

.1004 EQUIVALENT EXPERIENCE

(a) The Board shall consider equivalent experience of applicants who do not meet the experience requirements of GS 143-151.51(5) or GS 143-151.61. Any one of the following descriptions of experience shall be considered sufficient to meet the equivalent experience requirements:

- (1) A bachelor of science degree from any engineering, architecture or building technology school and two years experience working in building design, construction, or inspection of building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems.
- (2) A two year Associate of Applied Science degree from a community college or technical school in building technology, civil engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, or architecture; and either four years of design experience in building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems, or four years experience as an employee who works under the direct supervision of a licensed general (residential or building) contractor and who supervises electrical, mechanical, and plumbing subcontractors.
- (3) Six years experience as an employee who works under the direct supervision of a licensed general contractor (residential or building) performing building construction and who supervises electrical, mechanical, and plumbing subcontractors.
- (4) Certification by the North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board as a Code Enforcement Official with Standard Level I (or higher) inspection certification in four areas: building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing.
- (5) Any combination of certification listed in Paragraph (a)(4) of this Rule and a license as an electrical contractor (limited or greater) issued by the NC Board of Electrical Examiners, or a license as a heating or cooling contractor (H1, H2, or H3), or a plumbing contractor issued by the NC Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating and Fire Sprinkler Contractors, resulting in either a certificate or a license in four areas in building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing contracting or inspections.
- (6) For the purpose of GS 143-151.51(5)a, the number of completed home inspections for compensation before October 1, 1996, as a home inspector may be included.

(b) Applicants may submit other experience in the design, installation, or inspection of buildings and electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems. The Board's Application Evaluation Committee shall consider such experience on a case-by-case basis.

NOTE: Effective October 1, 2011, A Prelicensing course through a Board approved sponsor may provide an alternate avenue to qualify to sit for the State Exam.