

Frequently Asked Questions *(Updated 07.23.2025)*

I. Questions about the Combined Exam Transition Period & Eligibility:

1. What is the *exact* effective date of the new administrative rule that combines the exams?
The effective date will August 1, 2025
2. I passed one exam (Code or Theory), but it was several years ago. Is my old pass still valid for this grace period, or is there an expiration on previous passes? **If you currently have a passed code or theory exam in the system, you will have till October 31, 2025 to complete the second exam. Beginning November 1, 2025 your previous exam will become void and you will be required to take the new combined examination.**
3. I failed the Code exam but haven't tried the Theory exam yet. Can I still just take the Theory exam during this grace period, or do I have to take the new combined one immediately? **The new rule does not go into effect till August 1, 2025. If you test prior to that date and have passed one of the exams, you will have till October 31, 2025 to pass the second exam. If you do not have a passed exam in the system before August 1, 2025, you will be required to take the new combined exam.**
4. How do you know I passed one part? Do I need to send you my old score report, or do you have my records? **Our exam vendor has your current test record in their system.**
5. I'm currently studying for *both* separate exams right now. Should I just switch my focus to the new combined exam instead, or try to pass the second old exam? **The new exam does not have new content. It is merely a straightforward merge of both the code and theory exams. The material you use to study will not change.**
6. If I'm scheduled to take *one* of the old exams just before the new rule goes into effect and I fail it, do I still get the grace period to continue trying? **It depends. If you already have a passed exam then yes. If you have not yet passed either of the exams by the effective date, you will need to take the new exam.**

II. Questions about Exam Content & Study Materials:

1. For the new "Utah Master Electrician Law and Rule Exam," what specific laws and rules are covered? Where can I find study materials or a syllabus for *this specific exam*?
Please review this [Candidate Information Bulletin](#).
2. Will the content of the new "Utah Journeyman Electrician Written Exam" and "Utah Residential Journeyman Electrician Written Exam" be significantly different from the combined content of the old Code and Theory exams? **Yes and No. There will be no change to the content or items on the exam. There will be changes to the duration of the exam and the number of questions. Updates to this information are available in this [Candidate Information Bulletin](#).**
3. Since the Master exams are now "Law and Rule" and the Journeyman exams are combined, what does this imply about the content difference between these

classifications moving forward? **There is no change in the current scope of work for either of these professions.**

4. Will the content of the single Code or Theory exam (during the grace period) be updated to reflect the upcoming combined exam, or will it be the 'old' content? **There will be no changes in the content of the exam prior to the effective date.**
5. When will new content and references be available for the *combined* exam? **This information is already available in the Candidate Information Bulletin. Prior to the effective date you can review the individual references and content outline for each exam. The new exam will not have any changes other than being combined.**
6. What will be the length/number of questions for the new combined exam compared to the old separate ones? **Please review this information at: <https://dopl.utah.gov/electrical/exam-information/>**

III. Questions about Scheduling & Logistics:

1. How do I schedule *just* the Code or *just* the Theory exam during this grace period? Will the vendor's website still show them as separate options? **If you have already taken and passed one of the exams, the exam you still need will remain available in your candidate profile until either you pass it or the deadline is reached on October 31, 2025.**
2. Will there be limited availability for these single-section exams, or will testing centers be operating as usual for them? **Testing centers will operate as usual.**
3. Where exactly on the DOPL website should I look for updates? Can you provide a direct link to the relevant page? **To track the current status please refer to this link <https://dopl.utah.gov/electrical/exam-information/>**

IV. Questions about Exam Retakes:

1. Does the new retake limit (1 time every 30 days for 6 times total before a 120-day waiting period) apply to exams I *failed before* this rule change, or only to failures that occur *after* the rule takes effect? **It is effective for past exams. If you have already taken an exam and failed it 3 times, you will no longer be required to wait 90 days to retake it, after the rule becomes effective on August 1, 2025.**
2. If I fail the new combined exam, does this 30-day/6-attempt rule apply to that specific exam? **Yes.**
3. If I pass one part of the old exam during the grace period and then fail the *other* part, does this new retake limit apply to that second attempt? **Yes**
4. After the six attempts and the 120-day waiting period, what happens next? Can I try again indefinitely, or is there another limit? **If you have made 6 failed attempts at an exam, the waiting period will be 120-days for each failed attempt till the exams are passed.**

V. "What If" Scenarios & Exceptions:

1. What if I can't get an appointment for the remaining section before the 3-month grace period, or I have an emergency that prevents me from taking it? Can I get an extension or an exception? **No. The deadline for this change is a hard cutoff. I would recommend making your attempts as soon as you are eligible.**
2. What if I have ADA accommodation for the old exam? Will it automatically transfer, or do I need to reapply for the combined exam/second half? **If you have an ADA accommodation in place for the old exams, it will remain in effect for the new exam. Although, it is always a good idea to check in with the vendor to ensure your accommodations are in place before you test. Changes like this can sometimes create unforeseen problems.**
3. What happens if I fail the second section during the grace period? Do I get to retake it within that grace period, or do I immediately have to take the combined exam? **You will have the entirety of the grace period to try and pass the second exam even if that requires multiple attempts.**
4. Is there a specific person, department, or team to contact for complex individual scenarios that don't fit these general answers? **Yes. If you have any additional questions that we were not able to address in this FAQ sheet, please reach out to [DOPL Exams](#)**
5. Will the practical exam still be a requirement for licensing or does this new exam replace that? **The practical exam is a requirement of licensing. There are no plans to eliminate it.**