

**WHY YOU
SHOULD
CHOOSE AN
ECA ELECTRICAL
CONTRACTOR**



**PEACE
OF MIND**

If an electrical system is badly designed, installed or maintained, it can cause serious injury, damage, inconvenience and loss.

That's why you need to choose an electrical contractor who knows his business and whose company is experienced, properly qualified and totally professional in its approach.

ECA Registered Members are involved in a wide range of electrotechnical services. They are at the cutting edge of new technologies and have the expertise needed to deliver innovative solutions to environmental challenges.

That's why you need an ECA electrical contractor for your next project.



TESTED

ECA electrical contractors must undergo a thorough examination of their financial and commercial history and technical competence

No company can become an ECA Registered Member without submitting to a stringent inspection of the way it does business.

This means providing written evidence of the experience and professional qualifications of key staff and allowing careful scrutiny of completed work. The ECA also assesses a company's corporate and financial structures and its commercial operating procedures.

That's the only way to underline the fact that membership of the ECA represents a standard of excellence that is non-negotiable. ECA Registered Membership cannot simply be bought.

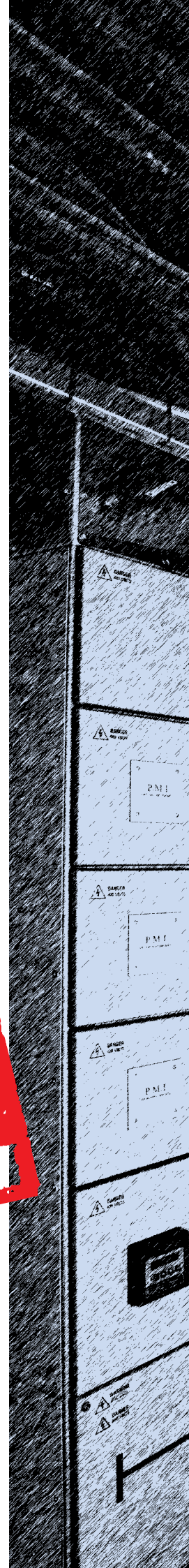
As a client, you'll appreciate the assurance of professional competence that this guarantees.



ECA electrical contractors are periodically assessed for technical competence



ECA electrical contractors are subject to regular technical assessments to confirm that they are able to carry out safe electrical work. The assessments are based against industry standards and practice and cover all electrical installation work.

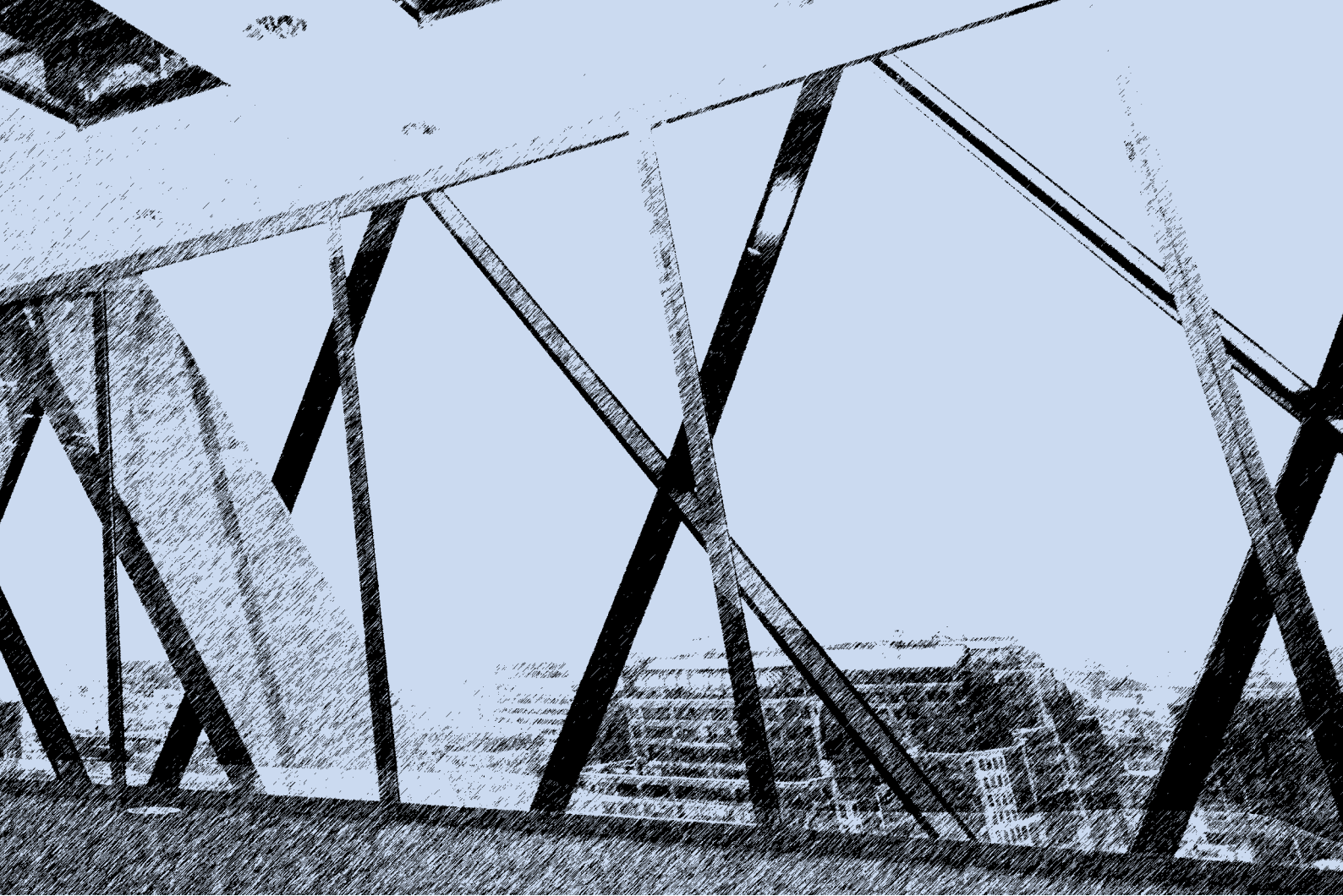






**ECA electrical contractors
provide certificates
for the work they complete**





Under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and the Electricity at Work Regulations 1989, all employers have legal obligations to ensure that electrical installations and equipment are safe. Part P (electrical safety) of the Building Regulations was introduced on 1st January 2005 so that similar obligations for safe installations extended to private dwellings.

ECA Registered Members are skilled in delivering the design, installation, testing & commissioning (including maintenance) of all types of electrical installations* from lighting and power installations to high voltage, industrial controls, data

communications, telecoms and fire and security systems.

Regulations are constantly being reviewed, for example April 2006 saw the introduction of the amended Part L of the Building Regulations that increases the energy efficiency standards for all buildings. The ECA ensures that Registered Members are kept up to date with such regulatory changes, provides training where necessary, and ensures that ECA Registered Members are compliant with the regulations for the sectors in which they operate and checks that the certification issued meets current standards.

*Examples include high-voltage and lighting/power installations; installations in hazardous areas, industrial controls, datacomms, telecomms and security systems.

**ECA electrical contractors'
employees carry the ECS card
so you can be sure
they are properly qualified**





Choosing an ECA contractor means that, as a client, you can stop worrying about whether the electricians on your site are qualified. Where one is required, Registered Members will ensure their operatives carry an appropriate ECS card.

The Electrotechnical Certification Scheme (ECS) card* is administered by the Joint Industry Board (JIB) and affiliated to the Construction Skills Certification Scheme

(CSCS). It is the sole ID and competence card scheme for electrotechnical operatives in the UK. ECS cards enable operatives to confirm their identity, competence and qualification levels.

The card also confirms that the operative has undergone a health and safety assessment, so you can be sure they are aware of site-safety procedures.

*For more information about the ECS Card, please go to www.ecscard.org.uk



ECA electrical contractors adopt a zero accident policy



Accidents harm individuals, but they can also harm businesses. In addition to the human cost, the cost of accidents is high because of downtime, possible insurance claims or even convictions. If a contract is badly delayed, penalty clauses can be punitive.

When it comes to health & safety, no one can afford to take chances. That's why the ECA offers extensive support to its Registered Members on health and safety, and why we are committed to the ZAP (Zero Accident Potential) initiative. ZAP has already been a huge success – ECA Registered Members have reduced major accidents by 59% in five years. This impressive performance means that overall, ECA contractors have half as many reportable accidents as other electrical contractors.



**ECA Guarantees
the standard of work
carried out by its
electrical contractors
and offers a bond
to ensure completion
of work***

**ADDITIONAL
PROTECTION**

* For details of the applicable limits, terms & conditions, please ask the ECA Registered Member you intend to contract with to provide a copy of their Certificates. The ECA Bond is underwritten by the Electrical Contractors' Insurance Company Ltd. Tel: 020 7663 5914. Web: www.ecic.co.uk.
Authorised & Regulated by the Financial Services Authority.





Subject to its terms and conditions, the ECA Guarantee of Work Scheme gives clients of ECA Registered Members assurance that electrical installation work failing to comply with relevant Standards will be rectified. The ECA Guarantee is only effective for claims notified within six years of completion of the work and is subject to a maximum limit of £50,000, or £100,000 for the same client in any one year.

Where it is available and subject to its terms and conditions, the ECA Bond indemnifies the clients of ECA Registered Members for the additional cost of completion if the member fails to complete electrical installation work to the relevant Standards or because the member has become insolvent. The insurers liability under the Bond is limited to a maximum of £100,000 (or as shown on the ECA member's Bond Certificate, whichever is the lower).

The ECA Bond is underwritten by The Electrical Contractors' Insurance Company Ltd and is valid only when a Bond Certificate is signed by both the ECA Registered Member and the party with whom the member is in contract.



**ECA electrical contractors
follow a code of fair trading**



**TRUST
WORTHY**

Every ECA Registered Member agrees to abide by the ECA Code of Fair Trading, which is registered with the Office of Fair Trading.

The Code covers a member's working practices, the standard of workmanship and materials, tendering and payment procedures. It also outlines best communications practice, sets out an agreed complaints procedure and provides a framework for arbitration.

The Code is designed to be fair to both client and contractor, making each aware of their particular obligations and thus minimising the possibility of contractual disputes.



The ECA has been representing the best in electrical contracting for over 100 years



Since its foundation in 1901, the Electrical Contractors' Association – the electrical installation industry's premier trade body – has promoted safety and quality in electrical installations.

Today, the ECA is recognised by government for promoting excellence and in representing the interests of professionals in the industry. It is regularly consulted about the introduction of new legislation that will affect its Registered Members.

It contributes to the work of the national sector skills council, SummitSkills, in developing occupational standards in electrical contracting. The ECA is also a trustee of the industry's principal training manager, JTL. Each year, its Registered Members employ and assist many apprentices to gain professional qualifications.

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