



# OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & BUDGET

## State Budget Office

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*State Fiscal Note for Bill Number:*

**2026-H 7146**

**Date of State Budget Office Approval:** Monday, March 23, 2026

**Date Requested:** Wednesday, February 11, 2026

**Date Due:** Saturday, February 21, 2026

<i>Impact on Expenditures</i>		<i>Impact on Revenues</i>	
FY 2026	\$0	FY 2026	\$0
FY 2027	\$0	FY 2027	(\$287,719)
FY 2028	\$0	FY 2028	(\$575,437)

**Explanation by State Budget Office:**

This bill would create a new class of retirement status license for retirees who have attained the age of 65 or older to renew their licenses at a reduced fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00).

**Summary of Facts and Assumptions:**

1. This bill would not take effect until January 1, 2027 and will therefore have no impact during FY 2026.
2. According to the Department of Labor and Training, as of 2/16/2026, there are a total of 4,998 licensed individuals who are 65 or older (See Appendix A for a breakdown by trade and occupation).
3. The Department of Labor and Training's Division of Professional Regulation has adopted an application and renewal fee schedule comprised of various rates for seven major categories of trades and occupations (See Appendix A). This note utilizes the highest current fees charged for each category of each trade and occupation and applies them to the amount of current licensed individuals who are 65 or older as of 2/16/2026.
3. This note assumes that half of all licensed individuals who would fall under the newly proposed retirement class will be subject to the \$20.00 renewal fee in a given year, as renewal fees are charged every two years.
4. Accordingly, the estimated annual general revenue loss in renewal fee collections is \$575,437 (see Appendix B).
5. Due to the bill's effective date occurring on January 1, 2027, this bill assumes half of the estimated annual general revenue loss in fee collections will occur in FY 2027, which is \$287,719. The estimated annual general revenue loss in FY 2028 will therefore be \$575,437 (See Appendix B).

**Comments on Sources of Funds:**

License renewal fees are deposited as general revenues and into the general fund.



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Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Based on the foregoing assumptions, the fiscal impact presented by the passage of this bill is as follows:

FY 2026 Revenues: No Impact, due to timing

FY 2027: (\$287,719) general revenues

FY 2028: (\$575,437) general revenues

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## Appendix A

# RI DLT Licensed Trades & Occupations

## Application and Renewal Fee Schedule

Source: ri.gov/Licensing • dlt.ri.gov | All licenses issued by RI Department of Labor & Training

### Notes on Fees:

- Most licenses also carry a \$6.00 processing fee (Elevator Mechanic: \$3.50) per renewal transaction.
- Initial application fees listed are exam/application fees. The license fee upon issuance equals the renewal fee unless otherwise noted.
- Renewal terms are 24 months unless noted. Late fee for most trades: \$12/month after expiration.
- Elevator Mechanic renews annually (12 months); late fee is \$24 with 4-month grace period.
- Burglar Alarm fees are per the statute (RIGL § 5-57) and ri.gov renewal portal.

## 1. Electricians

Authority: Board of Examiners of Electricians (RIGL § 5-6). Renewal term: 24 months.

License Type	Exam Fee	2-Yr Renewal Fee	Notes
Master Electrician (A)	\$75	\$240	—
Corporation Electrical Contractor (AC)	N/A	\$200	No exam required
Journeyman Electrician (B)	\$75	\$72	—
Limited Electrician / Manufacturers (C)	N/A	\$240	—
Limited Electrician / Non-Manufacturers (D)	N/A	\$240	—
Limited Maintenance Journeyman (M)	\$75	\$72	—
Master Oil Burner Electrician	\$75	\$240	—
Corporation Oil Burner Electrician (EC)	N/A	\$200	—
Journeyman Oil Burner Electrician	\$75	\$72	—
Master Fire Alarm Contractor (AF)	\$75	\$240	—
Corporation Fire Alarm (AFC)	N/A	\$200	—
Journeyman Fire Alarm Installer	\$75	\$72	—
Electric Sign Contractor (SCF)	\$75	\$240	—
Electric Sign Installer	\$75	\$72	—
Electric Sign Corporation	N/A	\$200	—

License Type	Exam Fee	2-Yr Renewal Fee	Notes
Apprentice (Oil Burner, Fire Alarm, Sign, Lightning)	N/A	\$20	No exam

## 2. Mechanicals — Pipefitters, Refrigeration, Sheet Metal & Fire Protection

Authority: Mechanical Board (RIGL § 5-20.5). Renewal term: 24 months.

License Type	Exam Fee	2-Yr Renewal Fee	Notes
Master Mechanical Contractor (MMA)	N/A	\$480	No exam required
Contractor Master — All Trades (CM)	\$75	\$240	—
Contractor Master — Pipefitter (CMP)	\$75	\$240	—
Contractor Master — Refrigeration (CMR)	\$75	\$240	—
Contractor Master — Sheet Metal (CMS)	\$75	\$240	—
Contractor Master — Fire Protection	\$75	\$240	—
Refrigeration Master Class I (RM1)	\$75	\$240	—
Refrigeration Master Class II (RM2)	\$75	\$96	—
Pipefitter Master Class I (PM1)	\$75	\$240	—
Pipefitter Master Class II (PM2)	\$75	\$96	—
Sheet Metal Master I (SM1)	\$75	\$240	—
Sheet Metal Master II (SM2)	\$75	\$96	—
PJF / Natural Gas Service Master II	\$75	\$240	—
PJF / Propane Gas Service Master II	\$75	\$240	—
Refrigeration Journeyman I	\$75	\$72	—
Refrigeration Journeyman II	\$75	\$60	—
Pipefitter Journeyman I	\$75	\$72	—
Pipefitter Journeyman II	\$75	\$60	—
Sheet Metal Journeyman I	\$75	\$72	—
Sheet Metal Journeyman II	\$75	\$60	—
Fire Protection Master	\$75	\$240	—
Fire Protection Journeyman	\$75	\$72	—
Fire Suppression (Limited)	\$75	\$60	—

License Type	Exam Fee	2-Yr Renewal Fee	Notes
Gas Serviceman — Natural Gas (Limited)	\$75	\$144	—
Gas Serviceman — Propane Gas (Limited)	\$75	\$144	—
Oil Burner Serviceman (Limited)	\$75	\$144	—
Decorative Heating Appliances (Limited II)	\$75	\$60	—
Synthetic Exhaust Ducting (Limited II)	\$75	\$60	—
Welding (Limited)	\$75	\$60	—
Gas Station (Limited)	\$75	\$60	—

### 3. Plumbers, Irrigators & Water Filtration

Authority: Board of Examiners of Plumbers (RIGL § 5-20). Renewal term: 24 months.

License Type	Exam Fee	2-Yr Renewal Fee	Notes
Contract Master Plumber	\$75	\$240	—
Master Plumber	\$75	\$240	—
Journeyman Plumber	\$75	\$72	—
Master Irrigator	\$75	\$240	—
Journeyman Irrigator	\$75	\$72	—
Master Water Filtration	\$75	\$240	—
Journeyman Water Filtration	\$75	\$72	—

### 4. Hoisting & Excavation Engineers

Authority: Board of Examiners of Hoisting Engineers (RIGL § 28-26). Renewal term: 24 months.

License Type	Exam Fee	2-Yr Renewal Fee	Notes
Full License (all hoisting & excavating)	\$75	\$96	Requires valid RI Hoisting License 2+ yrs for Full
Lattice Crane	\$75	\$84	DOT Health Card required
Hydraulic Cranes	\$75	\$84	DOT Health Card required
Aerial Lift (Regular)	\$75	\$84	—

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License Type	Exam Fee	2-Yr Renewal Fee	Notes
Overhead Electric Crane	\$75	\$84	—
Conveyor Belt	\$75	\$84	—
Concrete Pump / Screeding Equipment	\$75	\$84	—
Construction Forklift / Telehandler	\$75	\$84	OSHA forklift certificate required
Excavating Equipment	\$75	\$72	—
Drilling Rig	\$75	\$72	—
Operator Trainee License	N/A	See application	Must work under licensed engineer

## 5. Telecommunications

Authority: Board of Examination and Licensing of Telecommunications System Contractors, Technicians, and Installers (RIGL § 5-65). Renewal term: 24 months.

License Type	Exam Fee	2-Yr Renewal Fee	Notes
System Contractor	\$75	\$240	—
System Technician	\$75	\$144	—
System Limited Installer	\$75	\$72	—
Corporation	N/A	\$240	—

## 6. Burglar & Hold-Up Alarm

Authority: Licensing Authority at DLT Division of Professional Regulation (RIGL § 5-57). Renewal term: 24 months.

License Type	Initial Application Fee	2-Yr Renewal Fee	Notes
Alarm Agent (Individual)	\$30	\$15	Includes CHR (\$35 to AG's Office separate). Duplicate ID card: \$5
Alarm Business	\$425	\$350	\$50 non-refundable admin fee + \$100/yr license fee. Bond: \$10,000 required. Duplicate license: \$10

## 7. Elevator Mechanic

Source: [ri.gov/Licensing](http://ri.gov/Licensing) and [dlt.ri.gov](http://dlt.ri.gov) — All fees are 2-year (24-month) renewal amounts unless noted. Plus \$6.00 processing fee where applicable.

Authority: DLT Occupational Safety Division — Elevator Inspection Licensing (RIGL § 28-29). Renewal term: 12 months (annual).

License Type	Exam Fee	Annual Renewal Fee	Notes
Elevator Mechanic	See application	\$78	Annual (not 2-yr). Late fee: \$24. Grace period: 4 months.
Elevator Service Company	N/A	See portal	Processing fee: \$3.50 (not \$6.00)

### Summary: Standard Exam Fee & Common Renewal Tiers

The table below summarizes the most common fee tiers across DLT-licensed trades for quick reference.

Fee Category	Amount	Applies To
Standard exam/application fee	\$75	Most trades requiring a written or practical exam
Master / Contractor license (2 yr)	\$240	Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Telecom masters
Corporation license (2 yr)	\$200	Electrical corporations; \$240 for Telecom/Mechanical
Journeyman / Installer (2 yr)	\$72	Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing journeymen
Journeyman II / Limited (2 yr)	\$60	Mechanical Class II and Limited licenses
Gas Serviceman / Oil Burner Serviceman (2 yr)	\$144	Propane, natural gas, oil burner service limited licenses
Hoisting — Full License (2 yr)	\$96	Unrestricted hoisting license
Hoisting — Crane / Lift types (2 yr)	\$84	Lattice, hydraulic, aerial lift, overhead crane, etc.
Hoisting — Excavating / Drill (2 yr)	\$72	Excavating equipment, drilling rig
Elevator Mechanic (annual)	\$78	Annual renewal (unique to elevator)
Burglar Alarm Agent (2 yr)	\$15	Individual alarm agent ID card renewal
Burglar Alarm Business (2 yr)	\$350	Alarm business license renewal
Master Mechanical Contractor (2 yr)	\$480	Umbrella mechanical contractor license
Processing fee (most trades)	+\$6.00	Added to all DLT renewal transactions (Elevator: +\$3.50)

Last verified: February 2026 | Sources: [ri.gov/Licensing](https://ri.gov/Licensing) renewal portal; [dlt.ri.gov](https://dlt.ri.gov), RIGL Title 5; DLT application instructions

**Appendix B**

<b>Trades &amp; Occupations</b>	<b>Number of Individuals</b>	<b>Current 2-Yr Renewal Fee*</b>	<b>\$ Collected (50% of individuals)</b>	<b>Proposed 2-yr Renewal Fee</b>	<b>\$ Collected (50% of individuals)</b>	<b>FY 2027 General Revenue Loss</b>
Electricians	1150	\$ 246.00	141,450.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ (129,950.00)
Electrical Corporations	78	\$ 206.00	8,034.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 780.00	\$ (7,254.00)
Mechanical	1131	\$ 486.00	274,833.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 11,310.00	\$ (263,523.00)
Sheet Metal	7	\$ 246.00	861.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 70.00	\$ (791.00)
Hoisting Unrestricted	1250	\$ 102.00	63,750.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ (51,250.00)
Hoisting Restricted	254	\$ 90.00	11,430.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 2,540.00	\$ (8,890.00)
Sprinkler	190	\$ 246.00	23,370.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ (21,470.00)
Telecommunications	301	\$ 246.00	37,023.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 3,010.00	\$ (34,013.00)
Plumbers	385	\$ 246.00	47,355.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 3,850.00	\$ (43,505.00)
Irrigators	42	\$ 246.00	5,166.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 420.00	\$ (4,746.00)
Water Filtration	2	\$ 246.00	246.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ (226.00)
Burglar Alarm Agents	150	\$ 21.00	1,575.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (75.00)
Burglar Alarm Companies	58	\$ 356.00	10,324.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 580.00	\$ (9,744.00)
<b>Total</b>	<b>4998</b>		<b>625,417.00</b>		<b>\$ 49,980.00</b>	<b>\$ (575,437.00)</b>

\*Includes \$6.00 Processing fee.

Data on Individuals provided by the RI Department of Labor and Training.