

Electrical Persons in Training

Persons in training include:

- Apprentices
- Trainee's in a traineeship
- Students

The Electrical Safety Regulation: 2002 section 209, places obligations on an employer regarding the supervision of persons in training. In accordance with this, supervisors must ensure that a person in training:

- Is schooled and competent in rescue and first aid techniques pertinent to their expected work environment throughout their training.
- Is under **direct supervision** for all works during the first six months of their training and thereafter works under a level of supervision suitable to their:
 - competence,
 - qualifications and -the task to be undertaken
- Does not work as a Safety Observer (electrical) in the first 12 months of their training, nor knowingly be exposed to live electrical equipment.
- Is provided with all equipment necessary to safely and competently perform their duties.
- Is provided with a range of tasks that will enable them to advance in their profession and gain recognised qualifications.

Persons in training may, after a minimum of 12 months training, assist in approved live work under **direct supervision**.

Under no circumstances may a person in training be left unsupervised while on site or performing **electrical work**. For the purpose, site is considered as a place of work unfamiliar to the person in training, with unfamiliar risks. Such places may include mines, construction, demolition, physical containment (PC) or quarantine labs and

substations.

At no point is it permissible for a person in training to certify electrical work, testing of electrical work by a person in training is only to be done under **direct supervision**.

NOTE: Direct Supervision means the Trainer must be beside the person in training and be able to observe every movement undertaken in the performance of the task, and be able to take immediate corrective action if required.

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