FAQs
Electrician EngTech applications

Here are some of the questions that we receive about applying for Electrician EngTech. If your question is not answered here, please contact us at electricianregistration@theiet.org
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What qualifications do I need?

Education knowledge and understanding are important components of professional competence.

For electricians, the required knowledge and understanding for Engineering Technicians can be demonstrated through a Trailblazer Electrotechnical Apprenticeship or industry recognised Advanced/Modern Electrotechnical Apprenticeship (at Level 3 or equivalent); or an appropriate competence-based Level 3 qualification such as:

- NVQ/SVQ Level 3 Diploma in Installing Electrotechnical Systems And Equipment (Buildings, Structures And The Environment)
- NVQ Level 3 Diploma in Electrotechnical Services (Electrical Maintenance)
- SVQ Level 3 Electrical Installation at SCQF level 7
- NVQ Level 3 Diploma in Servicing Highway Electrical Systems (QCF)
- NVQ Level 3 Diploma in Servicing and Commissioning Highway Electrical Systems

Can I still apply without qualifications?

Absolutely.

If you don’t have any formal qualifications, you may still be eligible for EngTech based on your experience and on-the-job learning. Evidence of your experience is assessed by the IET to establish that your knowledge and understanding meets the required level.

How long will it take to get registered?

If you’re able to provide all of the relevant documentation with your application, it should only take about 4-6 weeks (approximately) to complete the process.

If further assessment or evidence is required, it may take slightly longer. You will receive updated information from the IET regarding the status of your application at all times.

Can I get help with my application?

Yes. The IET’s Professional Registration Advisors (PRAs) are here to help.

PRAs are qualified and registered engineers who undertake training provided by the IET so that they may help electricians applying for EngTech. They can review your application ahead of your formal submission to help ensure the best possible chance of success.

What does the process involve?

When we receive your application, it is prepared for peer assessment. A panel of your peers (who are already professionally registered themselves), will go through your application and agree whether to award EngTech to you.

If they can’t agree initially, you will be asked to supply further information.

Once your application is successful, you will be awarded EngTech and elected and registered with the Engineering Council (the UK awarding body and Regulator of the engineering profession).

Your peer review assessor panel will be looking for evidence of your competence and underpinning knowledge and understanding. More information on this can be found in the Electrician EngTech application guidance.

Is there an interview?

In most cases, no.

Occasionally, the peer review assessor panel may wish to conduct a telephone interview, but this is very rare.

Do I only get one chance to submit my application?

No, you can re-submit it as many times as needed.

Applying for Electrician EngTech is a process, not a test. The IET and your PRA will work with you to get your application approved.