

Level 2 & 3 NVQs in Electrotechnical Services (2356)

Frequently asked questions

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1 General Questions

Who is this qualification for?

NVQs for the Electrotechnical Sector are work-based qualifications designed to reflect the roles and responsibilities of 'occupation operatives' within the sector.

They can be used as part of the SummitSkills Electrotechnical Advanced Apprenticeship Programme.

There are no restrictions on entry to this qualification, however, candidates should not register for this qualification if they hold or are registered with City & Guilds or another awarding body for a similar qualification at the same level.

The Level 3 NVQs are based on a mandatory unit structure for the different occupational areas which facilitates opportunities for enhancement and transfer of competence from one electrotechnical occupation to another. The mandatory units cover those areas which have a common approach, such as safety and team working. The occupational units offer a choice that can be combined to meet the needs of organisations and candidates.

What level is this qualification available at?

This NVQ is available at Level 3.

SummitSkills, the Sector Skills Council for the Building Services Engineering Sector, undertook a consultation with employers and employer bodies (ECA; JIB; Amicus) to establish the validity of the Level 2 qualification in the industry. This consultation identified that the industry does not acknowledge that the NVQ2: Installing Electrotechnical Systems reflects the competencies of a recognised job role in the electrical installation industry at this level. However as the qualification is used as a learning/funding milestone for the Electrotechnical Modern Apprenticeship in Wales the Level 2 NVQ is available in Wales only.

What are the Guided Learning Hours (GLH) for this qualification?

Guided Learning Hours are not application to NVQs.

What is the QCA reference number?

Level 2 NVQ in Installing Electrotechnical Systems	100/2895/X
Level 3 NVQ in Electrotechnical Services (Electrical Installation–Building & Structures)	100/2854/7
Level 3 NVQ in Electrotechnical Services (Electrical Maintenance)	100/2854/7
Level 3 NVQ in Electrotechnical Services (Installing Instrumentation & Associated Equipment)	100/2854/7
Level 3 NVQ in Electrotechnical Services (Installing Public Lighting Systems & Associated Equipment)	100/2854/7
Level 3 NVQ in Electrotechnical Panel Building	100/2853/5

Which qualifications are related to this one?

All Electrotechnical NVQ pathways.

Certificates in Electrotechnical Technology 2330 in the same occupational areas.

What progression to other qualifications is available?

Once qualified as an electrician learners can go on to achieve Certificate in Inspection, Testing and Certification of Electrical Installations (2391-01), Design, Erection and Verification of Electrical Installations (2391-02) and Requirements for Electrical Installations BS 7671:June 2001 (2381)

2 Subject Specific Questions

What occupational specific NVQ pathways are available?

Level 2 NVQ in Installing Electrotechnical Systems

Level 3 NVQ in Electrotechnical Services

- (Electrical Installation – Buildings & Structures)
- (Electrical Maintenance)
- (Installing Instrumentation & Associated Equipment)
- (Installing Public Lighting Systems & Associated Equipment)

Level 3 NVQ in Electrotechnical Panel Building

Level 3 NVQ in Electrical Machine Repair and Rewind

Is 2330 a mandatory part of the Electrotechnical NVQ 2356?

No. While 2330 is often used to provide evidence of NVQ underpinning knowledge it is not a mandatory part of the NVQ and the NVQ can be gained as a stand alone qualification. Centres can create alternative ways of demonstrating that the knowledge requirements have been met.

Is AM2 a mandatory part of the NVQ Level 3?

New entrants must achieve parts b-d of AM2 in order to meet the PPA requirements of the Level 3 NVQ.

Existing workers may provide evidence from the last 24 months if it is assessed as meeting the requirements.

AM2 is a mandatory part of the SummitSkills Electrotechnical Advanced Apprenticeship Programme.