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**OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT, 1993  
(as amended)  
REGISTRATION AS A REGISTERED PERSON  
Revised November 2012**

**REGISTRATION CRITERIA**

**INTRODUCTION**

This document outlines the registration criteria that a person must comply with in order to be registered by the Chief Inspector as an Electrical Tester for Single Phase, Installation Electrician and Master Installation Electrician as defined in the Electrical Installation Regulation, 2009 promulgated by Government Notice R.242 of 6 March 2009.

**1. ELECTRICAL TESTER FOR SINGLE PHASE**

**OPTION 1**

1.1 A candidate must:

**1.1.1 Minimum Integrated Practical and Theoretical Qualification**

- (a) Achieved a National Certificate in Electrical Engineering: NQF level 3 issued by the Energy and Water Sector Education and Training Authority (EWSETA).
- (b) Submit documentary proof of successful completed unit standards on inspection, testing and certification of single-phase domestic installations as prescribed by the EWSETA.
- (c) Submit proof of one year practical experience or training (certificate of service from employer or a National Certificate in Electrical Engineering: NQF level 4) in electrical installation work after achieving the National Certificate in Electrical Engineering: NQF level 3.

### **1.1.2 Knowledge of Statutory Requirements**

Submit proof of working knowledge of the legislation and relevant health and safety standards applicable to single phase electrical installations, assessed by an EWSETA registered assessor.

## **OPTION 2**

1.2 A candidate must:

### **1.2.1 Practical Qualification**

(a) Submit proof of having passed:

(i) the prescribed trade test in terms of the Manpower Training Act of 1981 in one of the following trade disciplines:

- Electrician
- Electrician (Engineering)
- Electrician (Construction)
- Millwright (Electro-mechanical)
- Lift Mechanic; or

(ii) the Electric: Chemical Electrical NQF level 4 qualification issued by the Chemical Industries Education and Training Authority (CHIETA).

(b) Submit documentary proof of successful completed unit standards on inspection, testing and certification of single-phase domestic installations as prescribed by the EWSETA.

### **1.2.2 Minimum Theoretical Qualification**

(a) Achieved a National N2 Certificate with the following compulsory subjects:

- Mathematics
- Engineering Science
- Electrical Trade Theory

Or

(b) Achieved a Grade 11 (Standard 9) Certificate

- Mathematics
- Science
- Technica - electrical or an equivalent subject that may include a N2 subjects

Note 1: The candidate must pass each subject with a minimum of 40%.

Note 2: These minimum theoretical subjects may be a combination of Grade 11 and N2 subjects.

### **1.2.3 Knowledge of Statutory Requirements**

Submit proof of working knowledge of the legislation and relevant health and safety standards applicable to single phase electrical installations, assessed by an EWSETA registered assessor.

## **OPTION 3**

1.3 A candidate must:

### **1.3.1 Practical Experience**

- (a) Provide 5 years proven experience in electrical installation work (letter from employers or certificate of service from employer).
- (b) Prove competence in constructing a single phase electrical installation as well as knowledge of basic electrical principles assessed at an EWSETA accredited training provider.
- (c) Submit documentary proof of successful completed unit standards on inspection, testing and certification of single-phase domestic installations as prescribed by the EWSETA.

### **1.3.2 Knowledge of Statutory Requirements**

Submit proof of working knowledge of the legislation and relevant health and safety standards applicable to single phase electrical installations, assessed by an EWSETA registered assessor.

## **2. INSTALLATION ELECTRICIAN**

### **OPTION 1**

2.1 A candidate must:

#### **2.1.1 Minimum Integrated Practical and Theoretical Qualification**

- (a) Achieved a National Certificate in Electrical Engineering: NQF level 4 issued by the EWSETA.
- (b) Submit documentary proof of successful completed unit standards on inspection, testing and certification of three phase industrial/commercial installations as prescribed by the EWSETA.

#### **2.1.2 Knowledge of Statutory Requirements**

Submit proof of knowledge on the legislation and relevant health and safety standards applicable to electrical installations by having passed the subject Installation Rules as administered by the Department of Education.

### **OPTION 2**

2.2 A candidate must:

#### **2.2.1 Practical Qualification**

- (b) Submit proof of having passed:
  - (i) the prescribed trade test in terms of the Manpower Training Act of 1981 in one of the following trade disciplines:
    - Electrician
    - Electrician (Engineering)
    - Electrician (Construction)
    - Millwright (Electro-mechanical)
    - Lift Mechanic; or

- (ii) the Electric: Chemical Electrical NQF level 4 qualification issued by the Chemical Industries Education and Training Authority (CHIETA).
- (b) Submit documentary proof of successful completed unit standards on inspection, testing and certification of three phase industrial/commercial installations as prescribed by the EWSETA.

### **2.2.2 Minimum Theoretical Qualification**

- (a) National N3 Certificate with the following compulsory subjects:
  - Mathematics
  - Engineering Science or Industrial Electronics
  - Electrical Trade Theory or Electro-technology

Or

- (b) Grade 12 (Standard 10) Certificate
  - Mathematics
  - Science
  - Technica - electrical or an equivalent subject that may include a N3 subject)

Note 1: The candidate must pass each subject with a minimum of 40%.

Note 2: These minimum theoretical subjects could be a combination of Grade 12 and N3 subjects.

### **2.2.3 Knowledge of Statutory Requirements**

Submit proof of knowledge on the legislation and relevant health and safety standards applicable to electrical installations by having passed the subject Installation Rules as administered by the Department of Education.

## **OPTION 3**

2.3 A candidate must:

### **2.3.1 Theoretical Qualification**

- (a) Submit a Diploma or Degree in Electrical Engineering:
  - T3 Diploma (Heavy Current)

- S4 Diploma (Power Engineering)
  - B-Tech Degree
  - BSc or B Degree
  - Government Certificate of Competency (Factories or Mines)
- (b) Submit documentary proof of successful completed unit standards on inspection, testing and certification of three phase industrial/commercial installations as prescribed by the EWSETA.

### **2.3.2 Knowledge of Statutory Requirements**

Submit proof of knowledge on the legislation and relevant health and safety standards applicable to electrical installations by having passed the subject Installation Rules as administered by the Department of Education.

## **3. MASTER INSTALLATION ELECTRICIAN**

### **OPTION 1**

3.1 A candidate must:

#### **3.1.1 Minimum Integrated Practical and Theoretical Qualification**

- (a) Be registered as an Installation Electrician for two years.
- (b) Submit proof of one year practical experience in hazardous locations.
- (c) Achieved a National Certificate in Electrical Engineering: NQF level 5 issued by the EWSETA.
- (d) Submit documentary proof of successful completed unit standards on inspection, testing and certification of specialized electrical installations in hazardous locations as prescribed by the EWSETA.

#### **3.1.2 Knowledge of Statutory Requirements**

Submit proof of knowledge on the legislation and relevant health and safety standards applicable to electrical installations by having passed the subject Specialised Electrical Installation Codes as administered by the Department of Education.

## **OPTION 2**

3.2 A candidate must:

### **3.2.1 Practical Qualification**

- (a) Be registered as an Installation Electrician for two years.
- (b) Submit proof of one year practical experience in hazardous locations.
- (c) Submit documentary proof of successful completed unit standards on inspection, testing and certification of specialized electrical installations in hazardous locations as prescribed by the EWSETA.

### **3.2.2 Minimum Theoretical Qualification**

Submit a National N6 Certificate with one of the following subjects:

- Electrotechnics
- Fault Finding and Protection Devices
- Industrial Electronics

### **3.2.3 Knowledge of Statutory Requirements**

Proof of knowledge on the legislation and relevant health and safety standards applicable to electrical installations by having passed the subject Specialised Electrical Installation Codes as administered by the Department of Education.

## **OPTION 3**

3.3 A candidate must:

### **3.3.1 Practical Qualification**

- (a) Be registered as an Installation Electrician for two years.
- (b) Submit proof of one year practical experience in hazardous locations.
- (c) Submit documentary proof of successful completed unit standards on inspection, testing and certification of

specialized electrical installations in hazardous locations as prescribed by the EWSETA.

### **3.3.2 Minimum Theoretical Qualification**

Submit a Diploma or Degree in Electrical Engineering:

- T3 National Diploma (Heavy Current)
- S4 Diploma (Power Engineering)
- B-Tech Degree or Higher National Diploma
- BSc or B Degree
- Government Certificate of Competency (Factories or Mines)

### **3.3.3 Knowledge of Statutory Requirements**

Proof of knowledge on the legislation and relevant health and safety standards applicable to electrical installations by having passed the subject Specialised Electrical Installation Codes as administered by the Department of Education.

## **4. FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS**

Candidates are required to have all their theoretical foreign qualifications evaluated by the South Africa Qualification Authority (SAQA) and the practical qualifications verified by EWSETA accredited providers.

## **5. REGISTRATION OF FOREIGNERS**

Only foreigners with permanent residence permit may apply for registration. Confirmation of permanent residence permit status shall be obtained by the applicant from the Department of Home Affairs: Head Office through the Regional Offices and such confirmation may not be older than 8 months.

## **6. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED**

The following documents must accompany the prescribed application form:

- Proof of practical proficiency (Trade document);
- Proof of theoretical proficiency (Academic records);
- Proof of legal knowledge proficiency (Examination results);
- Proof of Unit standard achievements;



- Copy of South African identification document or passport;
- Two ID photo's (25 mm x 30 mm) colour or black & white;
- Receipt of R120-00 payable at any Labour Centre or bank
  - Account holder: Department of Labour
  - Bank: First National Bank
  - Account number: 62025135577
  - Branch code: 253145
  - Reference: OHS: EIR – (your surname and initials).

Note: All copies to be certified

## 7. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

7.1 The implementation date of these registration criteria is the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2009.

7.2 The Department of Labour has inspectors in all provinces who will always be available to assist with the application, or log on to <http://www.labour.gov.za> for the latest information and application forms.

7.3 The following organisations may be contacted at:

CHIETA	Tel. no.: (011) 726 4026
EWSETA	Tel. no.: (011) 274 4700
SAQA	Tel. no.: (012) 431 5000
Department of Labour	Tel. no.: (012) 309 4000