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Hi There,

I would like to propose a mandatory requirement to keep testing records (possible providing results to customers) to reinforce the requirement to understand testing and help other electricians investigate faults. This would go greatly toward ongoing knowledge improvement to everyday electricians, as I find there is a large knowledge gap regarding testing. I like the changes that you will be implementing to raise professional testing knowledge on renewal of the electrical licence but I fear it will be a rush to cram for the exam then forget until the next renewal, as this mentality is applied when they first obtain their licence.

I have worked with over 300 electricians in my 10+ years of work and have had to train all from scratch, 4-10 of this number were proficient enough but didn't apply it daily, with only approx 100 knowing how to use their tester but didn't understand the results they received, to the point of supplying their results with pride but the results were failed and electrical hazards, leaving the remainder to not own a tester with maybe an Insulation Resistance tester still in its box with only a fluke T5 or volt stick as their only means of testing.

I firmly believe the pressure of providing mandatory test results will help change the mentality and highlight those who don't comply with the testing requirement.

Also on another note if we abolish the requirement for business training for an REC can we have a mandatory requirement to prove they are still insured (Public Liability) when they apply for a renewal? With possibly a Calibration receipt/results for their mandatory testers?

Possibly having the calibration company report to ESV the company and testers are compliant to help ease the burden of information gathering by ESV.

I hope you keep a mandatory understanding requirement of the Safety Act and an REC's responsibility to the public and staff for new REC's.

I believe the new regulation is a step in the right direction but would like it to have ongoing reinforcement in the electrician's daily life. I hope this is considered for the safety of the general public.

kind regards,

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