

Choosing an electrical tradesperson



Creating a safer state
with electricity and gas

Always use a registered electrical contractor to ensure your family's safety.

Any electrical work done by unqualified people could lead to death or serious injury.

ESV issues electrical registrations and licences so only properly trained and equipped tradespeople can undertake electrical work in Victoria.

If you are planning to have electrical installation or repair work done, you must engage a registered electrical contractor. They will arrange a licensed and qualified electrician to do the work to the required standards.

Before the electrician starts work, ask to see their licence

— it is your guarantee that they know what they are doing and provides you with avenues for recourse if something goes wrong. If they don't have a licence, arrange for another registered electrical contractor to undertake the work.

Examples of electrical workers' licences.



For more information on choosing an electrical tradesperson, including a list of registered electrical contractors, check www.esv.vic.gov.au or call **(03) 9203 9700**.

Certificate of Electrical Safety

Whenever a licensed electrician completes any electrical installation work, they must provide a Certificate of Electrical Safety (COES).

COES are only available from qualified electrical workers who are registered or licensed with ESV. As such, a certificate is an assurance that the work has been done by an appropriately qualified person and that it has been carried out in accordance with the high standards demanded by ESV.

Depending on the type of electrical work undertaken, the certificate will cost about \$30—a small price to pay for the safety of your family, friends and visitors to your home.

Prescribed Certificates

You will receive a Prescribed Certificate for all major electrical wiring work in all types of premises. In a domestic situation, this covers all work done on solar installations, wiring and equipment where the electrician has the distributor switch off the electricity. This generally means work on wires up to the switchboard and may include the wiring from the street to the house or building and the electricity meter.

All prescribed work must be inspected by an appropriately qualified inspector (this will be arranged by your electrical contractor).

Non-prescribed Certificates

You will receive a Non-prescribed Certificate for all minor electrical wiring work in all types of premises.

In a domestic situation, this covers all work done on wiring where the electrician can switch off the electricity at the switchboard. For example, installation or maintenance of safety switches, circuit breakers, power points, non-plugin electrical equipment or lighting points within the house.

Non-prescribed work does not require inspection. However, to ensure the compliance of work some certificates are inspected by ESV's contractors. The property owner's permission is always obtained prior to inspecting.

Who to contact if there are problems

If your electrical contractor does not show you their licence or does not issue you with a Certificate of Electrical Safety call **(03) 9203 9700** or email **info@esv.vic.gov.au**

For further information go to **www.esv.vic.gov.au** or phone ESV on **(03) 9203 9700**.

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