

DIVISION OF APPRENTICESHIP STANDARDS  
UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST  
FOR PROPOSED ACTION TO AMEND  
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8, CHAPTER 2, PART IV,  
SECTIONS 290.1, 291.1, 291.2, 291.3, 291.4, 291.5, 292.0, 293.0, and 295.0  
AND TO ADOPT SECTIONS 296.0, 296.1, 296.2, 296.3, and 296.4.

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The Legislature enacted Labor Code sections 3099 *et seq.* in 1999 to establish and validate minimum standards for the competency and training of electricians through a system of testing and certification. (Stats 1999, AB 931)

In a prior rulemaking, the Division of Apprenticeship Standards [“DAS,” or “Division”] adopted regulations to implement those sections. Tit. 8, California Code of Regulations, sections 290.0 *et seq.*

In 2001 and 2003, the Legislature enacted amendments and additions to the certification program, principally to render certification a mandatory requirement for the performance of electrical work within the scope of certification; to provide an alternative means of training through registration with the Division and a combination of one-on-one on-the-job training with classes under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education or the Chancellor of the Community Colleges; to establish a committee to establish curriculum standards for enrollees in the alternative training program; and, to provide that certain information and testing be made available in languages other than English. (Stats 2001, AB 1087; Stats 2003, SB 600; Stats 2003, AB 1719)

The Division is charged with issuing regulations to implement these changes. The instant rulemaking is proposed pursuant to that directive.