

Working as an electrician in SA

Information for interstate workers

This factsheet outlines your requirements for working as an electrician in South Australia.

If your principal place of residence:

- is in another state or territory, you can use the Automatic Mutual Recognition process to work in SA under your interstate licence.
- changes to SA, you must hold an SA licence – not an interstate licence. You can apply for an SA licence under the [Mutual Recognition process](#) (rather than the automatic process).

Licences granted under mutual recognition (including via the automatic process) will appear on the [SA Licensing Register](#) so that members of the public can verify that a person is licensed to work in SA.

Contracting for work

To be able to contract for electrical work in SA you must have a contractor's licence, or interstate equivalent.

Your contractor's licence could be either an electrical or building licence:

- *Electrical contractor's licence*
This licence is suitable if the only work you contract for is electrical work.
- *Building work contractor's licence*
This licence can authorise electrical work and other building work. Most electricians trading under a builder's licence also do other building work e.g. installing solar panels where structural building work is required.

If you operate your business as a partnership, all active partners need to be licensed.

Performing work

Even if you hold a contractor's licence you must still hold an electrical worker's registration to be able to physically perform the work. It must be an SA registration or interstate equivalent.

Many types of registrations have restrictions on the type of work allowed. For example, your registration may be restricted to working on refrigeration and air conditioning equipment (such as disconnection, reconnection, identifying and repairing faults).

Check whether all of the work you wish to do in SA is covered by the conditions on your interstate registration.

Certifying work

Electrical work must be certified, either by the contractor or the worker, by using an electronic certificate of compliance (eCoC).

The person who certifies the work can email an electronic certificate to a customer from the eCoC system, or you can print a copy and post it to the customer.

Read more about [eCoC requirements](#).

Contact the Office of the Technical Regulator with any queries about eCoC via otr.ecoc@sa.gov.au.

Warranties

You must provide certain warranties when doing electrical work. This means that:

- the electrical work must be done with due care and skill, and must meet accepted trade standards and all legal requirements
- all materials you supply must be suitable for the job and of good quality
- the work must be completed within a reasonable time
- the work must meet any particular purpose made clear to you by the customer.

Claims can be made up to five years after the work was finished. Defective electrical work is covered for ten years.

Advertising

You must include your licence number in any advertising to the public. This includes your website, business card and trade vehicle as well as any paid advertising you arrange for radio, television, online or in a newspaper.

Legislation

- [Plumbers, Gas Fitters and Electricians Act 1995](#)
- [Plumbers, Gas Fitters and Electricians Regulations 2010](#)

Other relevant legislation

You must comply with all applicable laws while working in South Australia, including laws relating to:

- [Employing people](#)
- [State taxes](#)
- [Safe Work SA](#)
- [Office of the Technical Regulator](#)