NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the authority vested in the Commissioner of Buildings by Section 643 of the New York City Charter and in accordance with Section 1043 of the Charter, that the Department of Buildings hereby adopts the amendments to section 101-03 of Subchapter A and section 102-02 of Subchapter B of Chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York regarding fees for electrical permits and licensing and for compensation of registered design professionals. This rule was first published on August 21, 2026, and a public hearing thereon was held on September 23, 2026.

Dated: 10/13/2026
New York, New York

Ahmed Tigani
Commissioner

Statement of Basis and Purpose of Rule

The Department of Buildings is amending section 101-03 of subchapter A of chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York to amend fees regarding electrical permits and licensing.

The electrical permit fees are amended to reflect changes made by Local Law 128 of 2024, which repealed Chapter 3 of Title 27 of the Administrative Code (the previous Electrical Code) including the $5,000 fee cap. Local Law 128 also added Chapter 11 of Title 28 of the Administrative Code (the current Electrical Code). The $40 permit fee is combined with the parts fees to clarify that they are to be added together to determine the minimum payment. The duplicate copy fee is deleted because it is covered by the existing copy fees.

Due to the added volume of license background investigations performed, processing time has increased significantly. To cover the cost of additional staff to improve service levels, fees for licensing background investigations are being increased from $500 to $550 for class 1 backgrounds and from $330 to $430 for class 2s. A renewal background fee of $130 is also added.

The Department is also amending section 102-02 of subchapter B of chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York regarding compensation of registered design professionals (RDPs). The reimbursement has not been increased since the promulgation of the 2008 construction codes. Outside RDPs (surveyors) need to use their own vehicles to perform surveys in accordance with the requirements of section 28-216.6. Gas and wear and tear costs have increased and professional compensation for RDPs has increased since 2008. Therefore, the Department needs to increase the compensation paid to these RDPs from $100 to $150 to keep some pay parity with the industry in order to have RDPs on our vendor panel.

DOB's authority for these rules is found in Local Law 128 of 2024, sections 643 and 1043(a) of the City Charter, and sections 28-112.1, 28-112.2, 28-216.6, and article 401 of Chapter 4 of Title 28 of the New York City Administrative Code.

New material is underlined.
[Deleted material is in brackets.]
Asterisks (***) indicate unamended text.

"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. The electrical and licensing fees set forth in section 101-03 of chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York are amended to read as follows:

[Electrical permit initial application (excluding minor	[$40]

work).]	
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• Each outlet, each fixture, each horsepower or fraction thereof of a motor or generator, each kilowatt or fraction thereof of a heater, each horsepower or fraction thereof of an air conditioner, each kilovolt-ampere or fraction thereof of a transformer installed, altered or repaired shall be assigned the value of one unit:	Fee per unit (NOTE: The total additional fee is computed by calculating the sum of the units. [The total additional fee, due prior to electrical sign-off or as otherwise provided by the department's rules, shall not exceed five thousand dollars):] Fifty percent of the total fee for the electrical permit, which includes the initial filing fee and the parts fees, but not less than $130, or the total fee for the work permit where such fee is less than $130, must be paid at the time of filing and the remainder of the total fee must be paid before any Department inspection.
1 - 10 units	$0
Over 10 units	$.25
• For each service switch installed, altered or repaired:	
0-100 Amperes	$ 8.00
101- 200 Amperes	$30.00
201- 600 Amperes	$105.00
601- 1200 Amperes	$225.00
Over 1200 Amperes	$375.00
• For each set of service entrance cables and for each set of feeder conductors installed, altered or repaired:	
Up to #2 conductors	

Over #2 to #1/0 conductors	$15.00 $30.00
Over #1/0 to 250 MCM	$45.00
Over 250 MCM	$75.00
• For each panel installed, altered or repaired:	
1 phase up to 20-1 or 10-2 pole cutouts or breakers	$15.00
1 phase over 20-1 or 10-2 pole cutouts or breakers	$37.50
3 Phase up to 225 amperes	$50.00
3 Phase over 225 amperes	$75.00
• For each sign manufactured (in-shop inspections).	$40.00
• For each sign manufactured (on-site inspections):	
0 to 30 square feet	$65.00
31 to 60 square feet	$90.00
Over 60 square feet	$115.00
• For each elevator:	
10 floors or less	$125.00

Every additional ten or fewer floors	$83.00
• For wiring or rewiring boiler controls in buildings.	$12.00
Electrical permit (minor work [pursuant to Section 27-3018(h) of the Administrative Code]).	$15
[Duplicate copy of notice of electrical violation.]	[$5]

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Licensing:	
• Written examination	$585
• Practical examination	$530
• Background investigation class 1 (includes experience)	$[500]<u>550</u>
• Background investigation class 2 (does not include experience)	$[330]<u>430</u>
• <u>Background investigation for renewal of class 1 and class 2</u>	<u>$130</u>

§2. Section 102-02 of chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

§ 102-02 Compensation of Registered Design Professionals in Accordance With § 28-216.6 of the Administrative Code.

In accordance with the provisions of Administrative Code § 28-216.6, registered design professionals appointed by a recognized professional organization to act on any survey or appointed to resolve disagreement between surveyors shall each be paid the sum of one hundred fifty dollars.