



Master Electricians continues to focus on the areas that matter most to members: strong advocacy, a respected industry voice, practical member support, a stronger quality mark, better services, and a clear plan for the future.

Advocacy that represents our members

Master Electricians continues to strengthen its advocacy work, with a focus on workforce capability, electrification, and the future of the electrical industry.

Following recent apprenticeship and workforce policy announcements from both Government and Opposition parties, our Board Chair, Omri Ash, and CEO, Alex Vranjac-Wheeler, have met with Labour and ACT, with further engagement planned with New Zealand First and the Green Party. Master Electricians is actively working to ensure the voice of electrical contractors is heard early, clearly, and consistently by decision-makers to take into consideration for the new term of Government.

Creating opportunities through electrification

Work is underway to ensure members are well placed to benefit from the recently announced Ratepayer Assistance Scheme Energy Home Fund.

Engagement with key stakeholders is focused on ensuring quality-assured electrical contractors are recognised as central to delivering safe, high-quality electrification outcomes. This is an important area of future growth. As New Zealand continues to move toward greater electrification, Master Electricians is focused on ensuring members are recognised as trusted professionals who can deliver this work safely, reliably, and to a high standard.

Strengthening the Master Electricians quality mark

The Quality Assurance and Accredited Contractor Framework is now substantially complete, with member consultation expected to begin shortly. The framework will strengthen the Master Electricians quality mark, support independent accreditation, and build greater confidence among consumers,

government, insurers, and industry. It will also provide members with a stronger point of difference in the marketplace.

Looking ahead

Development of the 2027-2030 Strategy is underway. The Strategy will establish the organisation's priorities for the next three years and guide the Business Plan and FY2027 Budget. Members will continue to see this work translated into practical initiatives that strengthen advocacy, grow member value, and position the industry for the future.

Have your say on future industry skills

The Electrotechnology, Information Technology, and Creative Industry Skills Board is seeking expressions of interest for its Industry Advisory Groups.

These groups give industry a direct channel to share advice, insights and feedback on current and future skills needs, qualifications, standards and vocational education pathways. Proposed sector areas include Electrotechnology and Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration.

The groups are expected to meet up to four times per year, generally online, and membership is voluntary.

Expressions of interest close on 17 July 2026.

Have your say

Tech Tip: Endorsement pathway



The electrical industry is seeing significant changes, not just around licencing but around how we train apprentices, how we read the standards (we now have to reference ESR 2010 as well) and how we look at our health and safety practices. The EWRB have made many (and sometimes

confusing) changes to the endorsement pathway, going from the grandfathering scheme to learning based evidence requirements and now to the new "streamlined" process. The information feels scattered and can be difficult to interpret - so Master Electricians and Trade Master have made a single reference document to help consolidate and explain what's going on without having to go back and forth between tabs or have ask your favourite inspector what they think...

The Electrical Licensing & Endorsement FAQ was developed to help electrical workers, employers, and industry stakeholders navigate recent changes to New Zealand's electrical licensing and endorsement framework.

As new endorsed registration classes are introduced and become mandatory for certain high-risk and specialist areas of work, there has been significant uncertainty around eligibility requirements, licence renewals, competency refreshers, recognition of existing experience, and pathways to obtaining endorsements.

This document provides practical, industry-focused guidance. It clarifies how experienced workers can use previous employment, apprenticeship experience, employer references, and high-risk database records to support endorsement applications, while also outlining the circumstances in which exemptions may be available. Importantly, it highlights opportunities for experienced practitioners to gain endorsements without unnecessarily repeating training or experience they have already completed.

[Download the document here](#)

Help shape electrical standards



Master Electricians are looking for technically minded individuals from across the industry to join in the effort in shaping standards in New Zealand for the better. There are currently 3 standards committees which ME are seeking to have representation on:

EL-003 - Electric wires and cables

EL-036 - In service testing of electrical equipment

MS-011 - Classification of hazardous areas due to explosive atmospheres

If you work in any of these areas and are interested (or know someone who might be) in representing Master Electricians NZ in shaping the future of our ever-changing world, then please

email storm@masterelectricians.org.nz or call 0800 50 66 88 to talk with our Technical Manager who will discuss the ins and outs of the position.

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HVAC&R Summit 2026: Member Offer

Master Electricians members have been offered access to special partner

pricing for the HVAC&R Summit 2026.

Held at Auckland Showgrounds from 15 to 16 July 2026, the Summit will bring together industry seminars, technical talks, product showcases, panel discussions and training opportunities across heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration.

For electrical businesses looking at future opportunities across energy efficiency, automation, smart buildings and building services, this is a practical event to have on the radar.

To access the member partner offer, email admin@masterelectricians.org.nz and register your interest.

ACC Injuries in New Zealand report

Lost workdays continue to have an impact on New Zealand business.

ACC's annual 'Injuries in New Zealand' report has now been released. The report brings together insights and trends from across work, home, sport and recreation, work, and road injuries, providing a picture of where injuries are occurring, the impact they are having on New Zealanders, and where there may be opportunities to make a difference.

For employers and workplace leaders, the report highlights the significant impact injury continues to have on New Zealand's workforce.

The report is available to download here: [Injuries in New Zealand report](#)

ACC levy changes

ACC employer invoicing is coming up, so businesses need to be aware of changes to how ACC levies are now calculated. The impact will vary depending on each business and how its levy is paid.

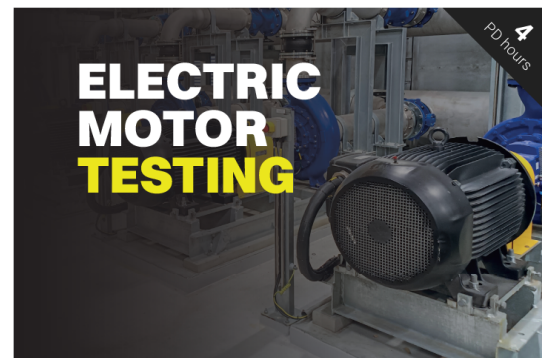
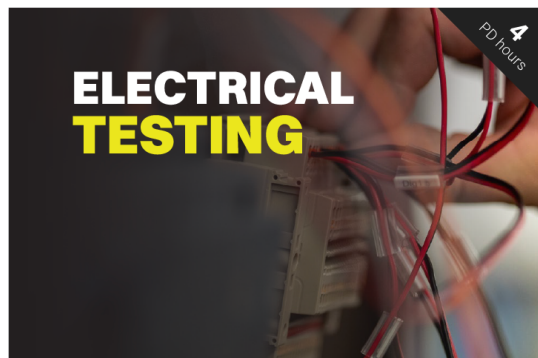
A quick summary of what's changed:

- Interest applies to all new instalment plan
- Businesses on Experience Rating will pay an additional ER Programme rate
- The No Claims Discount has been removed

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