



Gain an electronic security qualification while you work

Have you been in the sector for some time and would like formal recognition of your skills? Industry training organisation ETITO can assist you to achieve the success and benefits of an electronic security installer qualification.

The qualification

There are two qualifications:

- The National Certificate in Electronic Security [Installer] [Level 3]
- The National Certificate in Electronic Security [Level 4].

The National Certificate in Electronic Security [Installer] [Level 3] covers all the theory and practical knowledge required to install and maintain electronic security systems. Once you have successfully completed the qualification you can apply to the Electrical Workers Registration Board [EWRB] for an electrical installer licence.

You can also continue training at Level 4 or branch into another area such as the National Certificate in Electrical Engineering [Level 4] [Electrician for Registration], however, this requires working in an electrical company.

Training

Becoming a qualified installer involves achieving the unit standards which make up an electronic security installer qualification, and shows you have gained the abilities and expertise required for the job. There are two elements to the qualification:

- **Workplace learning** - the practical elements which take place on-the-job as you carry out everyday tasks alongside your qualified workmates
- **Off-job learning** - the theory based elements are achieved through distance learning [correspondence] and one week block courses which are held each year. Those in Auckland or Wellington can attend classes at the Electro Technical Education Centre or Wellington Institute of Technology.

Recognition of prior learning

You may be able to gain parts of this qualification through a process called recognition of prior learning. Once you enrol in the National Certificate in Electronic Security [Installer] [Level 3], ETITO will talk to you about work you may have already done in the electronic security industry and help you put together a portfolio of evidence so you can get credit for your existing skills and knowledge.

How long will it take?

While the electronic security qualification usually takes up to three years to complete, the experience you may have already gained on the job may qualify you for recognition of prior learning, enabling you to gain your qualification much more quickly.



Course costs

The cost of completing the course is usually between \$1500 and \$2300 after subsidies are paid by ETITO to the course provider. ETITO pays 60% of the course costs. Costs will also depend on whether you are eligible to gain parts or all of the qualification through recognition of prior learning.

Becoming a workplace assessor

You will need to have held the qualification you are training in for a minimum of three years, or have equivalent skills and knowledge, to become a workplace assessor. An ETITO training manager will provide you with the materials and the knowledge you need to carry out assessments.

Entry requirements for new apprentices

For those who are just starting out and would like to become an apprentice, there are no formal entry requirements. A good grounding in NCEA Level 1 English, maths and science is recommended to assist with the theory.

ETITO is here to help

ETITO has a nationwide network of training managers to offer practical support and advice. For more information speak to ETITO customer service staff or training manager for your region. Call ETITO on 09 525 2590 or visit www.etito.co.nz.

Caption: On the job training is a major part of your qualification