

## **11 NCAC 08 .1004            EQUIVALENT EXPERIENCE**

(a) The Board shall consider equivalent experience of applicants who do not meet the experience requirements of G.S. 143-151.51(5)a. Any one of the following descriptions of experience is considered sufficient to meet the equivalent experience requirements:

- (1) A bachelor of science degree from any engineering, architecture or building technology school and two years experience working in building design, construction, or inspection of building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems.
- (2) A two year Associate of Applied Science degree from a community college or technical school in building technology, civil engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, or architecture; and either four years of design experience in building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems, or four years experience as an employee who works under the direct supervision of a licensed general (residential or building) contractor and who supervises electrical, mechanical, and plumbing subcontractors.
- (3) Six years experience as an employee who works under the direct supervision of a licensed general contractor (residential or building) performing building construction and who supervises electrical, mechanical, and plumbing subcontractors.
- (4) Certification by the North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board as a Code Enforcement Official with Standard Level I (or higher) inspection certification in four areas: building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing.
- (5) Any combination of certification listed in Paragraph (a)(4) of this Rule and a license as an electrical contractor (limited or greater) issued by the N.C. Board of Electrical Examiners, or a license as a heating or cooling contractor (H1, H2, or H3), or a plumbing contractor issued by the N.C. Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating and Fire Sprinkler Contractors, resulting in either a certificate or a license in four areas in building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing contracting or inspections.

(b) Applicants may submit other experience in the design, installation, or inspection of buildings and electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems. The Board's Application Evaluation Committee shall consider such experience on a case-by-case basis.

(c) Successful completion of a home inspection course or training program, approved by the Board, is sufficient to meet the equivalent experience requirement for licensure. The applicant must provide to the Board certification from the home inspection course or training program demonstrating that the applicant has met all requirements of that program, including attendance, testing, and training as applicable. The home inspection course or training program shall consist of at least 120 hours of instruction. The Board shall approve a home inspection course or training program if such course or program provides adequate instruction to teach all skills and knowledge necessary to be a fully licensed home inspector in this State. The Board shall request any documentation or information needed to demonstrate that a home inspection course or training program meets such requirements.

*History Note:        Authority G.S. 143-151.49(a)(13); 143-151.51(5)b;  
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                              1996;  
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                              Eff. July 1, 1998;  
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                              Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9,  
                              2018.*