

CCLD REVIEW

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Recent updates clarify Minnesota's electrical rules

The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) has made several updates to Minnesota's electrical rules to improve clarity and better align them with statutory authority.

Electrical training

One major change is the relocation of electrical training program requirements. The rules currently found in Minnesota Rules 3801.3820 through 3801.3885 have been relocated to Minn. R. 3800.3620 through 3800.3685, with minor edits. This shift allows the Board of Electricity, who has authority over electrical licensing, to adopt and oversee the standards for approving electrical training programs.

Permits and inspections

Additional amendments were made to the permit and inspection provisions in chapter 3801. The exemption for "custom equipment" listing in Minn. R. 3801.3620, subpart 3(D), is deleted. Updates to Minn. R. 3801.3770 clarify that

rough-in inspections must include both the wiring method and conductor splicing before concealment. In Minn. R. 3801.3780, subp. 1, installers would now be required to schedule final inspections, as the option to "otherwise notify" has been eliminated.

The department also raised the dollar amount threshold for automatic permit expiration. Under Minn. R. 3801.3780, subp. 2, electrical permits with inspection fees of \$1,000 or less — up from \$250 — expire 12 months after filing unless extended. Finally, Minn. R. 3801.3780, subp. 4, clarifies that the department will not accept new permit applications from contractors, registered employers or owners with unpaid fees from previously issued permits.

Questions?

Contact us at dli.electricity@state.mn.us or 651-284-5026 for help with questions.

2026 National Electrical Code adoption update

The Minnesota Board of Electricity and DLI continue their work to adopt the 2026 National Electrical Code (NEC). The rulemaking process is still in progress, so the tentative effective date for the new NEC is July 1, 2026, or five days after the board publishes its Notice of Adoption in the Minnesota *State Register* — whichever occurs later.

View the [Board of Electricity's rulemaking docket](#) for updates and more information about the adoption of the 2026 NEC.

CCAC to review rulemaking recommendations

The next meeting of the Construction Codes Advisory Council is 9 a.m. on July 30. Agenda items include rulemaking recommendations for the Commercial Energy Code (Minnesota Rules, Chapter 1323) and Minnesota Fire Code (Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7511). The council will also review Technical Advisory Group revisions to flood-resistant design (Minnesota Rules, Chapter 1335). [Learn more about the council and find meeting information.](#)

Schedule of board and council meetings

Below is a schedule of meetings for boards and council supported by CCLD. Visit the [boards and council webpage](#) to view meeting minutes, agendas, rulemaking documents and schedules for these meetings and additional boards and councils.

Board of Electricity

- July 14, 2026
- Oct. 13, 2026

Board of High pressure Piping

- July 9, 2026

Construction Codes Advisory Council

- July 30, 2026

Plumbing Board

- June 23, 2026
- July 21, 2026
- Oct. 20, 2026

Interested in serving on a board or council?

Minnesotans are encouraged to apply for positions on state councils, boards, task forces and commissions through the Secretary of State's Open Commissions and Appointments process.

Visit dli.mn.gov/about-department/boards-and-councils for more information about how to apply.

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Translated documents, Language Line available

A selection of documents and web pages related to building codes, workers' compensation, workplace safety, apprenticeship and more have been translated into various languages.

Additionally, DLI has access to Language Line, a free language translation service for limited-English speakers.

View the translated documents and instructions to access Language Line at dli.mn.gov/about-department/about-dli/translated-materials.



Newport contractor fined \$10,000 for unlicensed residential, electrical work

A Newport contractor was found to have engaged in unlicensed residential building construction and electrical work. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and fined \$10,000.

A North Branch contractor was found to have engaged in unlicensed residential building construction, electrical and plumbing work. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and fined \$13,500, of which \$10,000 was stayed contingent on full future compliance.

A Browerville contractor was found to have engaged in unlicensed electrical work. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and fined \$5,000, of which \$3,500 was stayed contingent on full future compliance.

A licensed residential building contractor operating out of St. Paul was found to have engaged in unlicensed plumbing work. The contractor was censured, ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities, and fined \$4,000, of which \$3,000 was stayed contingent on full future compliance.

A contractor operating out of Grand Rapids and Pengilly was found to have engaged in unlicensed plumbing and remodeling work. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and fined \$5,000.

More information

[View summaries of enforcement actions.](#)

Contact us at 651-284-5069 or dli.contractor@state.mn.us.



Enforcement actions

Plumbing Plan Review Unit expands to boost service and support

The Plumbing Plan Review Unit has reorganized to strengthen service capacity and enhance technical support for the industry. As part of this effort, the unit added a second supervisor position to help manage growing project volumes and maintain strong technical oversight.

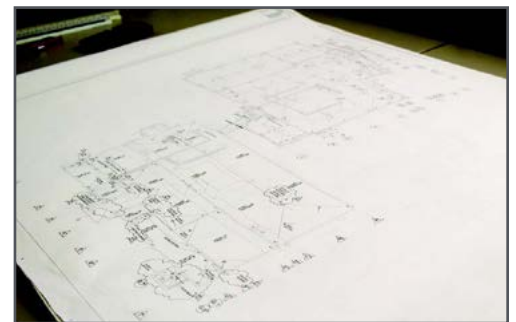
This change comes in response to a large increase in project submissions in recent years. To manage workload and shorten plan review wait times, the team has grown from 10 staff members to 18, while maintaining consistent, high-quality service.

Brad Williams is the new Plumbing Plan Review Unit supervisor. He will oversee standard- and high-volume project reviews, focusing on workflow coordination, timely turnaround and consistent application of Plumbing Code requirements.

The unit's existing supervisor, Mike Westemeier, will continue in his role. He will remain responsible for board-related assignments and will lead the team that handles complex project reviews and advanced technical guidance, ensuring accuracy and consistency across the most challenging plans.

Together, Williams and Westemeier will jointly lead the Plumbing Plan Review Unit. Their combined expertise will help the team support industry partners, meet rising demand and maintain high-quality plumbing plan review services statewide.

View more information about [plumbing plan review and staff contact information](#).



Be a part of Workplace Rights Week 2026

DLI has started planning for the third annual Workplace Rights Week, Sept. 13 through 19, 2026. Workplace Rights Week in Minnesota is an opportunity to educate workers and employers about their rights and responsibilities in the workplace. Safe and healthy workplaces are what make our economy and communities strong, and it is important Minnesotans understand their workplace rights and are empowered to assert those rights.



In 2025, DLI hosted the second Minnesota Workplace Rights Week. During the week, DLI staff members:

- visited 1,470 worksites across the state;
- attended 13 events with community groups, chambers of commerce, CareerForce centers and libraries; and
- hosted six webinars and a Facebook Live presentation that engaged 422 participants.

DLI is seeking to partner with you to reach your audience during Workplace Rights Week with a webinar, materials a presentation or other type of event. If you are interested in participating in educational or outreach activities with DLI or hosting your own event during Workplace Rights Week 2026, email Diana Salas at diana.salas@state.mn.us. [Visit the Workplace Rights Week webpage](#) to learn more and see events as they're added.

The basics of Minnesota electrical licensing

A pair of web pages explain the basic steps and requirements to become an electrician or an electrical contractor in Minnesota.

- [View electrical licensing basics.](#)
- [View electrical contractor licensing basics.](#)

For help with questions about licenses and registrations contact dli.license@state.mn.us.



CCLD Learn offers online continuing education

[CCLD Learn](#) – the online, self-paced learning platform from the Construction Codes and Licensing Division – offers an intuitive online interface where visitors can complete continuing education courses and earn continuing education credits toward licensure.

Current CCLD Learn course topics include:

- Residential Deck Construction and Inspection
- Residential Deck Design and Plan Review
- Minnesota Accessibility Code Basics
- Residential Building Contractor Licensing and Enforcement
- Elevator Licenses, Stairway Chairlifts and Platform Lifts
- Understanding the Building Code for Special Event Centers
- International Building Code Automatic Fire Sprinkler Requirements
- Glazing and the Residential Code

