

ELECTRICAL CERTIFICATION UPDATE

In seven months, RE-CERTIFICATION will begin. Beginning January 2009, ALL electricians who have been certified will have to have their certification renewed. The month of the year that you were originally certified will be the month, in 2009, that you must re-certify. All electrical workers on the jobsite, covered under a C-10 contractor, must be certified in one of three ways: A certified electrician; a certified apprentice; or a certified trainee.

Trainees must re-enroll in classes each and every semester to maintain their status. A number of Trainees, at the San Diego Electrical Training Center, have failed to re-enroll in classes. When this happens, the Training Center sends a notice to the State of California that the Trainee is no longer in good standing. This can create a huge problem for the Contractor particularly on a "prevailing wage job". Prevailing wage jobs all have "compliance officers" who monitor the contract between the government entity and the contractors performing work on the job.

In a recent incident, in San Diego, a compliance officer asked the C-10 contractor for the certification numbers of all of its employees working on the site. The contractor had one or more employees who did not have their certification. The compliance officer notified the awarding agency and the agency refused payment to the contractor.

Do not put yourself and your employer in this situation. Sign up now for a class, or combination of classes, that will suffice for your 32 hours of continuing education required under the law. The San Diego Electrical Training Center is approved for those classes as a "certified educational provider" under the law. Upon completion of any class, we will provide you with a certificate that is acceptable to the State of California. A new series of classes that will provide you with the training you require will be starting soon. Go to our website www.positivelyelectric.org for updated information.