

Fact Sheet

Carrying Out Electrical Installing Work for Self or Immediate Family

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The Regulations

In Western Australia, the *Electricity (Licensing) Regulations 1991* provide that electrical work may only be carried out by persons with an Electrician's Licence, as issued by the Electrical Licensing Board of Western Australia. The purpose of the Regulations is to ensure safety for electrical workers and end users of electricity in Western Australia.

Who is 'The Board'?

The Electrical Licensing Board is appointed by the Minister for Energy, in accordance with the *Electricity (Licensing) Regulations 1991*. The Board's function is to determine the competence of applicants for, and holders of, licences and permits issued under the licensing regulations. The Board can approve electrical workers for an exemption from the need to hold a contractor's licence.

What type of work can I apply to carry out?

A licensed electrical worker can gain an exemption from the need to hold an electrical contractor's licence to work on premises they own, lease or occupy or on domestic premises owned, leased or occupied by immediate relatives, for no gain or reward, if they meet the following requirements.

The licensed electrical worker must be the holder of a Western Australian Electrician's Licence.

Immediate relatives are those classified as follows:

- Husband/Wife
- Son/Daughter
- Brother/Sister
- Parent
- Grandparent
- Grandchildren
- Father/Mother-in-law
- Son/Daughter-in-law
- Brother/Sister-in-law

The electrical installing work must NOT be carried out for monetary gain or reward.

How do I make application to the Board?

1. Complete the appropriate application form as provided for by EnergySafety.
2. Provide documentary evidence confirming proof of ownership of the property where the electrical work is to be carried out eg. land title deed, building contract, rates notice etc.

Once approval is granted, a Preliminary Notice/Notice of Completion will be issued for "notifiable work" for submission to the relevant electricity network operator or approval will be given to carry out electrical installing work where notices are not required.

"Notifiable work" means electrical installing work other than:

- a) Maintenance work, unless that work requires the disconnection and reconnection of the supply of electricity to the electrical installation concerned or the replacement of service apparatus; or
- b) The alteration of a final sub-circuit; or
- c) The addition of a single final sub-circuit.

Where do I send my application?

To: Licensing Office
EnergySafety
PO Box 135
CANNINGTON WA 6987

EnergySafety
303 Sevenoaks Street
CANNINGTON WA 6107
Licensing Office Hours: 8:30am to 5:00pm Mon to Fri



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