



## 2026 Electrical Commercial-Industrial Competition FACT SHEET

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### Specific Competition Eligibility

The electrical competition has no competition-specific eligibility requirements. Please refer to overall eligibility requirements listed in the guidebook.

### Special Competition Announcement

The conduit-bending portion of the electrical practical performance test will be conducted on Tuesday, March 18, 2026, from 2-4 p.m. during the competitor practical performance test site orientation. **All tools to complete this portion of the exam will be provided. Competitors will be required to wear hard hats, safety glasses and gloves provided by ABC. Competitors must bring their boots and prescription eyewear to the lunch orientation, which must be worn during the conduit-bending. There will not be time to return to their hotel rooms to get these items between lunch and the site orientation.**

### Online Exam

Competitors will have one (1) hour to complete the 50-question exam. Every competitor should thoroughly understand the craft in which he/she is registered. All exams/tests are based on the standardized craft training process. In addition to the knowledge and skills required for each competition, all competitors should have completed the NCCER Core Curriculum modules. All competitors must sit for the exam or face disqualification from the NCC. The written exam makes up 25% of one's overall competition score. ABC will provide pencils, scratch paper, and a calculator for mathematical problems (if necessary). Scientific/graphing calculators and loose notes are prohibited. **No reference materials are permitted** except for the 2020 NEC Code book and the Pipefitter's Blue Book. All reference materials are subject to inspection. *Please refer to the 2026 NCC Guidebook for more details.*

### Practical Performance Test Description

Each competitor, over a two-day period, will perform three tasks utilizing knowledge and skills applicable to conduit bending (work boots or shoes must be worn during all tasks), and tasks utilizing knowledge and skills applicable to commercial and industrial construction.

### Knowledge and Skills Required

#### Electrical Task: Commercial Construction

The competitor will be issued a drawing and a bill of materials. Working on an exposed stud wall, 6 feet, 6 inches by 4 feet, the competitor will be required to install a panel utilizing a 120 volt, three-wire power source. Using an electrical plan drawing, the competitor may mount boxes, install EMT conduit and MC cable, and install and wire switches, receptacles, lamp holders, and a motor for specific voltage. The installation will be tested for correct operation.

## **Knowledge and Skills Required**

### **Electrical Task: Industrial Construction**

The competitor will be issued a written scope of work and specification to design and construct a motor control circuit. Working on a plywood wall, 6 feet, 6 inches by 4 feet, the competitor will install an enclosure, motor starter, lamps, lamp holders, motor control devices, and motor termination. The competitor may install rigid metal conduit, flexible metal conduit, liquid tight flexible metal conduit, tray cable and electrical metallic tubing. Raceways will be bent, cut, threaded, connected and secured as appropriate. Circuit conductors will be installed, identified and terminated per the competitor's design drawings.

The knowledge and skills for this competition are based on the 2020 National Electrical Code® and all levels of the NCCER electrical curriculum 14 revisions with particular emphasis on the following modules:

- Electrical Safety
- Hand Bending
- Fasteners and Anchors
- Electrical Theory One
- Electrical Theory Two
- Electrical Test Equipment
- Introduction to National Electrical Code®
- Raceways, Boxes, and Fittings
- Conductors
- Introduction to Electrical Blueprints
- Wiring: Commercial and Industrial
- Alternating Current
- Motors: Theory and Application
- Grounding
- Conduit Bending
- Boxes and Fittings
- Conductor Installations
- Cable Tray
- Conductor Terminations and Splices
- Installation of Electric Services
- Circuit Breakers and Fuses
- Contactors and Relays
- Electric Lighting
- Calculations—Branch Feeders and Circuits
- Conductor Selection and Calculations
- Overcurrent Protection
- Raceway, Box, and Fitting Fill Requirements
- Wiring Devices
- Distribution Equipment
- Lamps, Ballasts and Components
- Motor Calculations
- Motor Maintenance, Part One
- Motor Controls
- Hazardous Locations
- Load Calculations—Feeders and Services
- Practical Applications of Lighting
- Standby and Emergency Systems
- Basic Electronic Theory
- Fire Alarm Systems
- Specialty Transformers
- Advanced Motor Controls
- HVAC Controls
- Heat Tracing and Freeze Protection
- Motor Maintenance, Part Two
- High-Voltage Terminations/Splices
- Advanced Electronic Theory
- Voice and Data Systems
- Busses and Networks
- Fiber Optics
- Programmable Logic Controllers
- Medical Systems
- Television and Antenna Systems
- Medium Voltage
- Power Quality
- Energy Management Systems
- Traffic Signals
- Sound and Signal Systems
- Process and Distributed Control Systems
- Advanced Test Equipment

## **Tools**

Each competitor will be provided with the needed tools. Listed below are examples of the tools provided by ABC. No other tools will be allowed.

- Medium and large screwdrivers, straight
- Medium Phillips screwdrivers
- Wire strippers
- VOM meter
- Channel locks
- Awl or center punch
- Claw hammer
- Utility knife
- 9-inch lineman pliers
- Diagonal-cutting pliers
- Roto stripper (MC cable)
- Keyhole saw
- EMT conduit reamer
- EMT benders
- Rigid bender
- Pencils, Sharpie marker
- Basic, non-programmable calculator
- 25-foot tape measure
- Hacksaw
- Torpedo level
- Tool pouch and belt
- Hard hat, gloves and safety glasses
- Half-inch conduit threader

**Review the safety scope for the following power tools:**

- Impact driver
- Pipe threading machine

### **Sample Score Sheet**

The following sample score sheet is provided to give competitors an example of the criteria that may be included in the practical performance test. **However, this score sheet is only a sample and not intended to act as a study guide in preparation or to imply specific criteria that will be judged during the actual practical performance test.**

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**ABC National Craft Championships**  
**Electrical Sample Score Sheet**

Judging Criteria	Competitor Identification Numbers				
	Maximum Points				
Use of materials					
Grounding					
Placement					
Follow prints/plans					
NEC					
Accuracy					
Terminations of conductors and cables					
Proper circuiting and device Makeup					
Trim out of devices and conductors					
Panel					
Devices					
Installation of devices					
Operation					
Sequence of work					
Care and use of tools					
Proper use of fasteners					
General					
Project disassembly					
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>160</b>				
Safety – housekeeping					
Use of hard hat					
Use of safety glasses					
Use of power tools					
Proper footwear					
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>40</b>				
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>200</b>				
Tie Breaker #1					
Tie Breaker #2					