

Labor Review

“Insight into the Alarm, Locksmith, and Fire Sprinkler Industry”

Advancement in Technology

-James Buck, Director Safety Standards & Licensing

Welcome back to Labor Review: An Insight to the Alarm, Locksmith and Fire Sprinkler Industry. I want to talk about a topic that has been on the burner since I joined the Oklahoma Department of Labor – Advancement in Technology.

With the evolution and development in new technologies continuing to deliver improvements in performance, efficiency and cost-effectiveness, the potential applications for these systems are expanding far beyond their traditional deployments. Network and software-based solutions have had significant impacts on the role of security systems, as well as other areas within the Alarm, Locksmith and Fire Sprinkler industry.

Enhanced features make it possible for dealers to provide their customers with advanced systems that improve security and contribute to operational goals while also fitting with the budget constraints that have become common among organizations of all types.

The advancement of these type of systems is exciting to watch, and it’s important to stay up to date on the newest developments.

There are a number of important benefits for the continued development of technology for both building owners and the end user:

- Enhanced Protection
- Ease of Use
- Operational and Cost Efficiency

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season.

Jim

Update on Exams

-Myron Jacobs, Occupational Licensure Supervisor

In the Special Meetings held in the month of September, study guides for Burglar Alarm and Commercial/Residential Fire Alarm, Closed Circuit Television, Electronic Access Control, Locksmith, and Nurse Call examinations were all reviewed. The Oklahoma Department of Labor (ODOL) has provided the recommended changes to the study guides that were obtained from these Special Meetings to CareerTech. The ODOL has received notice that reviewing test questions is the next step.

With the individuals involved throughout the process for updating the study guides, the ODOL has scheduled three meetings to review Salespersons examination test questions. These meetings will all be concluded by December 15th. The addition of new Salespersons exams is set to be in place by January 4, 2016. With the changes to these exams, the ODOL aspires to better the testing process for licensure across the board.

Calendar of Events

December 2015

ODOL Office Closed
December 24-25, 2015

January 2015

ODOL Office Closed
January 1, 2015

Committee Meeting

January 6, 2015

Oklahoma Department of Labor
South Conference Room
3017 N Stiles, Ste 100
Oklahoma City, OK 73105
9:00 a.m.

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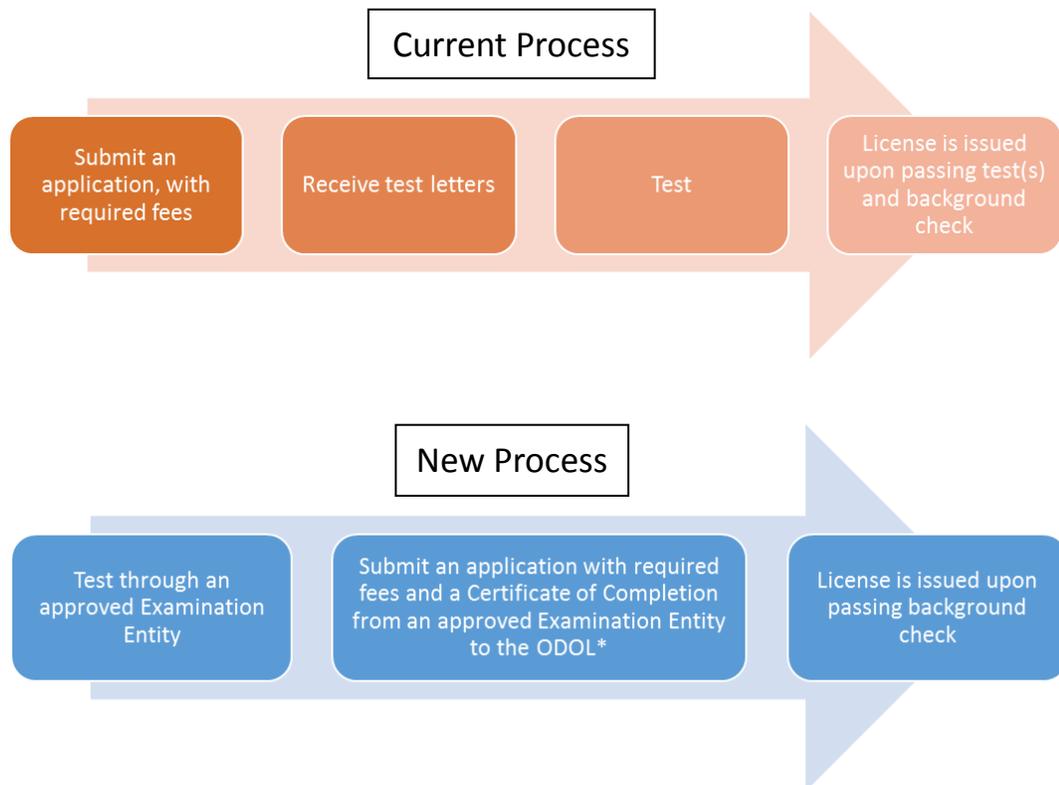
Multiple Pathways

-Myron Jacobs, Occupational Licensure Supervisor

The Oklahoma Department of Labor (ODOL) is ecstatic to announce that multiple pathways for licensure are being implemented and applications to become an Examination Site are currently being accepted. In order to become an Examination Entity, interested parties must submit the following documents to the ODOL; Examination Entity Application, Test questions with answers showing how each question aligns with approved standards, documentation noting how questions satisfy the number of questions required for each standard, dates and locations of offered courses, and proctors of exams.

The ODOL will establish a committee to review applications of Examination Entities. The dates and locations of offered exams of Examination Entities are being requested to ensure that tests are being administered by entities for audit purposes. When it comes to the Certificate of Completions, these will be valid for 1 year after the date of completion.

The following are flow charts for the current process in obtaining a license and how it will change when Examination Entities become a part of this process:



*A Certificate of Completion will be issued when an applicant passes an examination of an approved Examination Entity. This Certificate of Completion can be used in place of testing at one of Career Tech's Examination sites in Oklahoma. Individuals considering applying for a Manager's license need to ensure they meet the qualifications for licensure. If an applicant passes the Manager's Examination but does not meet the licensure qualifications, the ODOL will not issue a license.

These changes are expected to take effect on January 11, 2016. If you have any questions concerning the application for Examination Entities, which can be found on labor.ok.gov, please contact the ODOL Licensure Division at (405) 521-6100.

Compliance Activity in Your State

-Ian Pleasant, Alarm, Locksmith, and Fire Sprinkler Program Manager

Throughout this page you can review statistics containing monthly data and activities within the State of Oklahoma.

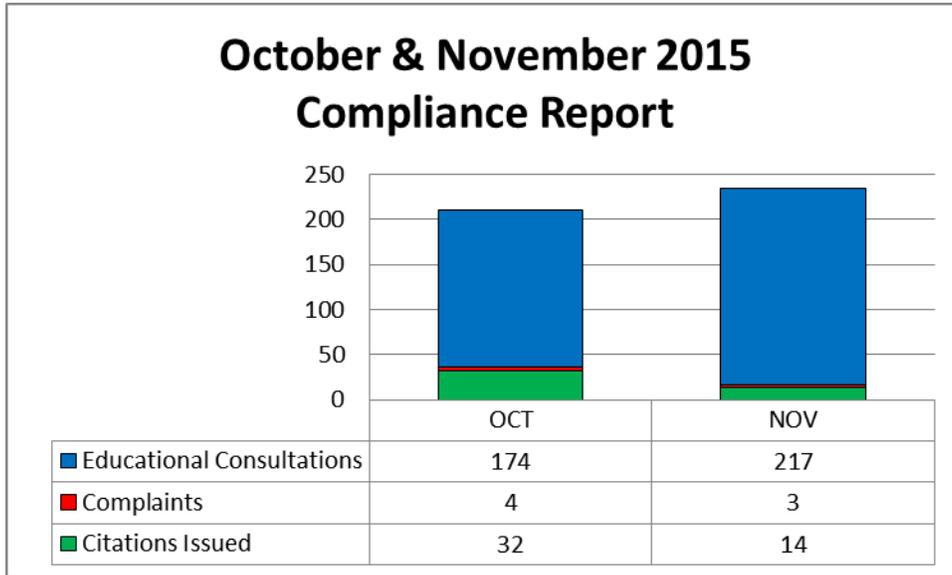


Figure 1. Data from the month of October and November

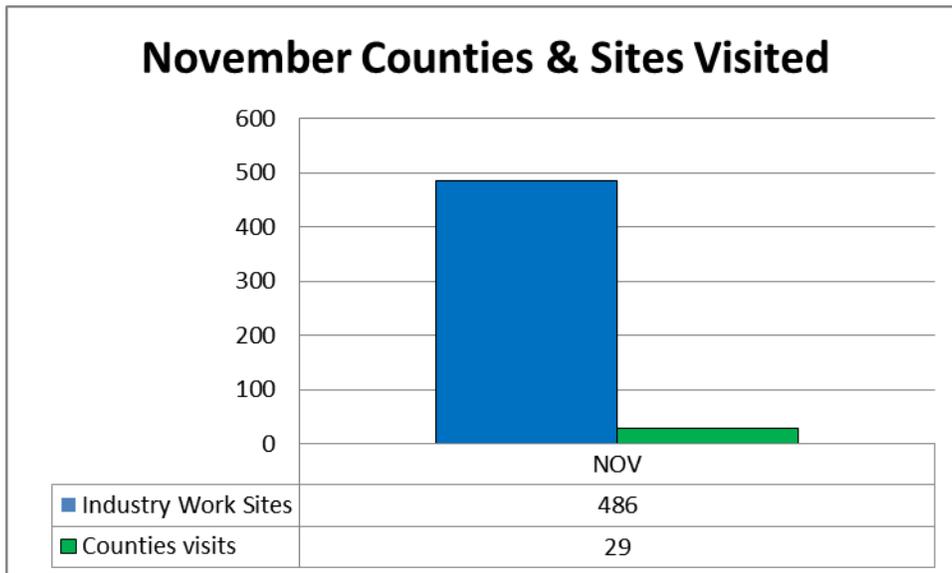


Figure 2. Site and counties visited data from the month of November

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Please go online and file your compliant today so we can help you!

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