

The 5 NEC 2026 Changes Every Texas Electrician Should Know

A free one-page summary — the headline of what changed, so you know what to look into further before your next job or exam.

1. Continuous Loads Dropped to 80%

Branch circuits supplying continuous loads are now sized differently than a one-time or intermittent load. If your habit is sizing every circuit the same way regardless of how long the load runs, this is the first thing to unlearn.

2. EV Charging Stations Need Additional Bonding

New EV charger installations carry an added bonding requirement beyond a standard 240V circuit. If you've installed chargers the same way for years, confirm the current bonding requirement before your next one.

3. Three-Phase Motors Need Phase Monitoring

New 3-phase motor installations require phase-monitoring protection that wasn't previously mandatory. This is inexpensive hardware, but it's an easy line item to forget on a bid or a rough-in checklist.

4. Rooftop Solar Rapid Shutdown Got Stricter

Rapid-shutdown requirements for rooftop PV systems now apply closer to the array than they used to. Existing systems installed under the old rule may need a retrofit — worth checking on any solar service call, not just new installs.

5. Battery Storage Has Its Own Article Now

Battery energy storage systems are no longer treated as an extension of solar wiring — they're their own dedicated code section with their own interconnection requirements.

Want the Full Breakdown?

This one-pager is the headline. The full **Texas Journeyman 2026 Quick-Pass Cheat Sheet** (\$9) breaks down exactly how these changes show up on the exam, the four-step method for the calculation questions that trip up most candidates, and the specific wrong-answer traps to watch for.

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