

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Rules

What are we proposing? The Department of Buildings (DOB) is proposing to amend the rules regarding course requirements for electrician, hoist machine operator and rigger license renewals and certification requirements for hoist machine operator licenses.

When and where is the hearing? DOB will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule. The public hearing will take place at 10am on 9/2/14. The hearing will be in the 3rd floor conference room at 280 Broadway.

How do I comment on the proposed rules? Anyone can comment on the proposed rules by:

- **Website.** You can submit comments to the DOB through the NYC rules Web site at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us>.
- **Email.** You can email written comments to dobrules@buildings.nyc.gov.
- **Mail.** You can mail written comments to the New York City Department of Buildings, Office of the General Counsel, 280 Broadway, 7th floor, New York, NY 10007.
- **Fax.** You can fax written comments to the New York City Department of Buildings, Office of the General Counsel, at 212-566-3843.
- **By speaking at the hearing.** Anyone who wants to comment on the proposed rule at the public hearing must sign up to speak. You can sign up before the hearing by calling 212-393-2085. You can also sign up in the hearing room before the hearing begins on 9/2/14. You can speak for up to three minutes.

Is there a deadline to submit written comments? Yes, you must submit written comments by 9/2/14.

Do you need assistance to participate in the hearing? You must tell the Office of the General Counsel if you need a reasonable accommodation of a disability at the hearing. You must tell us if you need a sign language interpreter. You can tell us by mail or email at the addresses given above. You may also tell us by telephone at 212-393-2085. You must tell us by 8/26/14.

Can I review the comments made on the proposed rules? You can review the comments made online on the proposed rules by going to the website at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us/>. A few days after the hearing, written comments and a summary of oral comments received at the hearing will be available to the public at the Office of the General Counsel.

What authorizes DOB to make this rule? Sections 643 and 1043(a) of the City Charter authorize DOB to make this proposed rule. This proposed rule was not included in DOB's regulatory agenda for this Fiscal Year because it was not contemplated when DOB published the agenda.

Where can I find the DOB's rules? The DOB's rules are in Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York.

What rules govern the rulemaking process? DOB must meet the requirements of Section 1043 of the City Charter when creating or changing rules. This notice is made according to the requirements of Section 1043(b) of the City Charter.

Statement of Basis and Purpose of Proposed Rule

Sections 104-06 and 104-09 of the Department's rules require certain courses and certifications to be obtained by electrician, hoisting machine operator and rigger licensees prior to renewal of their licenses. The proposed amendments will extend the date for compliance with these requirements because the required courses and certifications are not currently available.

The Department of Buildings' authority for these rules is found in sections 643 and 1043 of the New York City Charter, as well as in Article 401 of Chapter 4 of Title 28 of the New York City Administrative Code.

New material is underlined.

[Deleted material is in brackets.]

"Shall" and "must" denote mandatory requirements and may be used interchangeably in the rules of this department, unless otherwise specified or unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

Section 1. Paragraphs (3), (5), (7) and (8) of subdivision (b) of section 104-06 of Subchapter D of Chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York are amended to read as follows:

(3) Electrician (Master/Special). Beginning July 1, [2014]2015, during the one (1) year immediately prior to renewal, the licensee must have successfully completed a course approved by the Department of at least eight (8) hours, at least four (4) hours of which must focus on the New York City Electrical Code and other requirements pursuant to section 105-03 of subchapter E of this chapter. The Department will accept for each license year up to four (4) credit hours earned from an electrical continuing education course offered in another jurisdiction as part of a licensed electrician renewal process in that jurisdiction, provided that the course is at least eight (8) credit hours per license year in that jurisdiction, the credits were earned during the three (3) years immediately prior to renewal and:

- (i) the jurisdiction follows the National Electrical Code/NFPA 70;
 - (ii) the course provider is a certified provider within that jurisdiction; and
 - (iii) the course is taught by an instructor with experience in the electrical field who is certified
- as an electrical course provider in jurisdictions following the National Electrical Code/NFPA 70.

Credit hours earned in another jurisdiction will not count toward the at least four (4) hours that must focus on the New York City Electrical Code and other requirements pursuant to section 105-03.

(5) Hoisting Machine Operator. Beginning July 1, [2013]2015, during the one (1) year immediately prior to renewal, the licensee must have successfully completed a Department-approved eight- (8) hour course covering those provisions of the administrative code and regulations that are unique to New York City for the operation of a hoisting machine and the unique hazards of operating a hoisting machine within New York City.

(7) Master Rigger. [During]Beginning July 1, 2015, during the three (3) years immediately prior to renewal, the licensee shall have successfully completed a Department-approved eight- (8) hour re-certification course including instruction on inspection, maintenance, repair, use, installation, hazards associated with, and the relevant sections of the building code and industry practice with regards to:

- (i) Rigging methods, hardware, and equipment;
- (ii) Hoisting machines, including cranes and derricks;
- (iii) Climber/tower crane assembly, jumping, and disassembly;
- (iv) Suspended scaffolds;
- (v) Critical picks; and
- (vi) Fall hazards and fall protection.

(8) Special Rigger. [During] Beginning July 1, 2015, during the three (3) years immediately prior to renewal, the licensee shall have successfully completed a Department-approved eight- (8) hour re-certification course including instruction on inspection, maintenance, repair, use, installation, hazards associated with, and the relevant sections of the building code and industry practice with regards to:

- (i) Rigging methods, hardware, and equipment;
- (ii) Hoisting machines with a manufacturer's rated capacity of one ton or less;
- (iii) Suspended scaffolds;
- (iv) Critical picks; and
- (v) Fall hazards and fall protection.

§2. Section 104-06 of Subchapter D of Chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision (d) to read as follows:

(d) Additional powers of the commissioner. The commissioner may, upon a determination of good cause, extend the dates and deadlines set forth in this rule.

§3. Subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of section 104-09 of Subchapter D of Chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York are amended to read as follows:

(2) Valid national certification(s) as follows:

(i) For Class A Hoisting Machine Operators whose license is renewed or reinstated on or after July 1, [2013]2015, one or more valid certification(s) issued by an organization accredited to offer crane operator certifications by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) or the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and acceptable to the Commissioner. For Class A Hoisting Machine Operators with licenses renewed or reinstated prior to July 1, 2015, such certification must be obtained within one year of renewal. The certification(s) shall authorize the operation of the type of equipment for which the license is held or sought and the licensee shall provide to the Department a copy of the certification(s), a copy of future re-certifications and documentation of new specialties acquired. The applicable certification(s) must be maintained continuously for the duration of the license term.

(ii) For Class B Hoisting Machine Operators whose license is renewed or reinstated on or after July 1, [2013]2015, all crane operator certifications issued by an organization accredited to offer tower, mobile and crawler crane operator certifications by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) or the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and acceptable to the Commissioner. For Class B Hoisting Machine Operators with licenses renewed or reinstated prior to July 1, 2015, such certification must be obtained within one year of renewal. The applicant must have passed at least one of the certification exams on a friction crane. The licensee must provide to the Department a copy of the certifications, a copy of future re-certifications and documentation of new specialties acquired. The applicable certifications must be maintained continuously for the duration of the license term.

§4. Section 104-09 of Subchapter D of Chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision (g) to read as follows:

(g) Additional powers of the commissioner. The commissioner may, upon a determination of good cause, extend the dates and deadlines set forth in this rule.

**NEW YORK CITY LAW DEPARTMENT
DIVISION OF LEGAL COUNSEL
100 CHURCH STREET
NEW YORK, NY 10007
212-356-4028**

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
CHARTER §1043(d)**

RULE TITLE: Amendment of Requirements for Hoist Machine Operator Licenses

REFERENCE NUMBER: 2014 RG 058

RULEMAKING AGENCY: Department of Buildings

I certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced proposed rule as required by section 1043(d) of the New York City Charter, and that the above-referenced proposed rule:

- (i) is drafted so as to accomplish the purpose of the authorizing provisions of law;
- (ii) is not in conflict with other applicable rules;
- (iii) to the extent practicable and appropriate, is narrowly drawn to achieve its stated purpose; and
- (iv) to the extent practicable and appropriate, contains a statement of basis and purpose that provides a clear explanation of the rule and the requirements imposed by the rule.

/s/ STEVEN GOULDEN
Acting Corporation Counsel

Date: July 21, 2014

**NEW YORK CITY MAYOR'S OFFICE OF OPERATIONS
253 BROADWAY, 10th FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007
212-788-1400**

**CERTIFICATION / ANALYSIS
PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 1043(d)**

RULE TITLE: Amendment of Requirements for Hoist Machine Operator Licenses

REFERENCE NUMBER: DOB-61

RULEMAKING AGENCY: Department of Buildings

I certify that this office has analyzed the proposed rule referenced above as required by Section 1043(d) of the New York City Charter, and that the proposed rule referenced above:

- (i) Is understandable and written in plain language for the discrete regulated community or communities; and
- (ii) Does not provide a cure period because it does not establish a violation, modification of a violation, or modification of the penalties associated with a violation.

/s/ Guenevere Knowles
Mayor's Office of Operations

July 21, 2014
Date