

Elevating Device Licensing

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Overview

Effective September 1, 2026, the Technical Safety Regulation under The Technical Safety Act will come into force.

Under the Regulation, individuals who perform regulated work on elevating devices will be required to hold a valid elevating device licence issued by Inspection and Technical Services (ITS), subject to the transition provisions described below.

Two licences have been established:

- A **Class A-Elevator Mechanic Licence**, which authorizes the assembly, construction, installation, maintenance, alteration, testing, and repair of a full range of elevating devices, including elevators, escalators, dumbwaiters, material lifts, moving walks, and accessibility lifts; and
- A **Class B-Accessibility Lift Mechanic Licence**, which authorizes work limited to accessibility lifts, such as platform lifts and stair lifts.

Transition Period

A transition period will be in effect from September 1, 2026 to September 1, 2031.

During this time, individuals who hold an Elevator Limited Specialized Electrician Licence (M-A licence) or a Journeyperson Electrician Licence with an HC or HI designation may continue to perform regulated work.

These individuals are not required to obtain a Class A or Class B licence immediately; however, they must obtain one by September 1, 2031 to continue performing this work. After that date, only individuals holding a valid Class A or Class B licence will be authorized to perform regulated work on elevating devices.

Applying for a Licence

Beginning September 1, 2026, individuals who meet the prescribed requirements may apply to ITS for a licence by email, mail, or in person.

Applicants must submit:

- a completed application form
- documentation demonstrating that they meet requirements as outlined in Table 1.

Table 1-Requirements for Licensing

Applicant Type	Class A-Elevator Mechanic	Class B-Accessibility Lift Mechanic
Transition Applicants (2026–2031)	- Existing M-A licence or Journeyperson Electrician Licence (HC/Hi) - successful completion of the Canadian Elevator Industry Education Program, or - a minimum of 9,000 hours of elevating industry experience supported by employer verification or statutory declaration	- Existing M-A licence or Journeyperson Electrician Licence (HC/Hi) - successful completion of a recognized accessibility technician program, or - a minimum of 3,600 hours of elevating industry experience supported by employer verification or statutory declaration
Post-Transition Applicants	- successfully completed the Canadian Elevator Industry Education Program, and - completed at least 7,200 hours of elevating industry experience.	- successfully completed the National Association of Elevator Contractors' Certified Accessibility Technician Program or an equivalent program, and - completed at least 3,600 hours of elevating industry experience.

Work experience must be relevant to regulated work on elevating devices, including installation, maintenance, alteration, testing, or repair.

Assessment and Fees

Upon receipt of an application, ITS will review the submitted documentation to verify qualifications, training, and relevant work experience.

The fee for an elevating device licence is \$160, which provides a licence valid for a four-year term.

Questions?

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