

POOL CONTRACTOR NOTIFICATION

2008 National Electrical Code (NEC2008) License Requirement for Pool Wiring Personnel and Pool Bonding Personnel

The 2008 National Electrical Code (NEC 2008), as adopted by Talbot County requires all electrical wiring and pool bonding be inspected by the local electrical inspection authority, Middle Department Inspection Agency (MDIA, 410-822-8300). In many cases pool bonding and pool wiring has been completed by unlicensed contractors and **has not been inspected**. All of the 2008 National Electrical Code will be enforced, effective September 1, 2010. A Limited Electrician's License (or higher) and electrical inspections will be required for pool bonding and pool service wiring done in Talbot County. In order to apply for electrical inspection the person doing the electrical work needs to hold an active Talbot County Limited (or higher) Electrical License.

To obtain a Limited Electrical License you may be able to reciprocate license from another county in Maryland. If you do not have a license in another county, you will be required to have two (2) or more years of experience in the field to test for the Limited Electrical License. Testing is held by the Talbot County Board of Electrical Examiners on a quarterly basis. Please contact the Office of Permits and Inspections for dates and information. The application for testing must be received one month in advance of the testing date to be approved to take the Limited test. Application may be accessed on the Office of Permits and Inspections website (www.talbotcountymd.gov) under Electrical Licenses. The test is an open book test on Section 680 of the 2008 National Electrical Code.

§56-10 Exceptions.

The following exceptions to §56-9 of this chapter (NEC 2008) are permissible:

- A. Electric light and power companies, railway companies, telephone companies, telegraph companies, or cable television companies, or persons employed or contracted to perform the electrical work of any such companies, when such work is part of the plant or services of such company.
- B. Employees engaged in maintenance and repair of electrical equipment on the premises of their employer.
- C. Any person doing electrical work in a single-family dwelling used exclusively for living purposes, provided that person is a bona fide owner and occupant of such dwelling for a period of six (6) months immediately following completion of the work, and said owner and occupant personally purchases and installs all equipment and materials in connection with the installation therewith, except that such work is not relieved of the inspections and approvals as required under §56-16 of this chapter.
- D. Employees of persons licensed to perform electrical work as master electrician, electrician general, or electrician limited, when engaged in the performance of their duties under the supervision of their employer.
- E. Employees or contractors engaged in the construction, reconstruction, maintenance, or repair of any state or federal installations.
- F. Anyone engaged in the installation of insertion (plug-in) devices or appliances which are designed for such insertion devices.