

The REPS & RAKS programmes

The REPS (Recognition of Electrotechnical Practitioner Skills) programme is for 'experienced' practicing electricians (employed or self employed) to obtain the City & Guilds NVQ Level 3 certificate for JIB grading and the appropriate ECS card.

The RAKS (Recognition of Acquired Knowledge & Skills) programme is designed for adult electrical trainees, including 'inexperienced' practicing electricians, who wish to gain the industry recognized City & Guilds NVQ Level 3 certificate, now needed for JIB ECS registration as an Electrician in the UK.

To gain the NVQ candidates need to demonstrate skills against the agreed national industry standards as set out by the Sector Skills Council (Summit Skills) for the Electrotechnical industry for an installation electrician. All EAS UK programmes for NVQ level 3 certification will follow the requirements of the Summit Skills Assessment Strategy and will include all relevant components as applicable to an individual candidate i.e. AM2 where required as a component part of the NVQ award.

Under EAS UK this is achieved via our structured portfolio and easy to follow programme, which is fully overseen by an EAS UK NVQ assessor who will aid and guide you through the whole process from start to finish. In essence, the NVQ is a documentation of the ability to do the job.

Our NVQ programmes are completely work based with all evidence generated from the workplace in the form of a structured personal portfolio. This will involve the generation of evidence from jobs completed by you to a competent standard with supporting evidence such as customer/company testimony, photographs, work documents etc and 'live' site based assessment carried out directly by one of our fully qualified NVQ assessors.

There is no college attendance involvement with our NVQ programmes as the formal qualification, such as City & Guilds 2330 (level 3), 2360, 2351 etc is used as underpinning evidence of the theory knowledge towards the NVQ qualification as is industry experience to date.

The length of time to complete the NVQ programme normally falls between 3- 12 months but is entirely dependant on the candidate themselves in producing the required evidence sufficient for the award.

The process starts with the candidate completing an initial assessment form and returning it to our office for which there is no cost involved at this stage, in order to generate the correct programme to be followed. Costs are dependant on both qualifications held and experience as documented but will normally fall within £675 - £850. There is a staggered payment option available as well as a discounted cost for a full initial payment. However, we can often access full or partial funding in many cases via government sponsored schemes, which we will always attempt to do on your behalf.

Once registered you will be assigned a personal NVQ assessor who will set up a briefing session to take you through the award and all that is necessary to complete it successfully. A structured programme and target dates are set by discussion between you and your assessor and your assessor is always on hand to help the smooth progression of the portfolio building element of the programme.

When each element of the target plan is achieved the award moves on until a complete portfolio is created and submitted for award. This is then subjected to a verification process to ensure there is sufficient and valid evidence for certification to be processed.

I hope that the above has provided the information that you require but if you have any further questions or need additional clarification please contact us on 01233 333339 or email: enquiries@easukltd.com

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