

**Opinion No. 45-4701**

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{\*55} We have your letter of April 25, 1945 wherein you request an opinion of this office concerning whether the electrical administrative board has the power, under Sections 4 and 8 of the Electrical Code, to issue certain classifications of electrical contractors licenses to applicants who may qualify, in different branches of the electrical industry.

In connection with Section 4 of the Act, which is Section 51-2204 of the New Mexico 1941 Compilation, it is noted that the board is given the power to make rules and regulations in connection with certain matters, but not in connection with the classification of licenses. While the board is given power to examine, determine the qualifications of applicants for an electrical contractors license, they are given no authority to do otherwise than to grant or refuse an electrical contractors license.

Section 8 to which you refer, which is Section 51-2208 of the 1941 Compilation, merely pertains to an electrical contractors license and is a prohibition against engaging in electrical contracting without an electrical contractors license. No other provision of this act indicates an intention of granting the board the power to do other than to issue or refuse to issue under certain circumstances an electrical contractors license to the applicant.

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