

## **Code of Professional Practice for ECS Registered Electricians**

*The Code of Professional Practice applies to ECS Registered Electricians in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.*

This Code of Practice must be accepted by all Registered Electrician applicants before their application can proceed. The standard ECS terms and conditions also apply to this application.

### **Introduction to the ECS Registered Electrician**

The Registered Electrician status is intended to raise standards, trust and confidence with those operating in the electrical contracting industry. Commitment to a shared code of conduct is a characteristic of a professional registration and demonstrates the expectations to be met when performing the duties of a Registered Electrician.

The JIB bases its decision to register an electrician on the individual's qualifications and experience in accordance with the rules of the ECS, and compliance with the rules of this Code.

ECS Registered Electrician status is intended to complement the Electrotechnical Assessment Specification, which sets out the minimum requirements to be met by Enterprises in order to be recognised by Certification and Registration Bodies as technically competent to undertake Electrical Installation work.

Holding ECS Registered Electrician status as an individual is not a substitute for holding the appropriate company registrations with certification and registration bodies, an ECS Registered Electrician cannot undertake work on their own account on the sole basis of holding this registered status.

### **Governance of the ECS**

The Electrotechnical Certification Scheme (ECS) is administered by the Joint Industry Board for the Electrical Contracting Industry in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (JIB). This Code of Professional Practice applies only to ECS Registered Electricians in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The Scottish Joint Industry Board (SJIB) is responsible for the administration of the ECS in Scotland. Separate arrangements are in place for ECS Electricians in Scotland.

### **Professional Practice Rules**

ECS Registered Electricians are expected to comply with the following Professional Practice Rules. These rules are designed to meet the standard expected of a professional electrician in how they conduct themselves:

#### **1. Perform Professionally, Competently and Responsibly**

- 1.1 To undertake electrical work with full regard to health, safety and technical quality
- 1.2 To comply with the requirements of the current edition of BS7671

1.3 To safeguard the interests of employers, other employees, clients and members of the public

## **2. Protection of the Environment and the Public**

2.1 To take all reasonable care to protect the environment and to avoid creating any danger of death, injury or ill health to any person or damage to property

## **3. Continuing Professional Development**

3.1 To keep up to date with relevant developments in the electrotechnical industry by participating in Continuing Professional Development (CPD), including knowledge and providing JIB approved certification of the current edition of BS 7671

3.2 Failure to maintain the current edition of BS7671 in line with the agreed timescales will result in the removal of registered status, but the existing occupation and grade of the individual will remain

## **4. Professional Conduct**

4.1 To uphold professional standards in their conduct and to discharge their responsibilities with integrity.

4.2 To comply with the processes which have been established to investigate an alleged breach of the Code of Professional Practice.

## **Sharing of Registered Electrician information**

ECS Registered Electricians are not listed on an open public register. Only authorised companies and those who have been given consent will be able to view the information of a Registered Electrician.

Authorised companies can access the Registered Electrician's ECS card information via online checking facilities that include the Employer Portal, ECS Check, Industrial Information Service, or future versions of these facilities.

Consumers may request to view a Registered Electrician's online profile. In this instance, the Registered Electrician will provide a code to the consumer to view an electronic image of their ECS card.

Registered Electricians must consent to this information being made available as part of their application.

Registered Electricians may voluntarily opt out of this process at any time, by accessing their MyECS profile to relinquish their Registered Electrician status.

## **Governance of the Code of Professional Practice**

An Investigation Panel and a Disciplinary Panel have been established to consider alleged breaches of the Code by an ECS Registered Electrician, and to take appropriate disciplinary action in the event of a breach.

Where an ECS Registered Electrician is found to have breached the Code of Professional Practice there is the right of appeal to an Appeals Panel, whose decision is final.

Further information on the processes that will be used to investigate and resolve complaints is set out in the: *Guidance on the Process of Investigation, Disciplinary and Appeals Procedures for Breaches of the Code* available from the “Policies and Documents” section of the ECS card website

### **Complaints Policy and Procedure**

A policy for those submitting complaints about a Registered Electrician the *Registered Electrician Complaints Policy* is available from the “Policies and Documents” section of the ECS card website and includes details of how such complaints should be submitted.