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This issue of ELECTRON contains information on the outcome of the exercise the Board commenced in 2007 for the introduction of future categories of registration.

○ The Board has received one hundred and seventy one submissions during the consultation process on the future categories of registration and on behalf of the Board I would like to thank all those people for the time and effort put into the making of submissions.

Also, on behalf of the Board I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people in the industry who provide support for the Board's operations and I would like to wish everyone in the industry all the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

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# Proposed categories of registration

*The Board has released three discussion papers and provided details in ELECTRON on proposed categories of registration. A total of one hundred and seventy one submissions were received on the three papers.*

The Board has considered all submissions received and now intends to seek the approval of the Minister for Building and Construction to the following categories of registration for electrical workers:-

- (a) Electrical Inspector;
- (b) Electrician;
- (c) Electrical Engineer
- (d) Electrical Installer;
- (e) Electrical Service Technician;
- (f) Electrical Appliance Serviceperson (Endorsed to disconnect and reconnect);
- (g) Electrical Appliance Serviceperson;
- (h) Associated Tradesperson;
- (i) Line Mechanic;
- (j) Cable Jointer.

Several new categories of registration are proposed to better recognise the specialist skills required today in specific areas within the electrical industry.

- A new category of "Electrical Installer" recognises the particular skills and competencies required to install and service a range of specialist electrical systems.
- A group of new categories of registration delineates the different categories of electrical servicing work and the skills and competencies required for each category.
- A new category of "Associated Tradesperson" will enable Plumbers, Gasfitters and Plumbers/Gasfitters to carry out servicing work on electrical fittings associated with plumbing and gasfitting.
- There will now be only one category of registration for line mechanics. The supply industry will determine who should carry out different types of prescribed electrical work without the need for practitioners to acquire additional registration.
- A new category of "Cable Jointer" has been introduced to recognise the specialist skills required for cable jointing.

The Board is required to consult with interested parties on the content of a proposed Gazette Notice on the registration categories. Full details of the proposed categories of registration are now available for viewing on the Board's website at [www.e wrb.govt.nz/content/whatnewdocs/proposed-categories.pdf](http://www.e wrb.govt.nz/content/whatnewdocs/proposed-categories.pdf)

## Notes

1. Every person seeking registration in any of the categories of registration will be required as a prerequisite to have satisfactorily completed instruction in safe working practices, testing, basic first aid and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation as approved by the Board.
2. For the purposes of registration categories "Servicing" means any prescribed electrical work that involves the dismantling, repair, adjustment, reassembly and replacement of electrical fittings other than the installation of permanently wired conductors, of works or electrical installations intended for the generation, conversion, transformation, conveyance or control of electrical supplies".
3. References to the Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2009 are references to the Exposure Draft of the Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2009 released by the Associate Minister of Energy and Resources in September 2009. That exposure draft is available for viewing under "2009 Regulatory Review at <http://www.energysafety.govt.nz/upload/70004/Draft%20-%20Electricity%20Safety%20Regulations%202009.pdf>
4. As the Electricity (Safety) Regulations have not been introduced at the date of the paper, on the Board's web site any reference in that paper to those regulations may be amended when those regulations are formally passed into law.