

Make sure your apprentice is covered: Trainee Limited Certificates



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ETITO's been considering the easiest way to get all of our current apprentices covered under the Trainee Limited Certificates required by the new Electrical Workers Registration Board [EWRB] rules. So if you're training an apprentice, you don't have to worry. ETITO, your 'one-stop-shop' for training, has been working closely with the EWRB for some time now to streamline the process around registration and compliance.

What's the change?

To put it simply, the EWRB now requires all apprentices doing prescribed electrical work [PEW] to apply for a Trainee Limited Certificate. To be eligible for the certificate, they must be in training for a qualification that results in registration. Apprentices must also have completed safety training [or be completing it within three months]. They will need to have this certificate if they wish to continue training as an apprentice*.

The EWRB is determined not to create any undue barriers for people currently in training and so is allowing for a transition period to give apprentices enough time to comply with the new regulations, by applying for the Trainee Limited Certificates. That doesn't mean they can afford to delay; apprentices need to be covered under the new system as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT: signed statement needed

ETITO already collects most of the information the EWRB needs to issue a Trainee Limited Certificate when a Training Agreement is signed. We're currently in the process of sending this to the EWRB, so the application process is essentially being handled by ETITO on behalf of the apprentice.

What we do need is a signed statement from the supervisor or employer which says the apprentice will be supervised [in accordance with EWRB guidelines](#). ETITO needs to receive this before the EWRB can issue the Trainee Limited Certificate.

Visit <http://www.etito.co.nz/downloads> to find the statement form. Sign it along with your registration number, and fax it to ETITO at 09 525 2591, or post to PO Box 24469 Royal Oak, Auckland, 1345. Future Training Agreements will include this statement so that new apprentices will receive their certificates automatically at the beginning of their apprenticeship.



Safety training requirements

As for the safety training requirements, ETITO is working on a stand-alone safety course to be delivered by training providers that all new apprentices will have to complete within the first three months of their apprenticeship. This course will be made up of unit standards that are in an apprenticeship already, but it means they'll be covered right from the start.

ETITO's qualifications team is also working with the EWRB on the teaching guidelines and core competencies of the new classes of registration. This work will result in changes to current and future qualifications, ensuring compliance with the new classes of registration. A new supervision unit standard will also be added to the qualifications, as supervision now falls under the definition of PEW.

If you have any questions about the new Trainee Limited Certificates, [contact your ETITO training manager](#). You can also find the EWRB's information on the Trainee Limited Certificates [here](#).

*Excludes Telecommunications, Electrical Wholesaling, Switchgear Fitter, Electronic Manufacturing