

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING
DIVISION OF WORKFORCE REGULATION AND SAFETY

RENEWABLE ENERGY PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE
OR SOLAR THERMAL PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

*** INSTRUCTIONS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY ***

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING IF THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS ARE NOT ADHERED TO:

- 1) A legible copy of Driver License or Passport or any type of Government ID **MUST** be attached.
- 2) Your application must be signed and notarized.
- 3) In accordance with the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, (**H-8200, S-2692**); the Department of Labor and Training will issue a Renewable Energy Professional (REP) Certificate to an individual who is currently a registered contractor in Rhode Island and fulfills **at least one of the following qualifications**:
 - A. The applicant currently holds a certificate from the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) in one of the following areas: PV Installation Professional or Solar Heating Installer Certification (solar hot water). The REP will then be able to install only the technology for which they hold a certificate.
 - B. The applicant holds a current certification from United Illuminating (UL)'s PV Installer Certification Program. This training is available to members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA).
 - C. The applicant holds an Associate's degree or higher in renewable or solar energy installation (or a related field) from an accredited school (e.g. New England Technical Institute, Rhode Island College, Community College of Rhode Island, etc.).
 - D. The applicant holds a certificate of training from a manufacturer of a specific technology for the installation of that specific technology (e.g. solar roof shingles). The REP will then be able to install only the technology for which they hold a certificate.
 - E. SEI Solar Professionals Certificate for Residential and Commercial Photovoltaic Systems
 - F. The applicant holds a certification from Everblue's PV Training Program, *PV Installation Professional for Solar PV Installers*.

Applicant must answer all questions on both pages truthfully and swear to the same before a NOTARY PUBLIC, penalties for false information are as itemized in the General Laws of Rhode Island and Addendum.

Statement may be investigated and verified for truthfulness.

GENERAL LISTING OF WORK HISTORY

NAME OF EMPLOYER	FROM/TO	TYPE OF WORK
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

EDUCATION

List all education and schooling that you have received in the renewable Energy Professional and Solar Thermal Professional.

LOCATION	FROM/TO	DEGREE/DIPLOMA
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Listed employer or customer may be sent forms to attest to the truthfulness of all statements on this application and these will have to be sent back to this division, properly notarized, before any action is taken on this licensing application.

_____	_____	_____
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	DATE	NOTARY SIGNATURE AND SEAL

ELECTRICIAN		COMPUTER CODE	TEST FEE	TWO YEAR LICENSE FEE
Renewable Energy Professional	REPC	127	NO TEST	\$ 240
PLUMBING				
Solar Thermal Professional	STPC	056	NO TEST	\$ 240



NOTICE

**Renewable Energy Professional
Applicants and Solar Thermal
Professional Applicants**

According to RI General Laws §5-65-2 and 5-65-7,
ALL individuals who possess a Master License in:

- Renewable Energy Professional
- Thermal Solar Professional Trades,

**and act as a contractor* within their respective Trade,
must provide a current certificate of insurance**

for public liability, property damage, combined single limit
and bodily injury for at least \$500,000
to the RI Department of Labor and Training
as a condition for a valid license.

Please email required documents to dlt.profregs@dlt.ri.gov or mail them to:

RI Dept. of Labor and Training
Workforce Regulation and Safety, Professional Regulation
1511 Pontiac Avenue, P O Box 20247, Building 70-2, Cranston, RI 02920

For questions please call John Shaw, Administrator at (401) 462-8568

If the licensee is not acting as a contractor, please complete the exemption certification on the reverse side of this notice.





RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING

Exemption Certification

I certify that although I hold a Master License, I am not currently acting as a contractor in my respective trade, therefore exempt from the insurance requirement of Rhode Island General Laws §5-65-2 and 5-65-7.

I understand that if I begin contracting for work in my respective trade, I must provide proof of insurance to the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training, Professional Regulation Unit.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

License #: _____

Date: _____



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Department of Labor and Training

Workforce Regulation and Safety Division
Joseph Degnan, Assistant Director

Statement Regarding Workforce Regulation and Safety Policy 15-01

As the licensing authority for the electrical trade, DLT's Workforce Regulation and Safety Division received a number of inquiries in early 2015 from contractors, renewable energy professionals and electricians seeking guidance regarding licensure requirements pertaining to the scope of work performed on renewable energy projects.

On March 16, 2015, DLT convened a stakeholder group to seek input from professionals representing installers, contractors, electricians and renewable energy policy groups. Several parties attended this meeting and offered their position as to how DLT should enforce RIGL §5-6-8 (g), *Renewable Energy Professional* limited electrical license. Parties were asked to provide written testimony in support of their position to Assistant Director Joseph Degnan subsequent to the meeting.

Based on the department's review of the comments received, guidance previously issued by the independent State Board of Examiners of Electricians and requirements of related licensing laws in neighboring states, the department has issued Workforce Regulation and Safety (WRS) policy 15-01.

This policy requires any and all components of solar installation projects considered to be electrical apparatus to be installed by electricians licensed by the department. Taking all aspects of photovoltaic (PV) systems into consideration, the department's position is that the racking/rail systems for PV installations are indeed part of the effective grounding and bonding systems for these installations. As such, only persons that have received the requisite classroom and on-the-job training necessary to obtain journeyman licensure by DLT are permitted to install these systems. Electrical apprentices, working under the guidance and direct supervision of licensed journeymen may also perform these installations.

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WRS POLICY ADVISORY: 15-01

SUBJECT: Installation of Renewable Energy Technologies

PURPOSE: To clarify licensure requirements for the installation of renewable energy technologies.

DATE ISSUED: April 28, 2015

Rhode Island General Laws § 5-6-8 establishes a Renewable Energy Professional Certificate which allows certificate holders without an electrical license to perform ancillary non-electrical renewable energy work. Licensed electricians are required to perform all renewable energy electrical work.

It is the policy of the Department of Labor and Training that:

The term apparatus under RIGL § 5-6-8 (g) includes, but is not limited to: frames, racks, rails, modules and photovoltaic panels.

Ancillary non-electrical renewable energy work under R.I. Gen. Laws §5-6-8 (g) includes advertising, bidding, contracting, and distributing materials to the final location of installation. Additionally, this work includes the installation of ground and rooftop support brackets and ballasts for rack systems.

Solar sheathing systems under RIGL§ 5-6-8 (g) are limited to photovoltaic modules that are attached directly to the roof structure without a racking or rail system and replace material as the primary weatherproofing system for the roof structure.

Conflicting interpretations of the law led the Department to provide this guidance. Trade license laws will be enforced by the Department in accordance with this policy. This policy applies to all projects bid for and awarded on or after the policy effective date.