

Comparison of Selected States HVAC/R Certification*

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Washington	Electrical Board		x	x			x		4,000 hours of experience
Oregon	Building Code Division: Mechanical Board; Electrical Board if more than 1-2 family home		x	x		x	x	x	4,000 hours of experience
California	Contractors State License Board	x					x	x	4 years experience
Idaho	Division of Building Safety: HVAC Board	x			x			x	<u>Contractor:</u> HVAC Journeyman for at least 24 months. <u>Journeyman:</u> 4 yrs working in the trade <u>Apprentice:</u> 18 yrs. old, employed by licensed HVAC contractor, work under journeyman & maintain enrollment in program.

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Minnesota	Department of Labor & Industries; Board of Electricity		x	x			x		Graduate from 4 yr Electrical course; 1 yr as a licensed journeyman; or 5 yrs in electrical work
Oklahoma	Construction Industries Board	x						x	<u>Contractor:</u> Journeyman requirements w/ additional 1 yr experience; <u>Journeyman:</u> 18 yrs old & either 3 yrs experience in mechanical trade or Voc Tech diploma & 1 yr of mechanical trade experience
Wisconsin	Department of Commerce: Safety & Building Division	x	x			x	x	x	4 yrs experience, or 4 yrs education, or a 4 yr combination of experience & education
Texas	Commission of Licensing and Regulation						x	x	36 months of experience

* Chart adapted from the 2005 JLARC study comparing HVAC/R licensing and testing requirements in other states

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