

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
ELEVATOR SAFETY RULES  
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 490-2-1  
GENERAL PROVISIONS

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**490-2-1-.01**     **Purpose Of The Rules.**    The purpose of this subchapter is to assure that elevators and other automated conveyances are correctly and safely installed and operated within the state by authorizing and enforcing rules for the design, installation, operation and maintenance of automated people conveyances, and by licensing mechanics and inspectors who work on these conveyances.

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**490-2-1-.02**     **Authority And Definitions.**    These rules are adopted under the authority of Code of Ala. 1975, (2003 supp.) §25-13-1 et seq. For the purposes of these rules all definitions shall be the same as Section 25-13-2 of the Elevator Safety Act:

(1)           ADMINISTRATOR. The State Commissioner of the Department of Labor or his or her designee.

(2)           ASCE 21. American Society of Civil Engineers Automated People Mover Standards.

(3)           ASME A17.1. The Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators, an American National Standard.

(4) ASME A17.3. The Safety Code for Existing Elevators and Escalators, an American National Standard.

(5) ASME A18.1. The Safety Standard for Platform Lifts and Stairway Chairlifts, an American National Standard.

(6) AUTOMATED PEOPLE MOVER. An installation as defined as an "automated people mover" in ASCE 21.

(7) BOARD. The Elevator Safety Review Board.

(8) CERTIFICATE OF OPERATION. A document issued by the administrator that indicates that the conveyance has had the required safety inspection and tests, and fees have been paid as set forth in this chapter.

(9) CERTIFICATE OF OPERATION; TEMPORARY. A document issued by the administrator which permits the temporary use of a non-complaint conveyance by the general public for a limited time while minor repairs are being completed.

(10) CONVEYANCE. Any elevator, dumbwaiter, escalator, moving sidewalk, platform lifts, stairway chairlifts, and automated people movers.

(11) DORMANT ELEVATOR, DUMBWAITER, or ESCALATOR. An installation placed out of service as specified in ASME A17.1 and ASME A18.1.

(12) ELEVATOR. An installation as defined as an "elevator" in ASME A17. 1.

(13) ELEVATOR CONTRACTOR. Any sole proprietor, firm, or corporation who possesses an elevator contractor's license in accordance with the provisions of Code of Ala. 1975, §25-13-7 or §25-13-8, and who is engaged in the business of erecting, constructing, installing, altering, servicing, repairing, or maintaining elevators or related conveyances covered by this chapter.

(14) ELEVATOR HELPER/APPRENTICE. Any person who works under the general direction of a licensed elevator mechanic. A license is not required.

(15) ELEVATOR INSPECTOR. Any person, as defined in ASME QEI as an inspector, who possesses an elevator inspector's license in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(16) ELEVATOR MECHANIC. Any person who possesses an elevator mechanic's license in accordance with the provisions of Code of Ala. 1975, §25-13-7 or §25-13-8 and who is engaged in erecting, constructing, installing, altering, servicing, repairing, or maintaining elevators or related conveyances covered by this chapter.

(17) ESCALATOR. An installation as defined as an "escalator" in ASME A17.1.

(18) EXISTING INSTALLATION. An installation as defined as an "installation, existing" in ASME A17.1

(19) LICENSE. A written license, duly issued by the administrator, authorizing a sole proprietor, firm, or company to carry on the business of erecting, constructing, installing, altering, servicing, repairing, or maintaining or performing inspections of elevators or related conveyances covered by this chapter.

(20) LICENSE, ELEVATOR CONTRACTOR'S. A license which is issued to an elevator contractor who has proven his or her qualifications and ability and has been authorized by the board to possess this type of license. It shall entitle the holder thereof to engage in the business of erecting, constructing, installing, altering, servicing, testing, repairing, or maintaining elevators or related conveyances covered by this chapter.

(21) LICENSE, ELEVATOR MECHANIC. A license which is issued to a person who has proven his or her qualifications and ability and has been authorized by the board to work on conveyance equipment. It shall entitle the holder thereof to install, construct, alter, service, repair, test, maintain, and perform electrical work on elevators or related conveyances covered by this chapter.

(22) LICENSE, LIMITED ELEVATOR MECHANIC. A license which is issued to a person who has proven his or her qualifications and ability, and has been authorized by the board to work on platform lifts and stairway chair lifts.

(23) LICENSE, INSPECTOR. A license which is issued to an ASME QEI or State certified elevator inspector who has proven his or her qualifications and ability and has been authorized by the board to possess this type of license. It shall entitle the

holder thereof to engage in the business of inspecting elevators or related conveyances covered by this chapter.

(24) LICENSE, LIMITED ELEVATOR CONTRACTOR'S. A license which is issued by the administrator, authorizing a sole proprietor, firm, or company who employs individuals to carry on a business of erecting, constructing, installing, altering, servicing, repairing, or maintaining platform lifts and stairway chairlifts within any building or structure, including, but not limited to, private residences.

(25) LICENSEE. An elevator mechanic, elevator contractor, elevator inspector, or elevator inspection agency.

(26) MATERIAL ALTERATION. An "alteration" as defined in the referenced standards.

(27) MOVING WALK OR SIDEWALK. An installation as defined as a "moving walk" in ASME A17.1.

(28) PRIVATE RESIDENCE. A separate dwelling or a separate apartment in a multiple dwelling which is occupied by members of a single-family unit.

(29) REPAIR. A "repair" as defined in the referenced standards and which does not require a permit.

(30) TEMPORALLY DORMANT ELEVATOR, DUMBWAITER, or ESCALATOR. An installation whose power supply has been disconnected by removing fuses and placing a padlock on the mainline disconnect switch in the "OFF" position. The car is parked and the hoist away doors are in the closed and latched position. A wire seal shall be installed on the mainline disconnect switch by a licensed elevator inspector. This installation shall not be used again until it has been put in safe running order and is in condition for use. Annual inspections shall continue for the duration of the temporally dormant status by a licensed elevator inspector. "Temporally dormant" status shall be renewable on an annual basis and shall not exceed a five-year period. The elevator inspector shall file a report with the chief elevator inspector describing the current conditions. The wire seal and padlock shall not be removed for any purpose without permission from the elevator inspector.

All other building transportation terms are as defined in the latest edition of ASME A17.1 and ASME A18.1.

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**490-2-1-.04** **Severability Clause.** In the event any part or provision of these rules is held to be illegal, this shall not have the effect of making void or illegal any of the other parts or provisions of these rules.

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