

ELECTRON

Empowering Today's Electrical Workers

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1. Editorial

As reported in earlier issues of ELECTRON one of the initiatives in the Board five year strategic plan is to enhance the Board's On Line licencing function.

This will be the third year practising licences have been available on line and the service is progressively being used by more people.

This month will see the introduction of practicing licence applications and associated material being electronically sent to approximately 9,000 people for whom we have email addresses.

These people will not receive "hard copy" material. This is a continuation of the enhancement introduced last year when the material was sent to both mediums.

On behalf of the Board I would like to thank those people who support the practising licence requirements.

Following enquiries from those sitting exams in June and September these are the documents required for Board exams.

Electrical service technician A (19 June 2004, 18 September 2004)

- Electricity Act 1992
- Electricity Regulations 1997 or the Electricity Regulations Compilation 2003
- AS/NZS 3000:2000 (the edition that includes Amendments 1 and 2)
- AS/NZS 3760:2001.
- NZS 3019 (Int)
- AS 1939 Supplement 1-1990

Electrical service technician B (26 June 2004, 25 September 2004)

- Electricity Act 1992
- Electricity Regulations 1997 or the Electricity Regulations Compilation 2003
- AS/NZS 3000:2000 (the edition that includes Amendments 1 and 2)
- AS/NZS 3760:2001.
- NZS 3019 (Int)
- AS 1939 Supplement 1-1990
- ECP 34, ECP 54

Electrician regulations (26 June 2004)

- Electricity Act 1992

- Electricity Regulations 1997 or the Electricity Regulations Compilation 2003
- AS/NZS 3000:2000 (the edition that includes Amendments 1 and 2)
- AS/NZS 3001:2001
- AS/NZS 3760:2001.
- NZS 3019 (Int)
- NZECP 34, ECP 54
- AS 1939 Supplement 1-1990

Electrician Theory (19 June 2004)

It is not permitted to use any textbooks or reference material in the electricians' theory examination.

Electrical inspector written (20 November 2004)

- Electricity Act 1992
- Electricity Regulations 1997 or the Electricity Regulations Compilation 2003
- AS 1939 Supplement 1-1990
- AS/NZS 3000:2000, (the edition that includes Amendments 1 and 2)
- AS/NZS 3760:2001.
- NZS 3019 (Int)
- ECP 34, ECP 35, ECP 51, ECP 54

Note:

1. The Board will notify industry later in the year through Electron of the materials required for the November 2004 examination round.

2. In the June and September examination rounds answers:

(a) that incorporate the changes made in the Electricity Regulations Amendment 2003 (that came into force on 9 January 2004) and Amendment 3 to AS/NZS 3000:2000 will be accepted.

(b) that do not incorporate the changes made in the Electricity Regulations Amendment 2003 (that came into force on 9 January 2004) and Amendment 3 to AS/NZS 3000:2000 will be accepted.

John Sickels
Registrar

2. Practising Licence renewal

Yes, it's that time of the year when you will need to renew your practising licence for the 2004-2005 year.

Electrical workers with email addresses in the database have already received an email reminder and a link to facilitate online renewal.

Take advantage of this free service for the next year, make sure you include your email address on the application form when you return it with payment or you can simply go online and update your contact details using the file key at the top of your application form.

All electrical workers with files flagged as "practising licence required" who have not renewed their licences by August 2004 will fall into the "high risk" category for the audit programme.

3. Renew Online @ www.ewr.govt.nz

Congratulations to the 3,658 electrical workers who took advantage of this service.

To renew online you will need:

- A file key to access your record. Your file key is printed beneath the bar code located at the top right hand corner of the renewal form.
- Current safety training
- Visa, Mastercard or American Express for payment.

Once you have completed your online renewal, your practising licence card will be posted to you within 10 working days.

4. Site Safe

If you have successfully completed the Site Safe Passport course provided by ETCO, simply tick the Site Safe box and follow the onscreen prompts.

If you require assistance do not hesitate to call 0800 66 1000 during business hours and our client advisors will be happy to help.

5. Renewal by Post

Here are a few tips that will speed the progress of your practising licence renewal.

1. Make sure that safety training is current.

This is the most common reason for renewal delays. A letter will be sent advising you that your application will be held pending notification that the course(s) have been completed.

2. I do not require a practising licence.

Fill out Sections 2 and 10 and return your application in the Freepost envelope provided. If “working under an employer licence”, please give the employer name.

Once your practising licence renewal application has been approved, your card will be posted to you.

6. Site Safe Passport/Practising Licence Card

Details of those electrical workers who have successfully completed the Site Safe course provided by ETCO will be sent directly to the Electrical Workers Licensing Group. These details will be processed and entered into the electrical workers database file.

Once payment is received these electrical workers will receive a practising licence with a Site Safe logo on the back.

If you have any problems or feel that you have received the incorrect card, do not hesitate to phone 0800 66 1000 for assistance.