

The Launch of the Electrical Safety Register

The **Electrical Safety Council (ESC)** and **Electrical Contractors' Association (ECA)** have announced the launch of the Electrical Safety Register – a joint venture between the two organisations that will serve as a one-stop-shop for anyone looking for the services of a competent electrical contractor.

The Register, which features both domestic and commercial contractors, also brings together the well known **NICEIC, ELECSA and ECA certification schemes**, whose contractors are currently responsible for 80% of all domestic electrical work.

Over 33,000 contractors are registered with these schemes, which cover the whole of the UK, including Northern Ireland. As all contractors will have been assessed against rigorous technical standards, the online register offers protection to both householders and commercial consumers alike.

Until now, the ESC's main source of funding has been its trading subsidiary the Ascertiva Group, which incorporates NICEIC. The new partnership will increase this funding, and so enable the Charity to reach more people with campaigns that aim to increase awareness of the dangers of electricity and its grant schemes that support home improvement projects run by funded partners such as Fire and Rescue Services and Trading Standards.

In a move which will bring the electrical contracting industry together as never before, the Electrical Contractors Association (ECA) and the Electrical Safety Council (ESC) have today announced the creation of the Electrical Safety Register.

Not only that, from April 1st 2013, the NICEIC and ELECSA will be operated by a brand new organisation called Certsure LLP for the good of its customers, giving the industry a stronger voice to government and major stakeholders on relevant issues.

The partnership will bring many benefits to NICEIC and ELECSA registrants. The first is the creation of the Register, which will be the definitive searchable database of NICEIC and ELECSA registered contractors, as well as ECA members, promoted to hundreds of thousands of specifiers by the trade association and the Charity.

Certsure LLP will also make major customer commitments to NICEIC and ELECSA customers. These include:

- Customers are able to display the Electrical Safety Register banner
- NICEIC, ELECSA and ECA customers will be included on the Electrical Safety Register
- Certsure LLP will provide excellent customer service and actively promote its contractors in the marketplace

“With this partnership, the benefits to the consumer and electrician are significant,” comments Charles Tanswell, chair of the ESC. “In particular, for the consumer it means

more can be done to raise awareness of the benefits of using registered electricians and we're delighted that this partnership ensures solid industry support for the charity and its work."

"This partnership marks a new beginning for the electrical contracting industry." explains Paul McNaughton, President of the ECA. "There is strength in unity and this alliance unites the key electrical industry players: The sector trade association, the electrical consumer charity and the leading certification body, while providing clarity to the consumer and a consolidated voice to government on common issues."

"We will act as the sole registration, certification and assessment body for not only NICEIC's current customer base, but for those under the ELECSA and ECA brands too," explains Emma Clancy, CEO of Certsure LLP. "Over time significant cost and commercial benefits will be available to those electrical contractors registered with ELECSA and NICEIC, thanks to this partnership and we will be communicating with all our customers about the joint venture."

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