

Requirement to hold NT licence

The *Electrical Workers and Contractors Act* applies and defines the following:

- **licence** means an electrical worker's licence or an electrical contractor's licence.
- **permit** means a permit issued under section 30.
- **electrical worker's licence** means a licence issued under section 22.
- **electrical contractor's licence** means a licence issued under section 35.

The requirement to hold a licence or permit is set out in sections 53, 54 and 54A of the *Act* which is reproduced hereunder.

53. Unlicensed workers

A person shall not supervise or perform electrical work unless –

- he is the holder of a licence or permit authorizing him to supervise or perform that work and he is acting under and in accordance with the terms of that licence or permit;
- he is registered and he is performing work in accordance with section 42B;
- he is a person skilled in a trade in which he is engaged in the installation, maintenance or repair of electrical appliances or plants and he does no electrical work on an electrical circuit operating at a voltage exceeding 32 volts alternating current, or 115 volts direct current, that is or may be connected to a source of supply;
- he is engaged in electrical work in relation to a motor vehicle and he does no electrical work where the operating voltage exceeds 32 volts alternating current or 115 volts direct current;
- he is engaged in electrical work in relation to an electrical installation and he does no electrical work where the operating voltage exceeds 32 volts alternating current or 115 volts direct current;
- he is an electrical engineer supervising electrical work as part of practising his profession;
- he is a student, or is engaged in training, and is performing electrical work as part of his course or training under the direct supervision of a prescribed body; or
- he is a prescribed person.

Penalty: \$1,000 or imprisonment for 6 months.

54. Unlicensed contractors

A person, body or association of persons shall not carry on the business of electrical contracting unless he or it is the holder of an electrical contractor's licence issued under this Act.

Penalty: \$2,000 or imprisonment for 12 months, or both.

54A. Offence to employ unlicensed person

A person, body or association of persons shall not employ or engage any person to supervise or perform electrical work unless the person employed or engaged to supervise or perform that work is the holder of a licence or permit authorizing him to supervise or perform, as the case may be, that work, or he is employed as an apprentice.

Penalty: \$1,000 or imprisonment for 12 months.