

## **Eastern States Installation Program Kickoff Call, 12/01/15**

### **Questions and Answers**

**1. If I'm licensed in 3 other states, do I still have to get this license?**

Yes. You must hold a HUD-issued Manufactured Home Installer License in order to install manufactured homes in any HUD-Administered states or territories. You only need one (1) HUD license to work in all 13 HUD-Administered states.

**2. Is there a charge by a third party HUD inspector, and if so, is it the same fee throughout all states?**

HUD has published minimum qualifications for installation inspectors but does not provide inspectors nor set compensation for inspectors. Third party inspectors can be used, provided the individual meets the requirements outlined in 3286.511. However, check with your local authority having jurisdiction first and if the local inspector is not available or unwilling to do manufactured home inspection, a qualified third party inspector will be required.

HUD does not control the cost for third party inspectors. There are fees charged directly by third party inspectors and the fees vary by provider and location. To facilitate the search for a third party inspectors, SEBA maintains a list of qualified inspectors on its website ([www.manufacturedhousinginstallation.com/installation](http://www.manufacturedhousinginstallation.com/installation)) including information on costs and coverage areas, as provided by the third party inspectors. Listing in this directory is voluntary and therefore, additional inspectors that meet qualification requirements may be available in your area.

**3. Is there any waiver available for the 1,800 hour installation experience requirement? What kinds of college programs are accepted?**

A waiver can be requested if you hold an installer's license(s) from a state with a qualified installation program.

Acceptable college programs and coursework include anything related to construction or engineering. If you are unsure whether your classes qualify, please reach out to SEBA and provide a copy of your transcript and resume and SEBA will provide feedback.

**4. What would be required to obtain a 1 year delay implementing this program while we advocate for a state program?**

HUD will not delay the implementation of the program. The dates have been published in the Federal Register and will no longer be changed. However, should your state proceed to submit and be approved as a qualifying state program in the future, a transition plan will be put into place upon consultation and coordination with the state entity having authority for the program.

**5. Will all local building authorities be made aware of HUD's new rules regarding licenses?**

SEBA and HUD are reaching out to localities on an ongoing basis to inform as many program stakeholders as possible in a proactive manner. However, there are tens of thousands of local jurisdictions and HUD needs your assistance to effectively implement a uniform program in all 13 HUD-administered states. Please refer any local building authority to SEBA if they are not aware of the HUD-administered installation program enforced in the state.

**6. Is the local/state training for inspectors supplied to the local inspectors of a jurisdiction?**

SEBA has partnered with Manufactured Housing Educational Institute (MHEI) to ensure there is qualified training program available to installers and inspectors, including local jurisdiction inspectors. In addition, local inspectors can participate in any of the federally approved installer training programs to gain a better understanding of the installation of manufactured homes. For more information on MHEI's courses, please visit [installation.myicourse.com](http://installation.myicourse.com).

**7. Can I now apply for a license since I have passed George Porter's class in NJ?**

Yes. Please visit <http://www.manufacturedhousinginstallation.com/installers> for information on the application process. We encourage people to apply early to make sure that they are prepared for the deadlines.