



ELECTRICAL WORKERS REGISTRATION BOARD

LIMITED CERTIFICATES FOR TRAINEES

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Introduction

The Electricity Amendment Act 2006 (the Amendment Act) changes the status of trainees and establishes specific limited certificate provisions for the Board to authorise trainees to engage in prescribed electrical work.

In view of the new legislative provisions the Board has made a decision to issue limited certificates to trainees.

Limited Certificates

The Board has decided;

- (1) to issue limited certificates in accordance with section 77 of the Amendment Act and set terms and conditions for those certificates pursuant to section 78 of the Amendment Act; and
- (2) that the terms and conditions for the issuing of limited certificates be that the applicant must provide;
 - (i) evidence that the applicant is a trainee pursuant to the section 77(2) of the Amendment Act.

Note

A trainee is a person who is undergoing instruction or training in any class of prescribed electrical work for the purpose of obtaining registration as a registered person; and includes an apprentice who is working in the electricity industry.

(ii) evidence that the applicant has satisfactorily completed instruction in safe working practices, testing, basic first aid and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation as approved by the Board; or will complete such instruction within three months of the issue of any limited certificate; and

(iii) a statement from a person, who holds a current practising licence that authorises the person to supervise electrical work, which attests that the trainee will be supervised in accordance with the Supervision Procedures for Trainees issued by the Board and dated 31 March 2010.

(iv) an assurance that the applicant will work within the trainee limits as specified in regulation 93 of the Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010.

Note

Regulation 93 requires that any prescribed electrical work a trainee may do, or assist in doing, is any work that is within the particular

class of work for which the trainee is seeking registration, and that is within the scope of work that the trainee's supervisor is authorised to do.

(v) an assurance that examination(s)/practical assessment(s) relevant to the category of registration to which the applicant is aspiring will be attempted through the duration of any limited certificate that may be issued; and

- (3) that the duration for limited certificates be as shown in the following table;

| Registration category to which trainee aspiring | Duration of limited certificates |
|---|---|
| Electrician | 4 years |
| Electrical Engineer | 3 years |
| Electrical Installer | 2 years |
| Electrical Service Technician | 18 months |
| Electrical Appliance Serviceperson (Endorsed to disconnect and connect) | 18 months |
| Electrical Appliance Serviceperson | 18 months |
| Associated Tradesperson | 4 years |
| Line mechanic | 2 years |
| Cable Jointer | 2 years |

- (4) that any application for the renewal of a limited certificate be granted provided the trainee has satisfied the Board that every attempt has been made to fulfil the initial issuing requirements; and
- (5) that limited certificates would be subject to cancellation if the Board was satisfied that a trainee;
- (i) does not satisfy the definition of a trainee pursuant to the section 77(2) of the Act; or
 - (ii) did not complete the safety training which is specified in paragraph (2)(ii) above; or
 - (iii) has not complied with supervision instructions which are specified in paragraph (2)(iii) above; or
 - (iv) has repeatedly worked outside the limits of the certificate; and
- (6) that prior to making any decision in relation to the refusal to renew or cancel a limited certificate the Board would;
- (a) observe the rules of natural justice; and
 - (b) without limiting those rules, give the trainee –

- (i) notice of any matter that may give the Board cause to refuse to renew or cancel a limited certificate; and
- (ii) all information the Board will be considering in relation to the matter; and
- (iii) reasonable opportunity to make written submissions and be heard on the question, either personally or by the trainee's representative.



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