



Stay up-to date with Master Electricians Current matters August 2026

Hi Daniel,

Here's your latest update on the news, resources and opportunities that matter to your business.



Keep Your Employment Documents Up to Date

Following recent legislative changes, our member employment templates have been updated to ensure your workplace documentation remains current and compliant.

The latest versions of the Employment Agreement templates, Application

Form, and Personnel Form are now available online. The previous 2019 documents have been removed to avoid continued use of outdated materials.

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Help Shape the Future

Master Electricians is seeking member feedback on a proposed Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework designed to strengthen professional recognition across the electrical contracting industry.

The framework proposes three accreditation levels, along with requirements covering quality assurance, business capability, health and safety, continuing professional development and independent verification. It could help members demonstrate their capability, build consumer confidence and access future procurement and insurance benefits.

Your feedback is important and will help ensure the final framework delivers practical value for members and their businesses.

[Review the proposal here.](#)

Have your say



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Construction and Property Political Panel

As a member of NZCIC, Master Electricians is pleased to invite members to an exclusive Construction and Property Political Panel in Auckland.

Representatives from across the political spectrum will discuss their parties' policies affecting the construction, property and energy sectors. This is a valuable opportunity to hear different perspectives in one place, connect with industry leaders and ensure the electrical contracting sector is represented.

Tuesday 11 August 2026

3:30 to 5:30pm

Hunua Rooms, Aotea Centre, Auckland

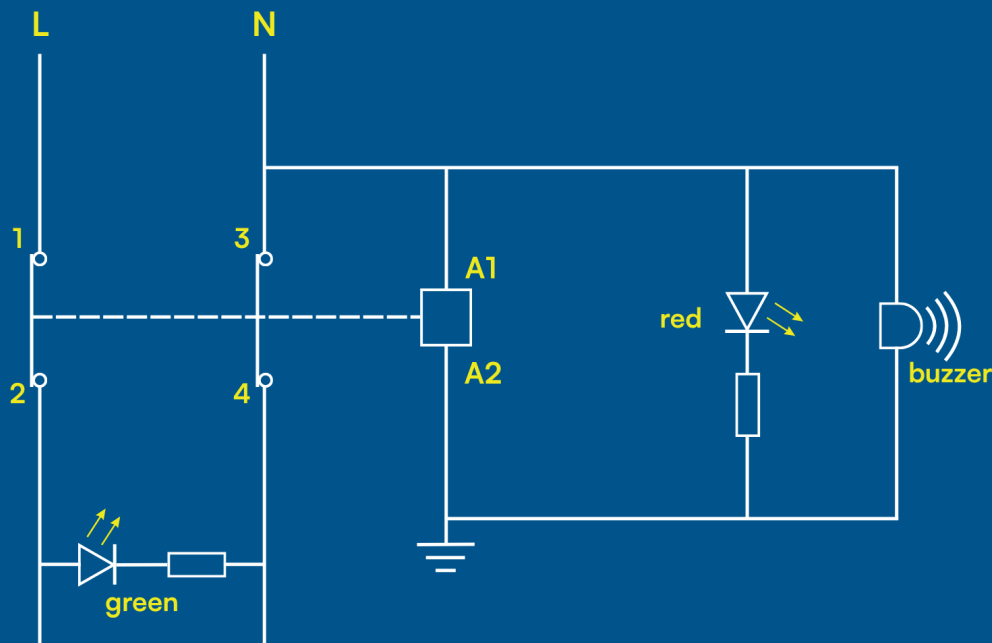
When booking, select **Master Electricians** as your associated NZCIC member organisation.

[Secure your ticket](#)

Tech Tip: Connectable Installation Queries



Buzzer Warning Circuit



An item of concern for many electrical workers currently is the inclusion of a protection against incorrect polarity clause in the new AS/NZS 3001.2 standard for connectable installations.

2.6.4.1 General

For every single-phase external supply, protection against transposition of the active and neutral conductors of the supply shall be by one of the following methods:

- (a) transposition sensor; or
- (b) onboard isolating transformer or electricity converter with a polarized output; or
- (c) protective devices and switching devices in a connectable electrical installation shall operate in all live (active and neutral) conductors in accordance with Sections 3, 4 and 5.

Onboard isolating transformers start around \$1000 and weigh a fair amount.

Double pole (or multi-pole) switching devices (this includes socket outlets) cost more than standard ones and the market in NZ has not expanded enough that there is a good variety of switches and sockets that look nice. By the time you add up the cost of using double pole switching across all your needed items – you may find that this is cheaper.

This leaves us with the transposition sensor, which is arguably the easiest method of protection. Whilst there are products on the market, both from overseas and kits in NZ, Master Electricians is providing an easy solution. The devices coming out of Australia are typically marked with incorrect voltages (as they do not have WorkSafe making changes to the standards at regulatory level) and are not certified as safe for use in NZ, plus you can build your own kit cheaper.

Master Electricians has looked at circuits that include breakdown diodes to achieve the same effect but feel that even though the consumable part of this arrangement is very cheap, the immediate availability of parts is lacking, the user would have to carry spares. The other concern is the user going where they likely don't belong and / or bypassing the system and never replacing the consumable. Either way this could lead to a ruined holiday.

So, whilst this circuit does push a small amount of current to earth, it only does so under fault conditions, which is acceptable within the standards.

The standard requires that a visual indication, we recommend adding in the

audio indication as well for our less abled users and to attract quick attention to why the installation is not working as intended.

Master Electricians also recommend that you uprate your contactor a step or two higher than the current limit of your incoming supply to deal with thermal issues and ensure it has a long lifespan.

Future of Work-Based Learning

Industry Skills Boards are seeking feedback from employers and industry representatives on the future delivery of work-based learning, including apprenticeships, traineeships and other qualifications completed while in employment.

This is an important opportunity for Master Electricians members to share what the electrical industry needs from training providers including accessibility, geographic coverage and the types of support available. Member feedback will help inform future Tertiary Education Commission decisions and industry workforce planning.

The confidential survey takes approximately **15 to 30 minutes** to complete.

[Complete the survey here.](#)

Learning & Development Consultation



Are you **getting the best** from your team's training and development?

Free Learning & Development Consultation for Members

Trade Master is offering Master Electricians members a complimentary one-hour Learning & Development consultation. We'll help you identify capability gaps, clarify training priorities and develop a practical training plan aligned with your business needs.

This can include planning pathways toward electrical worker endorsements, coordinating EWRB competence renewal cycles, and identifying opportunities to group or schedule training more efficiently - helping your business save time, reduce disruption and make better use of its training resources.

Whether you are planning for growth, developing future leaders or strengthening technical and compliance capability, talk to us about building an L&D approach that supports your people and your business.

Contact [Andreas Kasoulides](#), Head of Training at Trade Master team to book your free consultation.

Plug-In Solar: Innovation with Safety First

Master Electricians supports the introduction of plug-in solar in New Zealand, provided it is enabled through a structured, safety-focused regulatory framework.

Plug-in solar could improve access to renewable energy for renters, apartment dwellers and households unable to install conventional rooftop systems. However, it is electrical generation technology, not simply another household appliance and appropriate product standards, system limits, consumer guidance and safety controls are essential.

This is important for members because any future regulatory changes could affect electrical safety, product compliance, network requirements and the role of electrical professionals. Master Electricians will continue advocating for an approach that enables innovation without compromising public safety.

[Read our position on plug-in solar](#)

Strengthen Your Payment-Claim Process

Late or unpaid invoices can place significant pressure on your business. Through Master Electricians partnership with Ford Sumner Lawyers, members can access practical tools and legal guidance to help prepare valid payment claims and understand the options available when a customer does not pay.

The Tradie Pay Starter Kit includes a simple payment-claim template, a helpful factsheet and a recent District Court example showing the process in action.

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