



## Information for Electrical Workers

This information is provided by the Board for the benefit of Electrical Workers, and gives brief details of the [Electrical Workers and Contractors Act](#) and Regulations of special importance to Electricians. The information is intended as a guide only, and the Act and Regulations should be consulted for full details. The legislation may be accessed on the Board's website: [www.electricallicensing.nt.gov.au](http://www.electricallicensing.nt.gov.au) or purchased from:

The NT Government Printing Office  
Telephone: (08) 8999 4031

Please note that an electrical worker's licence does not entitle you to perform work as an Electrical Contractor as a separate licence is required for this purpose. All work is required to be performed in accordance with the Wiring Rules AS3000 and Electricity By-laws.

### Definitions

**Electrical Mechanic** means a person who supervises or performs the actual electrical work of installing, altering or adding to an electric line or electrical installation and of maintaining, repairing or connecting an electrical article.

**Electrical Fitter** means a person who supervises or performs the actual electrical work, whether in a workshop or on site, of constructing, manufacturing, fitting, assembling, erecting, operating or repairing electrical articles.

**Electrical Cable Jointer** means a person who supervises or performs the actual electrical work of installing, jointing, and terminating covered cables, the performance of which requires specialised knowledge and skill.

**Electrical Linesman** means a person who supervises or performs the actual electrical work of constructing or maintaining overhead electric lines, including street lighting connected to overhead electric lines, where specialised knowledge and experience are required.

**Electrical Worker** means a person who, in pursuance of this Act, performs in whole or in part, electrical work specified in the definition of electrical cable jointer, electrical fitter, electrical linesman or electrical mechanic.

### Rights and duties of licence holders – Regulation 15

- (1) It is a condition of every licence that, subject to sub-section (2), the licence entitles the holder to carry out electrical work in the trade classification for which it is endorsed subject to conditions specified in the licence.
- (2) An electrical worker's licence does not entitle the holder to carry out electrical work unless it is carried out:
  - (a) otherwise than for a fee or reward;
  - (b) for the purpose of wiring his own or his employer's premises or capital equipment;  
or
  - (c) as an employee of the holder of an electrical contractor's licence.

#### Licensing Enquiries:

C/- NT BUILD  
32-33/12  
Charlton Court  
WOOLNER NT 0820

Postal Address:  
GPO Box 1680  
Darwin NT 0801

Telephone: (08) 8981 5435 or 8923 9307  
Facsimile: (08) 8923 9318  
Email: [electrical.licensing@nt.gov.au](mailto:electrical.licensing@nt.gov.au)  
Web: [www.electricallicensing.nt.gov.au](http://www.electricallicensing.nt.gov.au)

**Licence Lodgements:** In person at **Territory Business Centres** or Building Advisory Services Branch, Ground Floor, 38 Cavenagh Street, Darwin OR post to above.

## **Unlicensed work**

Section 53 provides that it is an offence for a person to supervise or perform electrical work, unless he is the holder of a licence or permit that authorises him to supervise that work, and he is acting under and in accordance with the terms of that licence or permit.

## **Restricted licences**

The holder of an A Grade Licence endorsed as an Electrical Fitter, Linesman or Cable Joints is permitted to perform electrical work, in accordance with the applicable definition. The holder of a Restricted Licence is allowed to perform electrical work, subject to such conditions not inconsistent with the Act or Regulations, that are endorsed on the licence or prescribed by the Regulations.

## **Contracting**

Only the holder of an NT A Grade Workers Licence endorsed as an Electrical Mechanic is eligible to be the holder of an Electrical Contractors Licence or the nominee for a Contractors Licence. Section 18 provides that where the holder of an electrical Workers Licence becomes a contractor, or the nominee for a contractor, his/her Workers Licence shall be endorsed to that effect by the Board. The Board requires that any proposed nominee to a Contractors Licence must give his/her consent in writing.

## **Supervision of apprentices**

Electrical workers who supervise apprentices should take note that Section 42B provides supervision requirements for an apprentice performing electrical work, at various stages of the apprenticeship. All registered apprentices will be issued with a Registration Certificate by the Board. The Certificate gives details of the supervision requirements, and at the time of registration, both the apprentice and the employer will be forwarded an information sheet containing full details of the requirements and the applicable definitions.

**Any change of Business or Postal Address should be notified to the Board.**