

HOMEOWNER ELECTRICIAN'S TEST

The homeowner can take and pass an exam administered by the Inspection Service Division prior to allowing a homeowner to obtain an electrical permit for doing electrical wiring at their primary residence. This exam will be valid for two (2) years allowing the homeowner to apply for additional permits in that timeframe for their primary residence.

The electrician's exam allows homeowners (if passed) to install the following:

- Under an electrical permit: put in outlets, fixtures, limited wiring (such as wiring a hot water heater).

The homeowner cannot perform the following work:

- Swimming pools, saunas, or hot tubs
- Service equipment installations such as heavy-up, panel replacement, sub panels
- Replacement of SEC cable
- Overhead service mast replacements

Testing days

- Monday – Friday (**by appointment only**).

Testing times

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. No test will be administered after 4:00 p.m.

Please email permits@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8240 to discuss available days and times with staff. Once confirmed a confirmation email will be sent to you.

- We DO NOT recommend walk-ins to allow staff to adequately administer the test and assist other customers.

What is needed to take the test

- ID – should match the address you are taking the test for.

Please note the following:

- This is an open-book test. Staff will ask that cell phones and/or smartwatches be placed in a box until the test has been completed. Alternatively, these devices can be left in the car. Other personal items, such as laptops, book bags, etc., should also be left in the car.
- You will be given 45 minutes to complete the test.
- If you do pass the test, you will be able to apply for your electrical permit online via [Government Permitting Software - Land Management and More \(mygovernmentonline.org\)](https://mygovernmentonline.org)

- If do not pass the test, retesting can occur with 24 hours of taking test 1. If unsuccessful with both tests. Retesting can occur after 6 months.
- When change in ownership has recently occurred and the data is not accessible in the State's database. We can request the following:
 - a. Settlement papers indicating ownership
 - b. An affidavit indicating that the homeowner will be using this as their primary residence.
 - c. Copies of utility bills in their name

The above documentation must be provided 24-48 hours prior to taking the exam to all staff to review and approve documentation submitted. Please submit to permits@rockvillemd.gov. We will inform you within 24-48 hours if this documentation is acceptable and work with you on a testing time and date.

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