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This issue of ELECTRON contains information relevant to the 2008/09 practising licence re-licensing round. I encourage you to:

- (a) Attend refresher training courses early if your training expires before 30 June 2008 as this will delay you in renewing your practising licence.
- (b) Apply for your new licence early and take advantage of our online service at [www.ewr.govt.nz/renew](http://www.ewr.govt.nz/renew). You will be able to renew your licence online from the 13th of May 2008.

This issue of ELECTRON also contains details of the Board's agreement with Site Safe for the issue of combined practising licences/passports.

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# Availability of documents

To enhance the question of accessibility and transparency of documentation and decisions of the Board, readers are reminded that agendas for Board meetings are posted on the Board's website at [www.ewrb.govt.nz](http://www.ewrb.govt.nz) one week prior to any meeting. In addition meeting agendas and minutes are available from the Registrar on request. Discussion papers and complaint hearing decisions that are not subject to Board Publication Orders are also available from the Registrar on request.

## 2008/2009 Re-licensing

The 2008/2009 studlem annual re-licensing round will begin shortly. An information pack including the 2008/2009 application form will be sent to you during the last week of May to allow plenty of time for you to apply for your new Practising Licence. We encourage you to apply for your new licence online at [www.ewr.govt.nz/renew](http://www.ewr.govt.nz/renew) from 13 May 2008, details of how to do this will be included in your information pack and via e-mail if you have provided us with a current e-mail address.

Here are a few of the most commonly asked questions answered for your information.

### Why do I have to have a practising licence?

All registered electricians must hold a Practising Licence if they carry out prescribed electrical work for reward. This is a requirement of Section 95 of the Electricity Act 1992.

### What does this mean to me?

Most importantly, your valid Practising Licence tells your clients that you are a qualified electrical professional. It proves that you are legally allowed to carry out electrical work and that you are up to date on current safety procedures. Your practising licence is an important business tool. It gives the public (your clients) reassurance about your safety competency.

### What do I have to do?

Look out for your personalised Practising Licence pack from late May. This will be mailed to your latest address we have for you on the database. When you receive the pack either;

1. Apply online following the instructions outlined in your pack and make payment by credit card for \$92 or
2. Complete the personalised Practising Licence application enclosed, sign and return with your cheque or credit card payment for \$92.

### What if I am not doing prescribed electrical work for reward and don't need a practising licence?

If you do not need a Practising Licence please tell us by sending the form back to us with the relevant reasons.

### What about my safety training?

To be eligible for a Practising Licence, your refresher training for;

- Safe working practises
- Testing
- First aid and
- CPR

must be current. This requirement is detailed in Regulation 26 of the Electricity Regulations 1997.

## IMPORTANT NOTE

If you know that your safety training will expire before you apply to renew your licence – Update your training now!

Expired or incomplete training is the most common reason for Practising Licence applications to be held up. Courses for training fill quickly – "So beat the crowds and do it now"

The Safety Training Provider List can be accessed via

[http://www.ewrb.govt.nz/content/whatsnewdocs/Training\\_Providers.pdf](http://www.ewrb.govt.nz/content/whatsnewdocs/Training_Providers.pdf)

Also to assist below is listed the current Training Providers who have agreed to offer training in line with the Board's requirements.

# Training Providers

Current as at 08 April 2008

As advised previously, the Board believes it is a credit to the industry that training providers have voluntarily agreed to offer training in line with the Board's requirements and the Board congratulates those providers for making every effort to enhance the competency of the electrical industry.

The following list of people/organisations with a  beside their name have agreed to offer training in line with the Board's requirements. The people/organisations with a  beside their name provide CPR and Basic First Aid training.

## NORTH ISLAND

### Full North Island Coverage

- Electrical Training Company** Ph: 0800 275 3826 Fax: 09 527 6166
- M A Chopping Ltd** – Ph 09 524 2402 or 021 946 326
- Utilitech Training Centre** (*Line Mechanics only*) – Ph 0800 884 548 Fax 09 837 8143
- Ontrack** – (*rail industry only*) David Allen Email: dave.allen@ontrack.govt.nz
- Site Safe New Zealand** Ph: 04 499 2509

### Northland

- Northland Polytechnic** – Ian Swindells Ph: 09 430 5830
- A1 First Aid** – Ph: 0800 102 233

### Auckland

- UNITEC** – James Cannan Ph: 09 815 4321 x8737 – Fax 09 815 2907
- Appliance Industry Training Centre** – Gavin Bowden – Ph: 09 573 1964 or Fax 09 573 1967
- Chandler Consulting Limited** (Nick Chandler) – Ph/Fax: 09 832 2653 Mob: 021 770 278 Email: chandlerconsulting@xtra.co.nz
- Manukau Institute of Technology** – J Lamb Ph: 0800 111 030 or 09 968 8705 Fax 09 968 8703
- M A Chopping Ltd** – Ph: 09 524 2402 Fax: 09 524 2360 Mob: 021 946 326 Email: mac@chopping.co.nz
- NZEI** – Bob's Test Services 09 834 6590
- Firetech Training** – Wayne Philip - Ph: 09 448 0438
- G&D Enterprises** (G Tonks) – Ph: 0274 879 959
- MJK Consulting Ltd** – Mr M A Knuckey (*Limited to Line Mechanics Course only*) Mobile: 021 377 683 Email: mjk@paradise.net.nz
- Mr B Cavanagh** – Ph: 09 5701791 Email: wmmej.cavanagh@xtra.co.nz
- Mr R Proffit** – Ph: 09 299 9123 Fax: 09 299 9893 For On Line bookings go to www.electricalforum.co.nz
- Training Corp** – Ph: 09 832 2110
- Training NZ** – Roger McCall – Fax: 09 445 2664
- Shirville Training Company** (Neville Robertson) – Ph: 09 298 5452 or 021 024 23131

- Siemens Energy Services** (*Line Mechanics Only*) – 160 Bush Road, Albany, Auckland – Ph 09 919 5508 or Dave Edgar 027 583 1621.
- Mr Lyndsay Wyatt** – Ph: 021 660 0096 or 09 815 6343

### Hamilton

- Edge Ltd** – Martin Burrows – Ph: 027 447 3762 or 07 378 9355 Email: edge.ltd@clear.net.nz
- Electrical Safety Services** – Geoff Green – Ph: 07 855 1381 or 021 131 1094 Fax: 07 855 1382
- G&D Enterprises** (G Tonks) – Ph: 0274 879 959
- Vidtech Services (Cambridge)** – Brian Hobern – Ph: 07 827 5311 or 027 290 9939 Email: brian@vidtech.co.nz
- Wintec – Dutch Glass** Ph: 07 834 8800 x8219 Email Dutch.Glass@wintec.ac.nz

### Hauraki/Thames/Coromandel

- Laurie Burns** – Te Aroha – Ph/fax: 07 884 8553 Email: laurie.burns@xtra.co.nz

### Tauranga/Rotorua/Bay of Plenty

- Allister McGregor** – Electrical Inspection and Services – Ph: 07 348 8220 or 0275 444 679 Email: amcg@xtra.co.nz
- Bay of Plenty Polytechnic** – Colin Gibson – Ph: 07 544 0920 x6618 Fax 07 544 2386
- Edge Ltd** – Martin Burrows – Ph: 027 447 3762 or 07 378 9355 Email: edge.ltd@clear.net.nz
- Mr John Turner** – Ph: 07 571 4335 Email: sparkiejohn@kol.co.nz

### Taupo

- Edge Ltd** – Martin Burrows – Ph: 027 447 3762 or 07 378 9355

### Gisborne/Hawkes Bay

- Edge Ltd** – Martin Burrows – Ph: 027 447 3762 or 07 378 9355 Email: edge.ltd@clear.net.nz

### Napier/Hastings

- Edge Ltd** – Martin Burrows – Ph: 027 447 3762 or 07 378 9355 Email: edge.ltd@clear.net.nz

- ☐ ♣ **Independent Electrical Inspections** – Noel Alderton – Ph: 06 844 3565 or 027 445 3375
- ☐ ♣ **Havelock North Electrical Consultancy** – Ross Talbot – Ph: 06 877 4799 or 027 455 3644 Fax: 06 877 7224
- ☐ ♣ **John Aikman Electrical** – Ph: 06 844 2353 or 027 271 0201 Email: jaikman@xtra.co.nz
- ☐ ♣ **Rex Yates** – Ph/Fax: 06 844 1328 Mobile: 027 443 5602 Email: rexyates@paradise.net
- ☐ **Technaserve Ltd** – Warren Harris – Ph: 0800 219 284 or 027 564 9284 Email: warren@technaserve.com
- ☐ **Tony Doyle**– Ph/Fax 06 835 7808 or Mobile 021 637 787

## New Plymouth

- ☐ ♣ **Allan West Electrical Solutions** – Ph 027 512 6210 AH 06 751 2621 Email: westmic@maxnet.co.nz
- ☐ ♣ **Edge Ltd** – Martin Burrows – Ph: 027 447 3762 or 07 378 9355 Email: edge.ltd@clear.net.nz
- ☐ ♣ **G-Tech Ind Ltd** – Athol Gibson Ph 06 278 7761 or 027 449 9290 Fax 06 278 7761
- ☐ **WITT** – Ph: 0800 948 846 Email: info@witt.ac.nz

## Hawera

- ☐ ♣ **Allan West Electrical Solutions** – Ph 027 512 6210 AH 06 751 2621
- ☐ ♣ **G-Tech Ltd** – Mr A Gibson – Ph/fax 06 278 7761 or 027 449 9290

## Palmerston North

- ☐ ♣ **Universal College of Learning** – Gavin Jack: Ph 06 952 7000 Email: G.Jack@ucol.ac.nz

## Wanganui

- ☐ ♣ **Allan West Electrical Solutions** – Ph 027 512 6210 AH 06 751 2621
- ☐ ♣ **Universal College of Learning**–Gavin Jack: Ph 06 952 7000 Email: G.Jack@ucol.ac.nz

## Levin/Horowhenua

- ☐ **Brian Boothroyd** – Ph 06 362 6305 Email: b.boothroyd@whitireia.ac.nz

## Wairarapa

- ☐ ♣ **Mike Johnson Training** – Ph: 04 384 9606, 06 357 2111 or 027 247 7859 Email: mrjohnson@xtra.co.nz

## Kapiti

- ☐ ♣ **Mike Johnson Training** – Ph: 04 384 9606, 06 357 2111 or 027 247 7859 Email: mrjohnson@xtra.co.nz

## Wellington

- ☐ ♣ **Edge Ltd** – Martin Burrows – Ph: 027 447 3762 or 07 378 9355 Email: edge.ltd@clear.net.nz

- ☐ ♣ **Hardie Electrical Ltd** – Ross E Hardie – Ph: 04 565 3384 Fax: 565 3392 Email: hardieelectrical@paradise.net.nz
- ☐ ♣ **Mike Johnson Training** – Ph: 04 384 9606, 06 357 2111 or 027 247 7859 Email: mrjohnson@xtra.co.nz
- ☐ ♣ **NZEI** – Alan Cuthbert – Ph: 04 562 7301
- ☐ ♣ **Weltec** – Tony Dellabarca – Ph: 04 920 2474
- ☐ **Brian Boothroyd** – Ph: 06 362 6305 Email: b.boothroyd@whitireia.ac.nz
- ☐ **Daniel Grove** – Ph: 04 389 8899 or 021 042 8585

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### Full South Island Coverage

- ☐ ♣ **Electrical Training Company** – Ph: 0800 275 382 Fax: 09 527 6166
- ☐ ♣ **Utilitech Training Centre** (*Line Mechanics only*) Ph 0800 884 548 Fax 09 837 8143
- ☐ ♣ **Ontrack** – (rail industry only) contact David Allen Email: dave.allen@ontrack.govt.nz
- ☐ ♣ **Site Safe New Zealand** Ph: 04 499 2509

## Nelson

- ☐ ♣ **Keith Aldren** – Ph: 03 547 0123 or 027 447 0865 Fax: 03 547 3777 Email: k.aelect@xtra.co.nz
- ☐ **HV Services** – Ross McCorkindale – Fax: 03 547 5487 Ph: 027 244 7633 Email: rossmccorkindale@clear.net.nz
- ☐ **Vircom EMS Nelson** – Aaron Hunter – Ph: 03 544 0072

## Blenheim

- ☐ **Wairau Power Services Ltd** – Richard Pagan – Ph: 03 578 4648 Fax: 03 578 4649

## Hokitika

- ☐ ♣ **Aerial Electric** – Bernie Lee – Ph/Fax: 03 755 6622 or 025 322 212

## Greymouth

- ☐ ♣ **Weltec** – Ph: 027 441 8673 or 03 732 4133

## Christchurch

- ☐ ♣ **SIT** – Brian Hargreaves – Ph: 03 341 1103 or 0800 867 883 Fax 03 341 110
- ☐ ♣ **CPIT** – Electrical Administration Dept – Ph: 03 940 6019

## Oamaru

- ☐ **Mr Peter Coughlan** – Ph: 03 434 5478 or 021 379 544 Timaru
- ☐ **Mr A Blee** – Ph: 027 474 4188 Email: info@etandc.net

## Timaru

☐ **Mr A Blee** – Ph: 027 474 4188 Email: info@etandc.net

## Dunedin

☐ **Delta Utility Services Ltd** – Tom Symister  
Ph: 03 479 6660 Fax: 03 474 9361 Mob: 0274 345 652  
Email: Tom.Symister@4delta.co.nz

☐ **Otago Polytechnic** – J Cleary Ph: 03 479 6065

## Central Otago

☐ **Mr A Blee** – Ph: 027 474 4188 Email: info@etandc.net

## Gore

☐ **Otago Power Services** – Phil Johnson Ph: 03 208 3900  
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☐ **Mr A Blee** – Ph: 027 474 4188 Email: info@etandc.net

# Agreement with Site Safe

*Issues 34 and 37 of ELECTRON contained details of a new agreement between Site Safe and the Board for the issuing of the Site Safe Passports and Board Practising Licences.*

Fundamentally the revised agreement is one where the safety refresher course associated with the agreement continues to integrate the Site Safe Passport and Board Practising Licence refresher course prescription requirements.

The electrical component of the revised safety refresher course associated with the agreement is based on the Board's electrician/electrical inspector practising licence refresher course prescription dated 26 February 2007.

The revised agreement enables Site Safe to appoint training providers to offer the safety refresher course associated with the agreement in accordance with Site Safe criteria and, from the electrical component of the course perspective, those trainers are required to meet the criteria set out in the Board's practising licence refresher course policy.

Any trainer who satisfies the Site Safe and Board criteria is entitled to offer the safety refresher course associated with the agreement.

The following is a list of trainers who offer the safety refresher course associated with the agreement.

Name	Location	Telephone number
• Billy Cavanagh	Auckland	09 570 1791 021 141 2024 or 021 159 3314
• Kerry Harris	Auckland	09 833 6717 021 722 493
• Neville Robertson	Auckland	09 298 5452 021 024 23131
All regions outside of Auckland: For all other Trainers throughout New Zealand, bookings are being run centrally through the Site Safe Wellington Office.	Contact Katrina Guy for all bookings	04 494 8330, or email kguy@sitesafe.org.nz

**Note:** For training in any area where a Trainer is not specifically based, Trainers are available to travel throughout the country to meet the course needs of the industry, though additional costs may apply.

## Approved Trainers

Site Safe has a number of Trainers approved to deliver the Electrical Passport. We are also looking for additional Trainers in key areas not currently covered if you:

- Have agreed to offer training in line with the EWRB's practicing licence refresher course prescriptions and policies
- Have an extensive practical knowledge in the construction industry
- Have a sound understanding of health and safety principles and practices pertaining to construction
- Are an outstanding communicator – able to work effectively with workers

And would like to express an interest in becoming a Trainer, please contact Chris Leach at Site Safe New Zealand by emailing [cleach@sitesafe.org.nz](mailto:cleach@sitesafe.org.nz)

As advised when the original Site Safe/Board agreement was announced in 2004, the progress made with the revised agreement clearly demonstrates that the private and public sectors can work together to improve safety.

The revised agreement continues to ensure that any duplication in training is removed and as such people wanting to be issued with a Passport/Practising licence will only be required to satisfactorily complete a safety refresher course conducted in accordance with Site Safe and Board criteria by one of the training providers listed above.

## Electrical Passport Course (also known as the "Joint Electrical Course")

The Electrical Passport course is 4.5 hours long and also incorporates an additional 1.5 hours for a First Aid/CPR refresher. As referenced above, that allows Trainees to achieve both sets of training in a combined course.

The combined course is one aspect of the Electrical Passport to which the working party that developed the course paid particular attention as it wished to ensure that time spent on the course was time spent efficiently.

Site Safe maintains the quality control of the course, which also carries the Site Safe's trademark course title – "the Passport".

While all other construction workers attending Site Safe Passport courses receive a photo identification card, registered electrical workers who have attended an Electrical Passport course will have a Site Safe logo printed on their practising licence when it is issued by the Board.

## Course costs

The Electrical Passport has a standard cost of \$100 (inclusive of GST) for Site Safe Members and \$130.00 (inclusive of GST) for Non Members. Trainees are required to purchase a pre-paid Training Voucher prior to a course being booked with a Trainer.

For pre-paid Voucher purchases you can either purchase on-line or over the phone at the following contact details:

**http:** [www.sitesafe.org.nz](http://www.sitesafe.org.nz)

**Phone:** (04) 499 2509

## Course Booking Contact details

For further information about the course, and to arrange training for locations outside the areas covered on the above list:

**Phone:** (04) 494 8330 – Katrina Guy

**Email:** [comments@sitesafe.org.nz](mailto:comments@sitesafe.org.nz)

**Website:** [www.sitesafe.org.nz](http://www.sitesafe.org.nz)

