

December 28, 2021

Brother and Sisters:

As you are aware, beginning January 1, 2022, elevator work in New York City may only be performed by authorized individuals and the Department of Buildings (DOB) has begun issuing new Elevator Agency Technician licenses and Elevator Agency Helper registrations to qualified individuals.

The New York City licenses are in addition to the New York State Elevator Mechanic License (which must be obtained prior to applying to be an Elevator Technician). **A state license is not required to be an Elevator Agency Helper.**

Brother Halpin and I have been in contact with both the city and state throughout the month of December. In these meetings we have addressed the many issues that we are having with the application process to obtain a New York City license. We just received word that the New York City DOB will present a webinar tomorrow evening. We realize this is very short notice but if you have questions, please try to attend. Details are as follows:

Demo and Q&A Session

There will be a demo of the application process and licensing staff will be available to answer questions.

Wednesday, December 29 at 6:00pm

WebEx Link: <https://nycdob-events.webex.com/nycdob-events/onstage/g.php?MTID=e71444318027db167befd81f1559a9960>

Phone/Listen Only: 1-646-992-2010, Event number: 2631 293 6812, Password: 3621

Online Materials:

See the following webpages for more information:

- [Obtain an Elevator Agency Technician or Restricted Technician License](#)
- [Obtain an Elevator Agency Helper Card](#)

List of Already Approved Licensees:

To view which applicants have already been approved as Elevator Technicians or Helpers, go to www.nyc.gov/dobnow and select **Licensees Search** from the main page (log in not required). Search can be done by Last Name or Business Name.

Finally, I want to provide you with another update as of 12/27/2021:

- 1,505 Technician applicants have started the application process. Of those, 688 (46%) are in pre-filing status meaning they have not completed their application and our review has not started. 487 Technician Licenses have been issued.
- 775 Helper applicants have started the application process. Of those, 374 (48%) are in pre-filing status meaning they have not completed their application and our review has not started. 216 Helper Cards have been issued.

We are keenly aware of the level of frustration everyone has had in applying for the DOB license. Please try to attend the webinar if you are still having issues. Also bear in mind, the entire industry will be on this informational meeting.

Stay Interested, Involved, and Informed,

Lenny