

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS LICENSING (ELECTRICIANS)  
AMENDMENT BILL,

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*SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 17th November, 1926.*

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- Page 2, clause 2. *Insert* new paragraph (iv).  
Page 3, clause 2, line 30. *After* " Association " *insert* " of New South Wales "  
Page 5, clause 4. *Insert* new paragraph (iv).  
Page 6, clause 4, line 16. *Omit* " time of the passing " *insert* " commencement "  
Page 7, clause 5, line 10. *Insert* " an electrical contractor or "

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Page 1, line 10 - insert "an identical copy" in  
Page 1, line 11 - insert "the same" and "environment"  
Page 2, line 1 - insert new paragraph (X)  
Page 2, line 2 - insert new paragraph (Y)  
Page 2, line 3 - insert "and the Boy's Water"  
Page 2, line 4 - insert new paragraph (Z)

*This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.*

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 10 November, 1926.*

*The LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL has this day agreed to this Bill with Amendments.*

W. L. S. COOPER,  
*Clerk of the Parliaments.*  
*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 17th November, 1926.*

## New South Wales



ANNO SEPTIMO DECIMO

# GEORGII V REGIS.

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Act No. , 1926.

An Act to provide for the registration of electricians ; to amend the constitution of the Electrical Contractors Licensing Board ; to amend the Electrical Contractors Licensing Act, 1924, and certain other Acts ; and for purposes connected therewith.

**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of  
5 the same, as follows :—

**1.** (1) This Act may be cited as the "Electrical Short title. Contractors Licensing (Electricians) Amendment Act, 1926."

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(2)

NOTE.—The words to be omitted are *ruled through* ; those to be inserted are printed in **black letter**.

*Electrical Contractors Licensing (Electricians) Amendment.*

(2) This Act shall commence on a date to be appointed by the Governor and notified by proclamation published in the Gazette. Commence-  
ment.

**2.** (1) The Electrical Contractors Licensing Act, 1924, is amended— Amendment  
of Act No. 47,  
1924.

(a) by inserting in section one after the word "Contractors" the words "and Electricians"; Sec. 1.  
(Short title.)

(b) (i) by inserting in section four in the definition of "Board" after the word "Contractors" the words "and Electricians"; Sec. 4.  
(Interpre-  
tation.)

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(ii) by inserting in the same section at the end of the definition of "Electrical contractor" the words "as an electrical contractor";

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(iii) by inserting in the same section in the definition of "work" after the word "premises" where it secondly occurs, the words "or upon, under or over any public place or public reserve";

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(iv) by omitting from the same definition the words "system of public" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "public system of";

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(iv v) by inserting in the same section in appropriate positions according to alphabetical sequence the following new definitions:—

"Electrician" means any person engaged in electrical installation work who is not an electrical contractor.

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"License" includes electrical contractor's license or electrician's license.

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"Public place" means public road, bridge, jetty, wharf, or other place which the public is entitled to use, but does not include a public reserve.

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"Public reserve" means public park, and any land dedicated or reserved from sale by the Crown for public health, recreation, enjoyment or other public purpose of the like nature. (c)

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(c) by inserting in subsection two of section five Sec. 5 (2).  
after the words "or an electrical contractor"  
the words "or electrician."

(2) The Electrical Contractors Licensing Act, Sec. 6.  
5 1924, is further amended by omitting from section six  
subsections one and two, and by inserting in lieu thereof  
the following new subsections:—

(1) There shall be a board, which shall be called Constitution  
of board.  
the Electrical Contractors and Electricians  
10 Licensing Board.

(2) The board shall consist of seven members,  
that is to say:—

(a) One member, who shall be president,  
15 appointed by the Governor. Such appoint-  
ment shall be for a term of five years. The  
person appointed shall be eligible for  
reappointment.

(b) One member elected (as prescribed) at least  
20 once in each three years by the public  
electricity supplying bodies in New South  
Wales.

The officer in charge of the Electricity  
Department of the Municipal Council of  
25 Sydney shall be a temporary member to  
hold office until the member is elected by  
the said public electricity supplying bodies.

(c) One member elected (as prescribed) at least  
30 once in each three years by the members of  
the committee of the Fire Underwriters  
Association of New South Wales.

The Minister may appoint a temporary  
member to hold office until the member is  
elected by the said committee.

(d) One member who shall be a licensed elec-  
35 trical contractor and shall be elected (as  
prescribed) at least once in each three years  
by the electrical contractors licensed under  
this Act.

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The committee of the Electrical Employers' Association of New South Wales may elect a temporary member to hold office until the member is elected by the electrical contractors.

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- (e) One member elected (as prescribed) at least once in each three years by the Electrical Trades Union of Australia, New South Wales Branch.

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The Minister may appoint a temporary member to hold office until the member is elected by the said union.

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- (f) Two members who shall be licensed electricians, and who shall be elected (as prescribed) at least once in each three years by the electricians licensed under this Act.

The Minister may appoint temporary members to hold office until members are elected by the licensed electricians.

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**3.** Upon the commencement of this Act the members of the board appointed or elected under the Electrical Contractors Licensing Act, 1924, shall cease to hold office.

Present board  
to cease to  
hold office.

**4.** The Electrical Contractors Licensing Act, 1924, is further amended—

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Further  
amendment of  
Act No. 47, 1924.

- (a) by omitting from subsection two of section eleven the word "Three" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Four";

Sec. 11 (2)

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- (b) (i) by inserting at the end of subsection one of section thirteen the words "or electricians";
- (ii) by inserting at the end of subsection two of the same section the words "or as an electrician";

Sec. 13.

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- (iii) by omitting from subsection three of the same section the words "The board may issue a license" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "The board may issue an electrical contractor's license";

(iv)

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5 (iv) by omitting from the same subsection the words "time of the passing of this Act" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "commencement of the Electrical Contractors Licensing (Electricians) Amendment Act, 1926";

(iv v) by omitting subsection four of the same section and by inserting in lieu thereof the following new subsection:—

10 (4) The board may without examination issue an electrical contractor's license to any firm, company, partnership, society, association or body of persons, corporate or unincorporate:

15 Such a license may be suspended or cancelled if the firm, company, partnership, society, association or body does not comprise or has not in its employ at least one licensed electrical contractor under this Act, or if any work carried out by such firm, company, partnership, association or body be not personally supervised by a member holding an electrical contractor's license, and carried out by a person holding an electrical contractor's or electrician's license.

20 The foregoing provision shall not preclude the employment of an apprentice working under regulations made under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, as amended, or any other Act governing the electrical industry in the State.

25 (v vi) by omitting from subsection five of the same section the words "a license" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "an electrical contractor's license";

(v vii) by inserting after subsection five of the same section the following new subsections:—

40 (5A) The board may issue an electrician's license to any person without examination upon

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5 upon being satisfied that such person has served five years' apprenticeship to the electrical trade, and upon production of a certificate from a prescribed technical college showing that he has attended classes in accordance with the provisions of the Electricians' (State) Award, or any other industrial award or agreement covering the electrical industry in the State of New South Wales, and satisfies the board that he is capable of carrying out the work of an electrician in a workmanlike manner.

10 (5B) The board may issue an electrician's license to any person without examination upon being satisfied that such person was at the ~~time of the passing~~ commencement of the Electrical Contractors Licensing (Electricians) Amendment Act, 1926, in employment as an electrician in New South Wales or elsewhere in the Commonwealth, and had been so earning his livelihood for a period of twelve months.

15 If he was not so earning his livelihood in New South Wales the license shall not be issued unless the board is satisfied as to his competence :

20 Provided that in every case the application for the license is made within such time as may be prescribed by regulation.

30 (vii viii) by inserting in subsection ten of the same section after the words "electrical contractor" the words "or electrician";

(c) by inserting in subsection one of section four- Sec. 14.  
teen after the words "electrical contractor"  
35 the words "or electrician."

5. The Electrical Contractors Licensing Act, 1924, Further amend-  
ment of Act  
No. 47, 1924.  
is further amended—

(a) by omitting section fifteen and by inserting in Sec. 15.  
lieu thereof the following new section :—

40 15. (1) From and after a day to be appointed Restriction  
of work by  
unlicensed  
persons.  
on the recommendation of the board by the  
Governor,



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Governor, and notified in the Gazette, the following provisions shall have effect:—

- 5 (a) No person who is not a licensed electrical contractor or a licensed electrician shall undertake or carry out electrical installation work.
- 10 (b) No electrical contractor or electrician shall employ any person to carry out electrical installation work who is not an electrical contractor or a licensed electrician.
- 15 (c) Nothing in the paragraphs (a) or (b) of this subsection shall prevent the employment of or the carrying out of electrical work by an apprentice working under the supervision of his master under regulations made under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, as amended by subsequent Act or any other Act governing the electrical industry in the State.
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(2) This section shall bind the Crown.

- (b) by inserting after section fifteen the following New sec. 15A.  
new section:—

25 15A. Nothing contained in this Act shall preclude any unlicensed person from under-  
taking the installation of electricity as part of General contractors excluded.  
a contract for building or construction work,  
30 if the installation is subject to the provisions of this Act, carried out by a person holding a license as an electrical contractor or a licensed electrician.

- (c) by inserting at the end of subsection two of Sec. 17 (2)  
section seventeen after the words "electrical contractor" the words "or licensed electrician";
- 35 (d) by inserting in section nineteen after the words Sec. 19.  
"electrical contractor" wherever occurring the words "or electrician."



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Legislative Council.

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Electrical Contractors Licensing (Electricians)  
Amendment Bill.

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This Bill provides for the licensing of electrical mechanics and amends the Electrical Contractors Licensing Act, 1924, in this regard. The Bill also provides for the reconstitution of the Board.

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*This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.*

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 10 November, 1926.*

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BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Electrical Short title. Contractors Licensing (Electricians) Amendment Act, 1926."

*Electrical Contractors Licensing (Electricians) Amendment.*

(2) This Act shall commence on a date to be appointed by the Governor and notified by proclamation published in the Gazette. Commence-  
ment.

**2.** (1) The Electrical Contractors Licensing Act, Amendment  
of Act No. 47,  
1924.  
5 1924, is amended—

(a) by inserting in section one after the word Sec. 1.  
(Short title.)  
“Contractors” the words “and Electricians”;

(b) (i) by inserting in section four in the definition Sec. 4.  
(Interpre-  
tation.)  
of “Board” after the word “Contractors”  
the words “and Electricians”;

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(ii) by inserting in the same section at the end  
of the definition of “Electrical contractor”  
the words “as an electrical contractor”;

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(iii) by inserting in the same section in the  
definition of “work” after the word  
“premises” where it secondly occurs, the  
words “or upon, under or over any public  
place or public reserve”;

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(iv) by inserting in the same section in appro-  
priate positions according to alphabetical  
sequence the following new definitions:—

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“Electrician” means any person en-  
gaged in electrical installation work  
who is not an electrical contractor.

“License” includes electrical con-  
tractor’s license or electrician’s  
license.

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“Public place” means public road,  
bridge, jetty, wharf, or other place  
which the public is entitled to  
use, but does not include a public  
reserve.

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“Public reserve” means public park,  
and any land dedicated or reserved  
from sale by the Crown for public  
health, recreation, enjoyment or  
other public purpose of the like  
nature.

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(c) by inserting in subsection two of section five Sec. 5 (2).  
after the words “or an electrical contractor”  
the words “or electrician.” (2)

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(2) The Electrical Contractors Licensing Act, Sec. 6. 1924, is further amended by omitting from section six subsections one and two, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following new subsections:—

5 (1) There shall be a board, which shall be called the Electrical Contractors and Electricians Licensing Board. Constitution of board.

(2) The board shall consist of seven members, that is to say:—

10 (a) One member, who shall be president, appointed by the Governor. Such appointment shall be for a term of five years. The person appointed shall be eligible for reappointment.

15 (b) One member elected (as prescribed) at least once in each three years by the public electricity supplying bodies in New South Wales.

20 The officer in charge of the Electricity Department of the Municipal Council of Sydney shall be a temporary member to hold office until the member is elected by the said public electricity supplying bodies.

25 (c) One member elected (as prescribed) at least once in each three years by the members of the committee of the Fire Underwriters Association.

30 The Minister may appoint a temporary member to hold office until the member is elected by the said committee.

35 (d) One member who shall be a licensed electrical contractor and shall be elected (as prescribed) at least once in each three years by the electrical contractors licensed under this Act.

40 The committee of the Electrical Employers' Association of New South Wales may elect a temporary member to hold office until the member is elected by the electrical contractors.

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- (e) One member elected (as prescribed) at least once in each three years by the Electrical Trades Union of Australia, New South Wales Branch.

5 The Minister may appoint a temporary member to hold office until the member is elected by the said union.

- (f) Two members who shall be licensed electricians, and who shall be elected (as prescribed) at least once in each three years by the electricians licensed under this Act.

The Minister may appoint temporary members to hold office until members are elected by the licensed electricians.

15 **3.** Upon the commencement of this Act the members of the board appointed or elected under the Electrical Contractors Licensing Act, 1924, shall cease to hold office, Present board to cease to hold office.

**4.** The Electrical Contractors Licensing Act, 1924, Further amendment of Act No. 47, 1924. is further amended—

(a) by omitting from subsection two of section eleven the word "Three" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Four"; Sec. 11 (2).

25 (b) (i) by inserting at the end of subsection one of section thirteen the words "or electricians"; Sec. 13.

(ii) by inserting at the end of subsection two of the same section the words "or as an electrician";

30 (iii) by omitting from subsection three of the same section the words "The board may issue a license" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "The board may issue an electrical contractor's license";

35 (iv) by omitting subsection four of the same section and by inserting in lieu thereof the following new subsection:—

40 (4) The board may without examination issue an electrical contractor's license to any firm, company, partnership, society, association or body of persons, corporate or unincorporate:

Such



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5 Such a license may be suspended or  
cancelled if the firm, company, partnership,  
society, association or body does not  
comprise or has not in its employ at least  
10 [one licensed electrical contractor under  
this Act, or if any work carried out by such  
firm, company, partnership, association or  
body be not personally supervised by a  
member holding an electrical contractor's  
license, and carried out by a person holding  
an electrical contractor's or electrician's  
license.

15 The foregoing provision shall not pre-  
clude the employment of an apprentice  
working under regulations made under the  
Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, as  
amended, or any other Act governing the  
electrical industry in the State.

- 20 (v) by omitting from subsection five of the  
same section the words "a license" and  
by inserting in lieu thereof the words "an  
electrical contractor's license";
- 25 (vi) by inserting after subsection five of the  
same section the following new sub-  
sections:—

30 (5A) The board may issue an electrician's  
license to any person without examination  
upon being satisfied that such person has  
served five years' apprenticeship to the  
electrical trade, and upon production of a  
certificate from a prescribed technical  
college showing that he has attended  
35 classes in accordance with the provisions of  
the Electricians' (State) Award, or any  
other industrial award or agreement cover-  
ing the electrical industry in the State of  
New South Wales, and satisfies the board  
that he is capable of carrying out the work  
of an electrician in a workmanlike manner.

40 (5B) The board may issue an electrician's  
license to any person without examination  
upon

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5 upon being satisfied that such person was  
at the time of the passing of the Electrical  
Contractors Licensing (Electricians)  
Amendment Act, 1926, in employment  
as an electrician in New South Wales or  
elsewhere in the Commonwealth, and had  
been so earning his livelihood for a period  
of twelve months.

10 If he was not so earning his livelihood  
in New South Wales the license shall not  
be issued unless the board is satisfied as to  
his competence :

15 Provided that in every case the appli-  
cation for the license is made within such  
time as may be prescribed by regulation.

(vii) by inserting in subsection ten of the same  
section after the words " electrical con-  
tractor " the words " or electrician " ;

20 (c) by inserting in subsection one of section four-  
teen after the words " electrical contractor "  
the words " or electrician . " Sec. 14.

**5.** The Electrical Contractors Licensing Act, 1924, Further amend-  
ment of Act  
No. 47, 1924.  
is further amended—

25 (a) by omitting section fifteen and by inserting in  
lieu thereof the following new section :— Sec. 15.

15. (1) From and after a day to be appointed  
on the recommendation of the board by the  
Governor, and notified in the Gazette, the  
following provisions shall have effect :— Restriction  
of work by  
unlicensed  
persons.

30 (a) No person who is not a licensed  
electrical contractor or a licensed  
electrician shall undertake or carry out  
electrical installation work.

35 (b) No electrical contractor or electrician  
shall employ any person to carry out  
electrical installation work who is not  
a licensed electrician.

40 (c) Nothing in the paragraphs (a) or (b)  
of this subsection shall prevent the  
employment of or the carrying out of  
electrical work by an apprentice working  
under

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under the supervision of his master  
under regulations made under the  
Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, as  
amended by subsequent Act or any  
other Act governing the electrical  
industry in the State.

(2) This section shall bind the Crown.

- (b) by inserting after section fifteen the following New sec. 15A.  
new section:—

15A. Nothing contained in this Act shall General  
contractors  
excluded.  
preclude any unlicensed person from under-  
taking the installation of electricity as part of  
a contract for building or construction work,  
if the installation is subject to the provisions  
of this Act, carried out by a person holding a  
license as an electrical contractor or a licensed  
electrician.

- (c) by inserting at the end of subsection two of Sec. 17 (2).  
section seventeen after the words "electrical  
contractor" the words "or licensed electrician";
- (d) by inserting in section nineteen after the words Sec. 19.  
"electrical contractor" wherever occurring the  
words "or electrician."

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