

# **Crediting Electrotechnical Competence Scheme**

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Crediting Electrotechnical Competence Scheme  
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**SCOTTISH JOINT INDUSTRY BOARD  
for the Electrical Contracting Industry**

**Information Sheet for Applicants**

## **Crediting Electrotechnical Competence (CEC)**

As an Installation Electrician ensure that your competence is recognised.

This scheme is primarily for practising electricians who want to obtain industry-recognised qualifications, allowing them to qualify for SJIB grading. The CEC scheme enables candidates to have their previous experience and/or qualifications assessed, so that any skills or qualification requirements can be identified. The candidate can then upgrade their skills either at a college or in the workplace. Once qualified, candidates can then apply for an SJIB grade card as an electrician.

The need to have proof of competence is ever more necessary within the Electrotechnical Sector. Recognising this requirement, the SJIB in conjunction with the industry, has modified the SJIB Grading Scheme and developed the Electrotechnical Certification Scheme (ECS Cards). The Gold ECS Card is based on the requirement to hold a Level III Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ) “Electrotechnical Services (Electrical Installation – Buildings and Structures)”.

This will not only provide proof of your competence but will promote consistent best practice and provide better job and career opportunities within the sector. If you are a practise electrician, you should not have difficulty in achieving the SVQ Level III via the CEC Scheme.

SVQ’s recognise what a person is able to do at work and involves:

- The skills and knowledge needed to do the job.
- The ability to organise work.
- Spotting and rectifying problems.
- Working to deadlines.

Importantly, there may be no need to go back college or sit exams. The concept of the SVQ’s framework is that it is an assessment process of the individual’s ability to competently perform to industry-set occupational standards. The assessment is workplace-based and relies more on you collecting evidence of work you have carried out rather than you being directly observed.

### **What are the benefits?**

- Allows you to qualify for SJIB Grading.
- Allows you to qualify for the new ECS Card and improve future employment prospects.
- Improves Health and Safety Awareness.
- Enables you to prove to an employer that you are competent.

## **What do I need to do?**

Before you can begin you **must** be working full time within the Electrotechnical Sector. If you are not working in the Electrotechnical Sector you can not register for the CEC Scheme.

In preparation for the CEC scheme all applicants should compile a suitable CV. This should consist of list of references, detailing work experiences, dates of employment with past employers and the type of work they have undertaken.

## **How long will it take?**

There is no time scale. Success depends on your ability to collect the agreed evidence that demonstrates to your Assessor that you have the competence to meet the standard. Any training or courses you have to undertake before being enrolled on the CEC Scheme will have to be funded by yourself. In most cases you will have to undertake the Final Integrated Competence Assessment (FICA) in order to complete the CEC scheme.

## **How much will it cost?**

CEC Candidates will have to pay for any courses, course materials and registration fees, this will vary as the amount of training and updating of skills will differ from candidate to candidate. Colleges will charge £500 for the completion of the SVQ Level III portfolio and SECTT require £180\* to cover the costs of administration & registration (SJIB & Summit Skills).

**Don't forget that this will be the only route to obtaining an SJIB Grade Card if you do not already have an SVQ Level III.**

Use the attached Flowchart to find out if you qualify for the CEC Scheme.

Please contact SECTT on 0131 445 5659 for an application form or download and complete the on-line application and forward to:

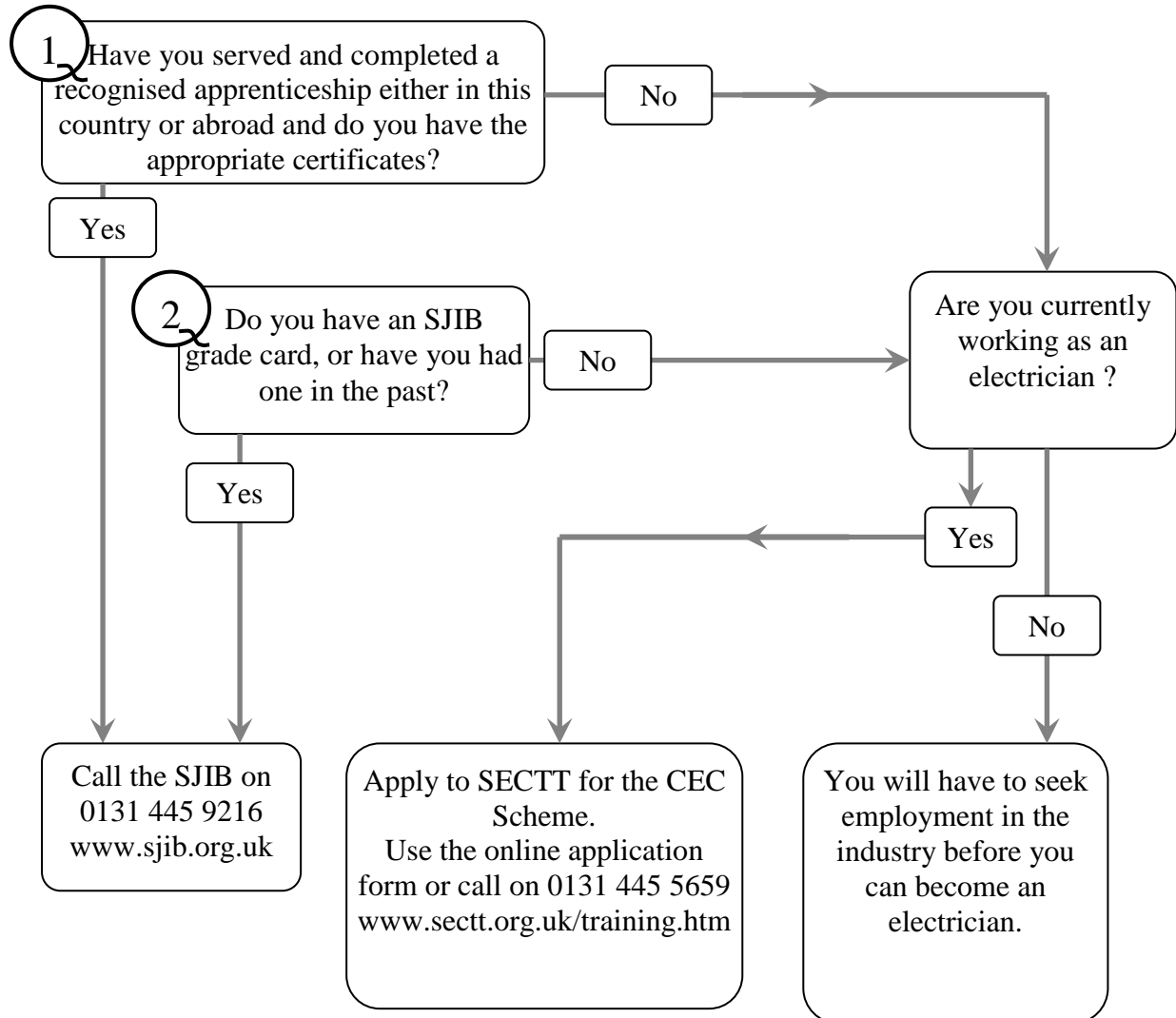
SECTT  
The Walled Garden  
Bush Estate  
Midlothian  
EH26 0SE

**\*Fee applicable from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012**

## CREDITING ELECTROTECHNICAL COMPETENCE (CEC)

The purpose of the CEC Scheme is for you to have your qualifications and experience assessed so that you can be graded as an Electrician.

To find out if you qualify for the CEC scheme simply answer the questions and follow the arrows then contact the appropriate organisation.



3. If you are an Electricians mate or labourer then please apply for a place on the adult training scheme. [www.sectt.org.uk/training.htm](http://www.sectt.org.uk/training.htm)