

Electrical Workers at The University of Queensland

Although there are certain situations where an electrical work licence is not required by law, this does not remove the need for the person to prove competency in conducting the work.

Persons may perform the function of test and tag to AS3760:2003 In-service safety inspection and testing of electrical equipment, if they have attended the VETEC approved course 30239QLD and been deemed competent.

Electrical engineers are granted the right to supervise or perform electrical work in practising their profession as an engineer under the Electrical Safety Act 2002 section 55, without possessing an electrical work licence.

Persons installing or repairing telecommunications cabling are required to hold Austel certification, but not necessarily a Queensland electrical work licence.

It is the responsibility of the head of a school or department where electrical workers have been identified to ensure that these persons are competent and where appropriate, licensed.

The school or department is to maintain a register of all electrical workers in its area and be aware of the renewal dates for all related training. This may include, but is not limited to;

- Resuscitation
- Rescue
- Testing
- Competency Certification

Similarly it is the responsibility of the school or department to ensure that the workers in their employ are provided with appropriate safety equipment to carry out their duties and that this equipment is regularly inspected and certified as fit for purpose.

Where a worker is not required to be licensed it is imperative that the head of school or department satisfy themselves that the person is permitted under law and is maintaining competency to undertake the tasks required of them.

No electrical worker shall be assigned, nor encouraged to perform works for which they have not proven competency.

Active electrical workers are to be registered with the Electrical Safety Officer, detailing name, contact details, school or department employed by and licence type or competencies.

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