



Master Electrician (ME) Exam – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the cost of writing the Master Electrician (ME) Exam?

The ME Exam fee is \$164.00 + HST (\$185.32).

How can I apply for the Master Electrician (ME) Exam?

To apply for the Master Electrician (ME) Exam, visit the online [ESA Licensing Platform](#). A new account must be created to complete the exam registration process. To create a new account go to the online Licensing platform [here](#), and select “Sign In”, followed by “Sign up now.”

Once your ME Exam application is reviewed by the Exam Department and approved, you will receive a Registration Email confirming your enrollment, which will include the exam date, time, and location.

Where can I write the Master Electrician (ME) Exam?

Exams are offered in-person at various locations throughout the province. A current list of available exam dates and locations can be found on ESA’s ME Exam Schedule [here](#).

Please note that exam registration operates on a first-come, first-served basis, so we recommend securing your spot early.

Will the Master Electrician (ME) Exam be offered virtually again?

All ME Exams are in-person at this time.

Effective March 1, 2024, ESA paused virtual exams due to concerns about the integrity of the virtual format. Virtual exams remain paused until further notice.

ESA will explore options for reintroducing virtual exams, however there is no estimated timeline available at this time.

How long does it take for the Master Electrician (ME) Exam Application Form to be processed?

Processing times are dependent on volume of applications and space available in exams.

At minimum, ESA must receive your completed exam application fifteen (15) business days before the requested exam date. However, we suggest sending in your completed application at least **one month prior** to the date you wish to take the exam.

How will I find out if I passed the Master Electrician (ME) Exam?

You will receive your exam results by email within 15 business days of your exam date. Please do **not** call the office for results as they will not be given over the phone.

It is the applicant’s responsibility to make sure their email address is up to date.

If you have questions or concerns about your results, we encourage you to contact us as soon as possible. To ensure we can address your inquiry effectively, please raise it in writing within 30 days of receiving your results. Inquiries can be sent to masters.exam@electricalsafety.on.ca.

I need an interpreter. What do I do?

If you need an interpreter during the exam, you must request it at least fifteen (15) business days before your requested ME Exam date. To make the request, all documentation must be submitted to the [ESA Licensing Platform](#) at the time of ME Exam application. A private exam session will be arranged, and ESA will contact you by email to coordinate the exam date with you and your interpreter. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact masters.exam@electricalsafety.on.ca.

Can I reschedule or transfer to another exam?

When booking your Master Electrician (ME) Exam, it is important to select a date that you will be both available and prepared. Please be aware that exam transfers are limited, and exam fees are non-refundable, including those that have been invoiced and not paid.

Transfers or reschedules to other exam dates will only be allowed if two conditions are met:

1. **Emergency:** The transfer is due to an unexpected event that is not in your control; **and**
2. **Advance Notice:** You notify ESA at least fifteen (15) business days before your scheduled exam date.

If your transfer request meets **both** conditions, you may submit for a transfer through the [ESA Licensing Platform](#). Approved transfers will be charged a transfer fee of \$32.00 + HST (\$36.16).

If your transfer request does not meet both conditions, it will be denied. In such cases, you have two options:

1. Write the exam on your scheduled date
2. Cancel your exam

If you cancel:

- The full exam fee will be lost (no refund).
- You will need to submit a new exam application and pay the full fee again.

Important Notes:

- For transfer requests due to medical reasons, you will be asked to provide an official letter on office letterhead, signed by a licensed healthcare professional, confirming details.
- Additional documents may be requested to support other unexpected events.
- If you cancel with less than fifteen (15) business days' notice (e.g., due to no-show, illness, etc.), your transfer will be denied, and you will lose the full exam fee.

Is it possible to take a break during the exam without losing time?

Once the exam begins, the timer will start and cannot be stopped or paused. Applicants are encouraged not to take breaks during the exam. However, if you need to take a break, the timer will keep running. If you choose to take a break during the exam (e.g. to use the bathroom) you will not be given extra time to write the exam.

Who can I contact if I have concerns about the way my exam was administered?

Applicants are encouraged to contact ESA at masters.exam@electricalsafety.on.ca.

What is ESA Training Solutions' Pre-Master Electrician Course? Is it mandatory?

ESA Training Solutions' [Pre-Master Electrician Course](#) has been designed to expand the knowledge and skills of individuals who wish to obtain a Master Electrician (ME) Licence. Other training providers may also offer a similar course.

ESA Training Solutions' Pre-Master Electrician Course **is not mandatory for the Master Electrician Exam**. However, applicants that fail the Master Electrician Exam two (2) times are required to take a Pre-Master Electrician Course or other related course before rewriting the exam. For more information, see [here](#).

Note: Training is a non-regulatory service offered by the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA). Electrical safety and technical courses may be offered by other providers. View more information about ESA's non-regulatory activities [here](#).

If I pass the Master Electrician (ME) Exam, will I receive my ME Licence?

Passing the ME Exam does not result in a ME Licence automatically being issued. You must complete a Master Electrician (ME) Licence Application through the online the [ESA Licensing Platform](#) within 12 months of passing the ME Exam to be eligible for a ME Licence.

See all the ME Licence Requirements [here](#).

I want to obtain a Master Electrician (ME) Licence – What are the steps?

There are a number of steps and requirements for obtaining a ME licence:

1. Apply for and pass the ME Exam
2. Complete a Master Electrician (ME) Licence Application through the online [ESA Licensing Platform](#) within 12 months of passing the ME Exam
3. Be 18 years of age or older
4. At the time of the ME Licence Application, have at least 3 years work experience in the electrical trade:
 - a. As a journeyman electrician carrying out work under a valid Certificate of Qualification; or
 - b. Practicing the trade of electrician — construction and maintenance; electrician — domestic and rural or industrial electrician under a valid Certificate of Qualification;
 - c. Practicing the trade of powerline technician under a valid Certificate of Qualification;
 - d. Working for an electrical contractor as a licensed P.Eng. registered with the Professional Engineers Ontario; or
 - e. Working for an electrical contractor as a Certified Engineering Technologist or C.Tech registered with the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians & Technologists;

Important: If you do not meet the eligibility requirements for the ME Licence (for example, you don't have 3 years of work experience), you may want to wait to apply for the ME exam until you meet all the requirements.

Where can I find more information about being a Master Electrician?

- The “[Get Your Master Electrician Licence](#)” web page on ESA’s website
- The “[Guideline to the Duties and Responsibilities of Licensed Electrical Contractors \(LECs\) and Designated Master Electricians \(DMEs\)](#)” document on ESA’s website