

Policy

ELECTRICAL LICENSING BOARD

Training requirements for the restoration of an electrician's licence

Objective

The objective of this policy seeks to guide members of the Electrical Licensing Board (the Board) and departmental officers delegated by the Board, in making appropriate, consistent and legally valid decisions when restoring an electrician's licence.

Scope

This policy applies to all applications made for the restoration of an electrician's licence under regulation 56 and 22 of the Electricity (Licensing) Regulations 1991 (ELR).

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set out the training requirements established by the Board for the restoration of an electrician's licence under regulation 56 and 22 of the ELR.

Background

The Board may renew the registration of a licence on an application made no earlier than 90 days before and no later than 30 days after the date of expiry of the licence. Once the licence has expired for more than 30 days, it can no longer be renewed and is required to be restored.

Regulation 56(4) of the ELR prescribes that before restoring the name of a person to a register, the Board may require the person to satisfy the matters referred to in regulation 22.

Regulation 22(1) of the ELR prescribes that an electrical worker's licence endorsed as an electrician's licence shall not be issued to a person unless that person:

- (a) Has successfully completed –
 - a. an apprenticeship under the *Industrial Training Act 1975* approved by the Board for electricians before the repeal of that Act; or
 - b. a course or skills training programme approved by the Board for electricians and accredited by the Training Accreditation Council under the *Vocational Education and Training Act 1996* before the Training Legislation Amendment and Repeal Act 2008 Part 2 came into operation; or
 - c. an approved VET course defined in the *Vocational Education and Training Act 1996* section 5(1) that the Board determines is suitable for training electricians.

Further, Regulation 22(2) of the ELR prescribes that the Board shall not issue a licence to a person unless that person has passed such examinations or other kinds of assessment as are required or recognised by the Board in the kind of electrical work authorised by the licence to be carried out or has been exempted by the Board from the requirement to pass such examination or assessment.

Policy Principles and Implementation

This policy does not limit or inhibit the Board's discretion in taking a decision outside these principles, based on the individual circumstances of an applicant.

The training requirements for the restoration of an electrician's licence are dependent on how long a licence has been expired.

Expired up to two years

Where an electrician's licence has been expired for up to two years, no further training is required to restore the licence.

Expired more than two years and up to five years

Where an electrician's licence has been expired more than two years and up to five years, the applicant must:

- Hold a current equivalent licence from another Australian state or territory or New Zealand.
- OR**
- Provide evidence they have passed the three-hour Electrical Installing theory and four-hour Electrical Installing practical examinations.
- OR**
- Provide evidence they have passed the 52912WA Course in Electrical Trade Licensing, or the subsequent reaccredited version of this course.

Expired more than five years and up to 10 years

Where an electrician's licence has been expired more than five years and up to 10 years, the applicant must:

- Hold a current equivalent licence from another Australian state or territory or New Zealand.
- OR**
- Provide evidence they have passed the 52912WA Course in Electrical Trade Licensing, or the subsequent reaccredited version of this course.

Expired more than 10 years

Where an electrician's licence has been expired for more than 10 years, the applicant must:

- Hold a current equivalent licence from another Australian state or territory or New Zealand.
- OR**
- Provide a submission to the Board demonstrating a continuity of knowledge and experience as an electrician. This may include the following:
 - Evidence of completing a relevant apprenticeship;
 - Evidence of any related training or continuing professional development;
 - A written submission detailing the type and location of any electrical work carried out after the licence expired;
 - Evidence, if applicable, of an electrician's licence being held in another Australian state or territory or country; and/or

- Any other information the applicant finds relevant to demonstrate their ability to carry out electrical work.

If the Board is satisfied that the applicant has continuity of knowledge and/or experience in the industry, then the applicant must complete the more than five years and up to 10 years training.


The policy comes into operation on 1 July 2026.

Related Documents

Board policy: Requirements for failure to pass the theoretical and practical electrical installing examinations

Board policy: Requirements for failure to pass the 52912WA Course in Electrical Trade Licensing

Governance

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