

# ECS Electrotechnical Certification Scheme HEALTH & SAFETY ASSESSMENTS

## How much does the assessment cost?

£14 for Unite members.

£22 for non-members, however if you become a member before taking the assessment it will only cost £14.

This is a substantial discount for Unite members.

## WHY NOT JOIN TODAY?

## How do I pay?

Payment is by cheque made payable to 'Unite the union' – £14 for members and £22 for non-members.

On the reverse of the cheque please write 'ECS Health & Safety Assessment'.

## Booking an assessment

For ECS assessment venues, dates and times and to download a booking form visit –  
www.unitetheunion.com/ecs

or contact  
Unite's ECS booking office:

**T: 020 8462 7755 and ask for Rebecca Carr**

**E: rebecca.carr@unitetheunion.com**

**ECS Health & Safety Assessment,  
Health & Safety Unit,  
Unite the union,  
Hayes Court,  
West Common Road,  
Bromley,  
Kent BR2 7AU**

- Run by Unite the union
- To promote Health & Safety awareness and best practice in the electrical contracting and construction industry
- £14 for Unite members and £22 for non-members, normally £35 per assessment
- Computer based assessment with instant results



Successful candidates will receive a Health & Safety certificate which may be used when submitting an application to the JIB for an ECS card ('JIB card')



**"Unite fully endorses the Electro-technical Certification Scheme. People who are safety conscious make workplaces safer."**

Derek Simpson  
Joint General Secretary



## The ECS Card incorporating the JIB grading scheme



Before an ECS card can be issued, the holder must demonstrate they have the required level of Health & Safety awareness; either by providing evidence of a valid exemption or by successfully completing the ECS Health & Safety Assessment.

Key groups are:

- Technicians
- Approved Electricians
- Electricians
- Labourers

Contact JIB:  
[www.jib.org.uk](http://www.jib.org.uk)  
Tel 020 8302 0031



### Card and certificate expiry

The Health & Safety Certificate is valid for two years, and an ECS card must be applied for within that time. Thereafter, the ECS card is valid for 3 years. A subsequent Health & Safety Assessment will need to be taken in order to renew the card at the end of the 3 year period.

### About the assessment and results

Candidates sit a **computer based assessment** consisting of **40 multiple choice questions**, randomly selected from a database of approximately 300.

- Closed book assessment
- 30 minutes to complete the assessment
- Pass mark 85% or 34 correct answers out of 40

**Candidates will know their results immediately after finishing the assessment. Certificates will be sent from the JIB shortly after the assessment is successfully completed.**



### Preparation and revision



For preparation and revision purposes, candidates will be sent a copy of the JIB's Specimen ECS Question and Answer book, in which they will find examples of the questions that they may be asked in their assessment.

Normally candidates should receive the book at least 10 days before taking the assessment.

### Are you exempt from taking the Health & Safety assessment?

Applicants able to show that they have certain certificates are exempted from taking the ECS Assessment for three years from the required Assessment date. The current list of qualifications is:

#### Certificates obtained during a five year period to the required assessment date:

- NVQ Level 3
- NEBOSH Health and Safety Diploma Part 1
- NEBOSH Certificate
- Woodland Grange Diploma in HS Management (leading to MSc)

#### Certificates obtained during a two year period prior to the assessment date:

- Unite/ECA Working Safely Together in the Electrotechnical Industry (JIB preferred course)
- SELECT Safe Working in the Electrotechnical Industry (SJB preferred course)
- Woodland Grange Diploma in HS Management (leading to Tech SP)
- Any IOSH accredited courses below from JIB acknowledged providers (providers must obtain written acknowledgement from JIB that its course is deemed suitable for JIB purposes)
  - i) Working Safely Together
  - ii) Working Safely
  - iii) Managing Safely
  - iv) Managing Safely in Construction
- IOSH - SPA Passport Core Day
- CCNSG Safety Passport
- British Safety Council Level 3 Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health
- British Safety Council Level 6 Diploma in Occupational Safety and Health
- ConstructionSkills (CITB) Site management Safety Training Scheme Certificate

This list may be updated over time and queries over other nationally recognised qualifications should be addressed to the JIB.



### Site Visitor assessment

Those requiring a Site Visitor Assessment will also sit a 40-question computer based test but with the General Electrical Safety questions excluded.

Successful completion of this assessment entitles the candidate to apply for a JIB/ECS Site Visitor Card. You may apply to sit this assessment if the following definition applies to you: "Any person employed by an electrically biased organisation, who is not eligible for any other JIB/ECS Card but requires regular access to construction sites, can apply for a Site Visitor Card." By definition, a 'visitor' is someone who is present on site, but who is not engaging in (and not permitted to engage in) a construction trade.

For a site visitor card to be issued the holder must have passed the Site Visitor ECS Health & Safety Assessment or have a valid H & S certificate which would exempt them.

