas Occupations Code 1305.002(11); Texas Occupations Code 1305.155(1); 16 Texas Administrative Code 73.10(21)
9	Qualifying experience to qualify to examine (years/hours)	MN Statute 326B.33 Subd. 20, & NERA, & MN Rule 3800.3520, MN statute 326B.33 Subd. 2	8000/4 years OJT	MN Rule 3800.3520, MN Statute 326B.33	7,000 hours of on-the-job training under the supervision of a master electrician to take exam and 8,000 to obtain license.	Texas Occupations Code 1305.155
10	Hours granted for the successful completion of a 2 year technical college electrical course	MN Statute 326B.33 Subd. 20, & NERA, & MN Rule 3800.3520, MN statute 326B.33 Subd. 2	2000	MN Rule 3800.3520, MN Statute 326B.33	n/a	n/a
11	Out of state experience accepted	MN Statute 326B.33 Subd. 20, & NERA, & MN Rule 3800.3520	Yes, as long as it is comparable to experience gained in Minnesota	MN Rule 3800.3520	Yes, as long as it is comparable to experience gained in Texas and verified by a master or master equivalent.	Texas Occupations Code 1305.164; Texas Occupations Code 51.4041(b)

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12	Minimum education requirements to qualify to examine	MN Statute 326B.33 Subd. 20, & NERA, & MN Rule 3800.3520	2 hours CE per year for Minnesota registered unlicensed electricians. No apprenticeship education required. No education requirements for individuals who gained experience in other states	MN Rule 3800.3520, MN Statute 326B.33	No education or apprenticeship is required to take the examination; however, electrical apprentices are required to take 4 hours per year of CE.	16 Texas Administrative Code 73.25
13	Military experience accepted	MN Rule 3800.3520	Yes. Must provide DD214 and MOS must be for electrical and substantially equivalent to that which is performed by a licensed electrical contractor	MN Rule 3800.3520	Yes. Must provide DD214 and MOS must be for electrical work.	Texas Occupations Code 1305.1645
14	Duration of journeyworker license	Policy	2 years	Policy	1 year	16 Texas Administrative Code 73.22
15	Continuing education content required to renew journeyworker license	MN Rule 3800.3602	12 hours code 4 hours statute, rules, technical	MN Rule 3800.3602	4 hours annually consisting of NEC, Texas statute and rules, and safety (NFPA 70E)	16 Texas Administrative Code 73.25
16	Continuing education hours required to renew journeyworker license	MN Rule 3800.3602	16 hours prior to renewal - 2 year cycle	MN Rule 3800.3602	4 hours annually consisting of NEC, Texas statute and rules, and safety (NFPA 70E)	16 Texas Administrative Code 73.25
17	NERA Member		Yes		Yes	Yes
18	Reciprocal States		Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming		Alaska, Arkansas, Idaho, Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wyoming	https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/electricians/out-of-state.htm
19	Code Cycle	MN Rule 1315.0200	2023 and working on adopting the 2026	MN Rule 1315.0200 & 326B.35	2023 and adopting 2026 on 9-1-26.	Texas Occupations Code 1305.101; 16 Texas Administrative Code 73.100
20	State reciprocity law					Texas Occupations code 51.551 & Texas House Bill 11 (89th Legislature) https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/89R/billtext/html/HB00011H.HTM