

Policy

ELECTRICAL LICENSING BOARD

Training requirements for the issue of an electrician's training licence

Objective

The objective of this policy is 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 issuing an electrician's training licence.

Scope

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

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set out the training requirements established by the Board for the issue of an electrician's training licence under regulation 22(3) of the ELR.

Background

Regulation 22(3) of the ELR provides that a licence endorsed as an electrician's training licence shall not be issued to a person unless the Board is satisfied that that person has been assessed as satisfactory in relation to safety in the manner approved by the Board and –

- (a) has entered into an apprenticeship approved by the Board for electricians; or
- (b) has entered into a course of training for electricians approved by the Board or an authority approved by the Board.

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.

To meet the training requirements for an electrician's training licence an applicant is required to provide:

Pre-Apprentice Pathway

- A completed Apprentice Safety Assessment Report (not required if provided in support of previous pre-apprentice application); and
- Evidence of enrolling in the Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start) through a Board approved registered training organisation (RTO).

Western Australian Indentured Apprentice Pathway

- A completed Apprentice Safety Assessment Report (not required if provided in support of a previous pre-apprentice or indentured apprentice application); and
- Evidence of entering into an indentured apprenticeship and course of training through a Board approved RTO for one of the following:
 - Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician (achievable through the 'Electrical Mechanic' apprenticeship pathway);
 - Certificate III in Engineering - Electrical/Electronic Trade (achievable through the 'Engineering Tradesperson (Electrical)' apprenticeship pathway); or
 - Certificate III in Electrical Fitting (achievable through the 'Electrical Fitting' apprenticeship pathway).


Interstate Indentured Apprentice Pathway

- A completed Apprentice Safety Assessment Report (not required if provided in support of a previous indentured apprentice application);
- A statement on letterhead from the employer confirming the dates the electrical apprentice will be temporarily working in Western Australia; and
- Evidence of entering an indentured apprenticeship and/or course of training in another State or Territory of Australia for one of the following:
 - Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician.
 - Certificate III in Engineering - Electrical/Electronic Trade; or
 - Certificate III in Electrical Fitting.

Related Documents

Nil

Governance

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