Elevator Technicians and Helpers are Required to be Licensed to Perform Elevator Work

Since January 1, 2022, the New York State Elevator Safety Act requires both a New York City and New York State License to perform elevator work. Two Elevator Agency Technician Licenses and an Elevator Agency Helper Registration Card are available to qualified applicants.

DOB Inspectors will be checking that all elevator workers have the appropriate Elevator Agency Technician License or Helper Registration Card. Failure to show the required license or Registration Card will result in the issuance of a summons to the permit holder.

In addition to the issuance of a summons for unlicensed work, if the purpose of the inspection is to determine compliance with elevator work performed, the elevator will not pass inspection until such time as the elevator workers are appropriately licensed.

For elevator workers who are licensed as Elevator Mechanics by New York State but do not possess the appropriate New York City Technician License, the resulting summons can be resolved in forty days without penalty by first obtaining the appropriate Technician License and submitting a Certificate of Correction to DOB with a copy of the Technician License.

Read the November 2021 Service Notice for additional information on elevator license requirements. See the Obtain an Elevator Agency Technician or Restricted Technician License page for how to apply for a license.