



Experienced Worker Assessment

Frequently Asked Questions

Is this the right qualification for me?

The Experienced Worker Assessment (EWA) is for individuals who have worked as an electrician for at least five years (not including time spent in full or part-time training) but have yet to formally complete an industry apprenticeship or equivalent Level 3 NVQ qualification. When applying, you will need to demonstrate knowledge, understanding and competence to the standard of the Level 3 electrotechnical apprenticeship. There is a Skills Scan at the start of the process to assess this.

The qualification is not suitable for new entrants to the electrotechnical industry, apprentices, or those who have completed an electrotechnical technical qualification with less than the last five years of relevant experience as an electrician.

Am I eligible to apply?

To be eligible for the Experienced Worker Assessment you must as a minimum:

- hold a relevant Level 2 qualification*, and
- have a minimum of 5 years' experience working as an employed or self-employed electrician.**

* Please refer to the [EWA Eligible qualifications document](#).

** The 5 years' experience cannot include time spent in training.

If you meet the above criteria, you can complete an application. Once received, you will progress to the Skill Scan (see below), where a more in-depth analysis of your suitability will take place.

What is the Skills Scan?

The Skills Scan determines if you are eligible to undertake the EWA. The process will help you understand the depth of knowledge, skill and experience expected to complete the assessment. Formed of two parts, a questionnaire and a technical discussion, the process is designed to help ensure this is the right pathway for you from the outset.

What will my technical discussion cover?

Once we have received your completed skill scan, our experts will contact you to arrange an online video meeting to review your responses and conduct a technical discussion.

During this technical discussion you will need to demonstrate you have knowledge, understanding and experience which is equivalent to the Level 3 electrotechnical apprenticeship.

What does the EWA Entail?

To complete the EWA you will need to pass the Experienced Worker Qualification (2346), which requires you to:

1. Complete an EWA portfolio comprising of the following Level 3 Performance Units:

Mandatory units:

- Apply Health, Safety and Environmental Considerations
- Organise and Oversee the Electrical Work Environment
- Terminate and Connect Conductors
- Inspect, Test and Commission Electrical Systems
- Apply Fault Diagnosis and Rectification

Specialist unit:

- Apply Design and Installation Practices and Procedures (Installation route only)
- Apply Practices and Procedures for Maintenance (Maintenance route only)

In addition to the above you will also need to complete the following in order to claim the Experienced Worker Qualification:

- BS 7671 Wiring Regulations Unit (2382 or equivalent)*
- Initial Verification Unit (2391-50 or equivalent)*

2. Once you have completed the Experienced Worker Qualification (2346) you will need to pass an AM2E practical assessment*.

NOTE: The AM2E can only be undertaken once the Experienced Worker Qualification (2346) has been completed and must be taken at an NET-licensed centre. To find your nearest centre please visit www.netservices.org.uk/find-a-centre/

How long will it take?

The duration of the EWA can vary from 3 to 18 months, depending on your ability to generate the required on-site evidence and whether you already possess some of the necessary qualifications. Most of this time will be spent building your e-portfolio and undergoing on-site assessments of your work.

How much does NICEIC's Experienced Worker Qualification (2346) cost?

The cost of undertaking NICEIC's Experienced Worker Qualification (2346) is £1800 which includes:

- Assessor support via an e-portfolio platform plus;
- 3 x portfolio progress reviews
- 2 x on-site assessments
- 1 x final portfolio review

NOTE: this cost does not include the required AM2E assessment, or any additional qualifications required to complete the EWA process.

I have already completed the BS 7671 Wiring Regulations Unit (2382 or equivalent) and the Initial Verification Unit (2391-50 or equivalent). Do I need to retake these to complete the EWA?

No, if you are already in receipt of these qualifications, you will not be required to undertake them again.

I do not hold the BS 7671 Wiring Regulations Unit (2382 or equivalent) and/or the Initial Verification Unit (2391-50 or equivalent). Can I still apply to undertake the EWA?

Yes, however, you will not be able to complete the EWA until you are in receipt of both.

Is the cost of undertaking the BS 7671 Wiring Regulations Unit (2382 or equivalent) and/or the Initial Verification Unit (2391-50 or equivalent) included in NICEIC's fee?

No, these qualifications must be booked and paid for independently of NICEIC's process.

Is the cost of the AM2E assessment covered included in NICEIC's fee?

No, the AM2E assessment must be booked and paid for independently of NICEIC's process.

Will I have to attend an NICEIC centre?

NICEIC's Experienced Worker Qualification is site-based, and we do not require you to attend one of our centres in person. The induction will be conducted via an online meeting and your on-site assessments will take place at locations identified by you.

However, if you need the Initial Verification Qualification, you may need to visit an approved centre to undertake this. You will also need to attend a NET certified centre in order to take your AM2E assessment to complete the EWA process.

I have achieved the EWA qualification - what's next?

ECS Cards:

- Once you are registered on the EWA programme, you can gain an ECS Experienced Worker card, which is valid for 18 months.
- Upon completing the Experienced Worker Assessment and AM2E, you can apply for an ECS gold card.

Certification Bodies:

- The EWA is recognised in the Electrotechnical Assessment Specification as equivalent to an industry apprenticeship.
- This enables you to apply for NICEIC electrotechnical schemes and, if successful, register as a NICEIC Qualified Supervisor (QS).

Where can I go for more help and support?

Should you need to speak to someone regarding NICEIC's EWA please email us at www.traininginfo@niceic.com