

## Case Study

# **Nikki Dennis:** becoming a "stand out" electrician

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Nikki first became interested in electrics while working as an apprentice for a kitchen fitting company, under his boss who was a registered electrician. He learned the tools side in the domestic market and went to college to get his L2 and L3 2330 electrotechnical certificates.

Wanting to broaden his experience, he went into industrial electrics as an electrical engineer with facilities management company MITIE.

"It's been good to have experience of the domestic and industrial markets," he says. "It's given me more options and different routes to take my career."

He realises though, when going for new jobs and opportunities, he is up against a lot of competition. "I work for a big company, with a lot of electricians, as well as 3-4,000 contractors across the different professions," he says.

## Doing something different

Nikki's Principal Duty Holder at MITIE, Paul Martin, suggested Nikki and some other Qualified Supervisors apply for a professional status – Electrician EngTech – through the IET.

"I was very interested," says Nikki. "So I completed my application, and later found out I was successful!"

Nikki admits his EngTech status is "still very new at the moment". "But it's definitely good to have the letters after my name, that are instantly recognised by employers," he says. "I already feel like I stand out against others who might go for the same job, but don't have EngTech."

He says the status also "gives weight" to his opinions in meetings or email conversations, with those higher in the company. He sees it as a starting point to progress to other professional statuses offered by the IET, such as Incorporated Engineer.

## Advice for applicants

When he first saw the application form, Nikki says it looked "daunting." "But in the end it was fairly easy," he continues. "It's just a case of writing down what you've already done."

He turned to his mentor, Paul, for help with application. "It was good to have someone there to help, who had already gone through the process," he says.

For electricians who are thinking of applying, Nikki has the following advice: "Make sure you've got the detail, such as dates. Otherwise it's just a case of putting your experience into words and making sure that you're explaining everything so that the assessors can understand."

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If you're interested in achieving a status that helps you stand out from the crowd, consider applying for **Electrician EngTech**.

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