

# **ECS GOLD CARD REQUIREMENTS**

The requirements may appear complicated, but in reality only reflect the training programme that was in place when you carried out your formal training. In all cases the certificated evidence provided to support your application must fall between the dates shown below.

Full details of the ECS card scheme requirements can be found at [www.ecscard.org.uk](http://www.ecscard.org.uk)

## **Recognised formal qualifications for an Installation Electrician ECS gold card**

In addition to one of the qualification routes below you must also have;

- A current Health & Safety Certificate. For details visit the ECS H&S test information area.  
and
- A formal BS7671 qualification in the current edition of the wiring regulations (currently BS7671: 2008, 17th edition).

As a general guide, since 1999 the mandatory requirement for the Installation Electrician ECS gold card has been the NVQ Level 3 in Electrotechnical Services (Electrical Installation - Buildings & Structures).

### **1 FULL APPRENTICESHIP DEEDS OR APPRENTICE COMPLETION CERTIFICATE**

If you carried out a formal apprenticeship then this is the easiest way to demonstrate that you have met the formal industry requirement for a competency based qualification.

You will need to provide the final signed apprenticeship deeds or the completion certificate which was issued at the end of your apprenticeship programme.

If you are not able to provide the final apprenticeship certification, you will need to meet one of the requirements below.

### **2 QUALIFICATIONS FOR NEW TRAINEES - STARTING 1ST SEPTEMBER 2011**

Anyone new to the electrical industry will have to complete the technical theory, practical and competency assessments of the Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Installing Electrotechnical systems and equipment (buildings, structures and the environment). This qualification is widely available from training providers across the country.

New entrants into the electrical industry may have studied the technical theory only. If this applies to you, then you will still need to carry out the practical and competency assessments of the Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Installing Electrotechnical systems and equipment (buildings, structures and the environment) to finish the training programme. This can be carried out with an NVQ assessor, with evidence collected from the workplace.

### **3 QUALIFICATIONS FOR TRAINING COMPLETED AND CERTIFICATED AFTER 1ST SEPTEMBER 1999**

Since 1999 the mandatory requirement has been the NVQ level 3 in Electrotechnical Services (Electrical Installation - Buildings & Structures).

If you carried out your training from 1st September 1996 you may have studied the theory elements of the NVQ training programme as a separate technical certificate (City & Guilds 2351 OR 2330 Levels two and three OR 2360 Levels two and three). A technical certificate on its own does not meet the requirements of the full NVQ Level 3 in Electrotechnical Services (Electrical Installation - Buildings & Structures). If you only hold a technical certificate you will still need to demonstrate the competences of the NVQ to your training provider or assessor and be certificated before you can meet the requirements of the Installation Electrician ECS card.

#### **4 *QUALIFICATIONS FOR TRAINING COMPLETED AND CERTIFICATED BETWEEN 1ST JANUARY 1994 AND 1ST SEPTEMBER 1999***

You will need the technical theory qualification, the City & Guilds 2360 (parts one and two) PLUS the AM2 assessment all completed and certificated between 1st January 1994 and 1st September 1999. Bona fide references from previous and present employers covering the last three years will also be needed.

#### **5 *QUALIFICATIONS FOR TRAINING COMPLETED BEFORE 1ST JANUARY 1994***

You probably followed an apprenticeship training programme. In which case you will need to provide the final Apprenticeship Deeds or Apprentice Completion Certificate, as indicated above.

If you are not able to provide the final apprenticeship certification, or you only have the technical theory certificates, you will need to meet the requirements of the mature candidate assessment route to demonstrate your industry competence.

The mature candidate route has been specifically designed for practicing electricians to demonstrate their competence and experience from the work place.

#### **6 *MATURE CANDIDATE ASSESSMENT ROUTE***

If you have been working within the industry but have, for whatever reason, never completed the formal industry qualification, or have trained outside the UK and need to demonstrate that you have the same scope and experience as is required in the UK, then it will be necessary to complete the JIB Mature Candidate Assessment.

This assessment is carried out via a professional interview and site assessments by a specialist assessor. These assessments can accredit your prior industry experience, where applicable, with existing technical qualifications taken into account. Any training and assessment requirements you need to complete the assessment will be explained to you by the assessor.

In most cases gaining accreditation is a straight forward process for those legitimately competent in the industry, and relevant experience can generally be verified and documented by an experienced assessor.

This qualification route is open to anyone who has industry experience but does not hold the relevant industry qualification.

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