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Purpose

This publication specifies personnel training requirements to be included in network operator Electrical Network Safety Management Systems (ENSMS) for persons working on, near or in the vicinity of electricity networks in NSW.

The guide identifies the competency requirements and the ISSC approved training required to secure safe work practices for personnel who work on or near electricity networks. It provides a model and a basis for NSW Network Operators to specify training requirements for inclusion in ENSMS.

Revision

It updates information in previous NSW Electricity Association 1999 publication EA18 Guide to the Training of Personnel Working on or near Electricity Works and identifies competency standards approved by the NSW ISSC for the purposes of the relevant standards and codes.

Regulatory basis

NSW Electricity Network Operators are required to have a safety management system in place in accordance with AS5577 – Electricity network safety management systems.

Energy Networks Australia (ENA) document *ENA Doc 001 – National Electricity Network Safety Code* and *ENA Doc 003 – National Guidelines for Safe Access to Electrical and Mechanical Apparatus* provide specific information and guidance to network operators to meet the requirements of AS5577 for the safety of persons working on or near electricity networks.

This document also lists additional guidance documents and standards for network operators regarding specific components of their worker safety system (e.g. access, PPE).

The NSW WHS Act 2011 and WHS Regulation 2017 require a Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU) to provide ‘*any information, training, instruction or supervision that is necessary to protect all persons from risks to their health and safety ...*’ as part of their primary duty of care.

Principles

Consistent with ENA/AS5577 guidance, the principles identified below are based on the relevant components of the National Training Package for the Electricity Supply Industry – Transmission, Distribution, & Rail Sector (UET).

The following guiding principles apply to all the information in this document:

- Superseded or superseding qualifications and units of competency to the those listed in this document are accepted.
- Network operator safety rules, work instructions and safety procedures relevant to the task must also be complied with.
- Network operators may choose alternative training to the national training package requirements listed in this guide. The training shall be consistent with the responsibilities described in *ENA Doc 001*.
- This Guide does not apply retrospectively to workers currently authorised in the Electricity Supply Industry whose training may predate current national training package requirements.
- Training requirements shall be identified in the network operator's AS5577 – Electricity network safety management systems compliant training matrix.
- Authorisations must be relevant to the work undertaken, and accepted authorisation pathways include, but are not limited to:
 - Certificate of Proficiency
 - Craft Certificates
 - Trade licenses
 - Enterprise training and/or enterprise-specific authorisations demonstrating current competency (within the last 24 months).
- General Construction Induction Training Card (NSW issue or equivalent) is a mandatory requirement (e.g. CPCWHS1001 – Prepare to work safely in the construction industry).
- Any mandatory licenses specified by SafeWork NSW relevant to the nature of the work must be complied with.
- Accreditation and registration requirements in relation to the NSW Accredited Service Provider (ASP) scheme are not captured in this document.
- Network operators' authorisation requirements in relation to the ASP scheme are addressed in individual network standards.

Definitions

Accredited Service Provider (ASP): a person who provides contestable network services in accordance with the Electricity Supply (Safety and Network Management) Regulation 2014.

ASQA: Australian Skills Quality Authority

Authorised person: A person with technical knowledge or sufficient experience who has been approved or has the delegated authority to act on behalf of the Network Operator to perform the duty concerned.

Certificate of proficiency: A Certificate that shows a person is adequately trained to work in a trade.

Close Approach Vegetation Control (CAVC): Close Approach Vegetation Control is the term used to describe vegetation control works undertaken on vegetation that is within the vegetation clearance distances specified.

Competency: As specified in [ASQA's Glossary of terms](https://www.asqa.gov.au/glossary) [asqa.gov.au/glossary](https://www.asqa.gov.au/glossary).

Distribution Network Service Provider (DNSP): Entities that build, maintain and operate the distribution networks.

Electrical Network Safety Management Systems (ENSMS): a safety management system as defined in the Electricity Supply (Safety and Network Management) Regulation 2014 (NSW).

Energy Networks Association (ENA): The national industry body representing Australia's electricity transmission and distribution and gas distribution networks.

In the vicinity of: A situation where it is likely that a person will, either directly, or through any conducting medium, come within the relevant safe approach distance for an ordinary person, but unlikely to come within the relevant safe approach distance for an authorised person.

Network operator: The entity that is responsible for the safe and reliable operation of an electricity distribution supply network in NSW, or its authorised representative. The network operator may or may not be the owner of the electricity assets but will have legal responsibility for their safe operation in accordance with the Electricity Supply (Safety and Network Management) Regulation 2014 (NSW) and other relevant legislation. Refer to ISSC3 2016. In other words, the owner, controller or operator of an electricity network.

On or near: A situation where there is a reasonable possibility of a person, either directly or through any conducting medium, coming within the relevant safe approach distances for authorised persons.

Statement of attainment: As specified in [ASQA's Glossary of terms](https://www.asqa.gov.au/glossary).

Unit of competency (UoC): As specified in [ASQA's Glossary of terms](https://www.asqa.gov.au/glossary).

Unrestricted electrician's licence: A licence which authorises a person to perform electrical work as defined by the Electrical Regulatory Authorities Council (ERAC).

Network Construction and Maintenance

Substation Construction and Maintenance

Pathway 1:

- UET40522 – Certificate IV ESI Substations

Pathway 2:

- Certificate of proficiency in Electrotechnology Electrician
- Enterprise training and assessment on substation construction and maintenance that is equivalent to the Pathway 1 qualification.

Pathway 3:

- Unrestricted Electrician's Licence or equivalent issued in an Australian state or territory
- Enterprise training and assessment on substation construction and maintenance that is equivalent to the Pathway 1 qualification.

Additional competencies that may be required by network operators relevant to the work:

- HLTAID009 – Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- UETDREL005 – Work safely in the vicinity of live electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP007 – Perform rescue from a live LV panel
- UETDRMP008 – Perform rescue from switchyard structures
- UETDRMP010 – Provide first aid in an ESI environment
- UETDRMP001 – Apply access authority procedures to work on or near electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP002 – ESI safety rules for work on, near or in the vicinity of electrical apparatus

Protection and/or Control Technician

Pathway 1:

- UET60222 – Advanced Diploma of ESI – Power Systems with Protection or Protection and Metering specialisation

Pathway 2:

- Professional Engineer with the Institution of Engineers Australia, National Engineering Registration (NER) in the Electrical area of practice.

Pathway 3:

- Engineering Technologist or Associate with the Institute of Engineers Australia in the Electrical area of practice.

Pathway 4:

- Certificate of proficiency in Electrotechnology Electrician
- Enterprise training and assessment on protection systems that is equivalent to the Pathway 1 qualification.

Pathway 5:

- Unrestricted Electrician's Licence or equivalent issued in an Australian state or territory
- Enterprise training and assessment on protection systems that is equivalent to the Pathway 1 qualification.

Additional competencies that may be required by network operators relevant to the work:

- HLTAID009 – Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- UETDREL005 – Work safely in the vicinity of live electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP001 – Apply access authority procedures to work on or near electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP002 – ESI safety rules for work on, near or in the vicinity of electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP007 – Perform rescue from a live LV panel
- UETDRMP008 – Perform rescue from switchyard structures
- UETDRMP010 – Provide first aid in an ESI environment

Electrical Operating Work – Field Operator

Pathway 1:

- UET30621 – ESI Distribution Overhead

Pathway 2:

- UET30821 – ESI Distribution Underground

Pathway 3:

- UET30521 – ESI – Transmission Overhead

Pathway 4:

- UET30721 – ESI – Rail Traction

Pathway 5:

- Certificate of proficiency in Electrotechnology Electrician

Pathway 6:

- Unrestricted Electrician's Licence or equivalent issued in an Australian state or territory.

Additional competencies that may be required by network operators relevant to the work:

- HLTAID009 – Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- UETDRIS017 – Perform high voltage field switching operation to a given schedule
- UETDRIS018 – Perform low voltage field switching operation to a given schedule
- UETDRIS022 – Coordinate permit procedures
- UETDRIS023 – Develop and validate high voltage distribution switching programs
- UETDRMP001 – Apply access authority procedures to work on or near electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP002 – ESI safety rules for work on, near or in the vicinity of electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP007 – Perform rescue from a live LV panel
- UETDRMP010 – Provide first aid in an ESI environment
- UETDRRT013 – Perform rail traction switching operations to a given schedule
- UETDRSB001 – Perform substation switching operations to a given schedule
- UETDRSO016 – Develop and validate low voltage switching programs

Electrical Operating Work – Control Room

Pathway 1:

- UET60222 – Advanced Diploma of ESI – Power Systems with specialisation in System Operations Distribution

Pathway 2:

- UET60222 – Advanced Diploma of ESI – Power Systems with specialisation in System Operations Transmission

Pathway 3:

- Certificate of proficiency in Electrotechnology Electrician
- Enterprise training and assessment on system operations that is equivalent to Pathway 1 or 2 qualifications.

Pathway 4:

- Unrestricted Electrician's Licence or equivalent issued in an Australian state or territory
- Enterprise training and assessment on system operations that is equivalent to Pathway 1 or 2 qualifications.

Additional competencies that may be required by network operators relevant to the work:

- UETDRMP002 – ESI safety rules for work on, near or in the vicinity of electrical apparatus

Network Construction and Maintenance (Overhead)

Public Lighting Work

Pathway 1:

- UET30621 – ESI Distribution Overhead
- UETDRMP011 – Testing of connections to low voltage electricity networks

Pathway 2:

- UET30821 – ESI Distribution Underground
- UETDRMP011 – Testing of connections to low voltage electricity networks

Pathway 3:

- UET30921 – Certificate III in ESI – Very Remote Community Utilities
- UETDRMP011 – Testing of connections to low voltage electricity networks

Pathway 4:

- Certificate of proficiency in Electrotechnology Electrician
- UETDRMP011 – Testing of connections to low voltage electricity networks

Pathway 5:

- Unrestricted Electrician's Licence or equivalent issued in an Australian state or territory
- UETDRMP011 – Testing of connections to low voltage electricity networks

Additional competencies that may be required by network operators relevant to the work:

- HLTAID009 – Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- RIWHS204E – Work safely at heights
- TLILIC0005 – Licence to operate a boom-type elevating work platform (boom length 11 metres or more)
- UETDRDU007 – Install and maintain underground public lighting
- UETDREL005 – Work safely in the vicinity of live electrical apparatus
- UETDRIS013 – Install and maintain public lighting systems
- UETDRMP001 – Apply access authority procedures to work on or near electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP002 – ESI safety rules for work on, near or in the vicinity of electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP004 – Perform elevated work platform-controlled descent escape
- UETDRMP005 – Perform elevated work platform rescue
- UETDRMP006 – Perform pole top rescue
- UETDRMP007 – Perform rescue from a live LV panel
- UETDRMP010 – Provide first aid in an ESI environment

LV Overhead Services

Pathway 1:

- UET30621 – Certificate III in ESI Distribution Overhead
- UETDRMP011 – Testing of connections to low voltage electricity networks

Pathway 2:

A former authorised lineworker with an Australian electricity network operator and can satisfy the network operator that they meet all the following requirements:

- They hold a linework certification (e.g. craft certificate).
- They were authorised by an Australian electricity distributor to perform linework duties in a period no more than 24 months prior to the date of application (this must be supported by evidence of authorisation by the electricity distributor).
- They have demonstrated lineworker experience on an overhead electricity distribution system relevant to network requirements.
- UETDRMP011 – Testing of connections to low voltage electricity networks

Pathway 3:

- Certificate of proficiency in Electrotechnology Electrician
- UETDRIS010 – Install and maintain low voltage overhead service
- UETDRMP011 – Testing of connections to low voltage electricity networks

Pathway 4:

- Unrestricted electrician's licence or equivalent issued in an Australian state or territory
- UETDRIS010 – Install and maintain low voltage overhead services
- UETDRMP011 – Testing of connections to low voltage electricity networks

Additional competencies that may be required by network operators relevant to the work:

- HLTAID009 – Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- RIIHAN301E – Operate elevating work platform
- RIIWHS204E – Work safely at heights
- TLILIC0005 – Licence to operate a boom-type elevating work platform (boom length 11 metres or more)
- UETDREL005 – Work safely in the vicinity of live electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP001 – Apply access authority procedures to work on or near electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP002 – ESI safety rules for work on, near or in the vicinity of electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP004 – Perform elevated work platform-controlled descent escape
- UETDRMP005 – Perform elevated work platform rescue
- UETDRMP006 – Perform pole top rescue
- UETDRMP007 – Perform rescue from a live LV panel
- UETDRMP010 – Provide first aid in an ESI environment

Overhead Distribution Linework

Pathway 1:

- UET30621 – Certificate III in ESI Distribution Overhead
- UETDRMP011 – Testing of connections to low voltage electricity networks

Pathway 2:

A former authorised lineworker with an Australian electricity network operator and can satisfy the network operator that they meet all the following requirements:

- They have obtained a lineworker certification (e.g. craft certificate).
- They were authorised by an Australian electricity distributor to perform linework duties in a period no more than 24 months prior to the date of application (this must be supported by evidence of authorisation by the electricity distributor).
- They have demonstrated lineworker experience on an overhead electricity distribution system relevant to network requirements.
- UETDRMP011 – Testing of connections to low voltage electricity networks

Additional competencies that may be required by network operators relevant to the work:

- HLTAID009 – Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- RIIWHS204E – Work safely at heights
- TLILIC0005 – Licence to operate a boom-type elevating work platform (boom length 11 metres or more)
- UETDREL005 – Work safely in the vicinity of live electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP001 – Apply access authority procedures to work on or near electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP002 – ESI safety rules for work on, near or in the vicinity of electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP004 – Perform elevated work platform-controlled descent escape
- UETDRMP005 – Perform elevated work platform rescue
- UETDRMP006 – Perform pole top rescue
- UETDRMP007 – Perform rescue from a live LV panel
- UETDRMP010 – Provide first aid in an ESI environment
- UETDRMP012 – Working on energised low voltage overhead electrical apparatus

Overhead Distribution Linework – Live HV

Pathway 1:

- UET40422 Certificate IV in ESI – Network Systems (Distribution High Voltage Live Line)
- UETDRDO003 – Maintain energised high voltage distribution overhead electrical apparatus (glove and barrier)
- UETDRDO004 – Maintain energised high voltage distribution overhead electrical apparatus (stick)
- UETDRIS020 – Contribute to Coordinated High Voltage Live Work

(Subject to annual verification of competency and network authorisation)

Pathway 2:

- UET30621 – Certificate III in ESI – Distribution Overhead
- UETDRDO003 – Maintain energised high voltage distribution overhead electrical apparatus (glove and barrier)
- UETDRDO004 – Maintain energised high voltage distribution overhead electrical apparatus (stick)
- UETDRIS020 – Contribute to Coordinated High Voltage Live Work

(Subject to annual verification of competency and network authorisation)

Pathway 3:

A person that meets all the following requirements:

- They have obtained a lineworker certification (e.g. craft certificate).
- They were authorised by an Australian electricity distributor to perform linework duties in a period no more than 24 months prior to the date of application (this must be supported by evidence of authorisation by the electricity distributor).
- They have demonstrated lineworker experience on an overhead electricity distribution system relevant to network requirements.
- UETDRDO003 – Maintain energised high voltage distribution overhead electrical apparatus (glove and barrier)
- UETDRDO004 – Maintain energised high voltage distribution overhead electrical apparatus (stick)
- UETDRIS020 – Contribute to Coordinated High Voltage Live Work

(Subject to annual verification of competency and network authorisation)

Additional competencies that may be required by network operators relevant to the work:

- HLTAID009 – Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- RIIWHS204E – Work safely at heights
- TLILIC0005 – Licence to operate a boom-type elevating work platform (boom length 11 metres or more)
- UETDREL005 – Work safely in the vicinity of live electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP001 – Apply access authority procedures to work on or near electrical apparatus

- UETDRMP002 – ESI safety rules for work on, near or in the vicinity of electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP004 – Perform elevated work platform-controlled descent escape
- UETDRMP005 – Perform elevated work platform rescue
- UETDRMP006 – Perform pole top rescue
- UETDRMP010 – Provide first aid in an ESI environment

Overhead Transmission Linework

Pathway 1:

- UET30521 – Certificate III in ESI – Transmission Overhead

Pathway 2:

A person that meets all of the following requirements:

- They have obtained a lineworker certification (e.g. craft certificate).
- They were authorised by an Australian electricity distributor to perform linework duties in a period no more than 24 months prior to the date of application (this must be supported by evidence of authorisation by the electricity distributor).
- They have demonstrated lineworker experience on an overhead electricity transmission system relevant to network requirements.

Additional competencies that may be required by network operators relevant to the work:

- HLTAID009 – Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- RIIWHS204E – Work safely at heights
- TLILIC0005 – Licence to operate a boom-type elevating work platform (boom length 11 metres or more)
- UETDREL005 – Work safely in the vicinity of live electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP001 – Apply access authority procedures to work on or near electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP002 – ESI safety rules for work on, near or in the vicinity of electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP004 – Perform elevated work platform-controlled descent escape
- UETDRMP005 – Perform elevated work platform rescue
- UETDRMP006 – Perform pole top rescue
- UETDRMP009 – Perform tower rescue
- UETDRMP010 – Provide first aid in an ESI environment

Overhead Transmission Linework – Live HV

Pathway 1:

- UET40422 Certificate IV in ESI – Network Systems (Transmission Live Line)
- UETDRT0011 – Maintain energised transmission lines using live work barehand techniques
- UETDRT0012 – Maintain energised transmission lines using live work stick techniques
- UETDRIS020 – Contribute to coordinated high voltage live work

(Subject to annual verification of competency and network authorisation)

Pathway 2:

- UET30521 – Certificate III in ESI – Transmission Overhead
- UETDRT0011 – Maintain energised transmission lines using live work barehand techniques
- UETDRT0012 – Maintain energised transmission lines using live work stick techniques
- UETDRIS020 – Contribute to coordinated high voltage live work

(Subject to annual verification of competency and network authorisation)

Pathway 3:

A person that meets all the following requirements:

- They have obtained a lineworker certification (e.g. craft certificate).
- They were authorised by an Australian electricity distributor to perform linework duties in a period no more than 24 months prior to the date of application (this must be supported by evidence of authorisation by the electricity distributor).
- They have demonstrated lineworker experience on an overhead electricity transmission system relevant to network requirements.
- UETDRT0011 – Maintain energised transmission lines using live work barehand techniques
- UETDRT0012 – Maintain energised transmission lines using live work stick techniques
- UETDRIS020 – Contribute to coordinated high voltage live work

(Subject to annual verification of competency and network authorisation)

Additional competencies that may be required by network operators relevant to the work:

- HLTAID009 – Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- RIIWHS204E – Work safely at heights
- TLILIC0005 – Licence to operate a boom-type elevating work platform (boom length 11 metres or more)
- UETDREL005 – Work safely in the vicinity of live electrical apparatus
- UETDRT0010 Maintain energised transmission lines using barehand techniques from a helicopter
- UETDRMP001 – Apply access authority procedures to work on or near electrical apparatus

- UETDRMP002 – ESI safety rules for work on, near or in the vicinity of electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP004 – Perform elevated work platform-controlled descent escape
- UETDRMP005 – Perform elevated work platform rescue
- UETDRMP006 – Perform pole top rescue
- UETDRMP009 – Perform tower rescue
- UETDRMP010 – Provide first aid in an ESI environment

Rail Traction Linework

Pathway:

- UET30721 – Certificate III in ESI – Rail Traction

Additional competencies that may be required by network operators relevant to the work:

- HLTAID009 – Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- RIIWHS204E – Work safely at heights
- TLILIC0005 – Licence to operate a boom-type elevating work platform (boom length 11 metres or more)
- UETDREL005 – Work safely in the vicinity of live electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP001 – Apply access authority procedures to work on or near electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP002 – ESI safety rules for work on, near or in the vicinity of electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP004 – Perform elevated work platform-controlled descent escape
- UETDRMP005 – Perform elevated work platform rescue
- UETDRMP006 – Perform pole top rescue
- UETDRMP010 – Provide first aid in an ESI environment

Rail Traction Live Linework

Pathway:

- UET30721 – Certificate III in ESI – Rail Traction
- UETDRRT015 – Maintain energised rail traction networks (Subject to annual verification of competency and network authorisation)

Additional competencies that may be required by network operators relevant to the work:

- HLTAID009 – Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- RIIWHS204E – Work safely at heights
- TLILIC0005 – Licence to operate a boom-type elevating work platform (boom length 11 metres or more)
- UETDREL005 – Work safely in the vicinity of live electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP001 – Apply access authority procedures to work on or near electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP002 – ESI safety rules for work on, near or in the vicinity of electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP004 – Perform elevated work platform-controlled descent escape
- UETDRMP005 – Perform elevated work platform rescue
- UETDRMP006 – Perform pole top rescue
- UETDRMP010 – Provide first aid in an ESI environment

Network Construction and Maintenance (Underground)

LV Underground Service

Pathway 1:

- UET30821 – Certificate III in ESI – Distribution Underground
- UETDRMP011 – Testing of connections to low voltage electricity networks

Pathway 2:

A former authorised cable jointer with an Australian electricity network operator and can satisfy the network operator that they meet all of the following requirements:

- They hold a cable jointer certification (e.g. craft certificate).
- They were authorised by an Australian electricity distributor to perform cable jointer duties in a period no more than 24 months prior to the date of application (this must be supported by evidence of authorisation by the electricity distributor).
- They have demonstrated cable jointer experience on an underground electricity distribution system relevant to network requirements.
- UETDRMP011 – Testing of connections to low voltage electricity networks

Pathway 3:

- Certificate of proficiency in Electrotechnology Electrician
- UETDRIS011 – Install and maintain low voltage underground services
- UETDRMP011 – Testing of connections to low voltage electricity networks

Pathway 4:

- Unrestricted Electrician's Licence or equivalent issued in an Australian state or territory
- UETDRIS011 – Install and maintain low voltage underground services
- UETDRMP011 – Testing of connections to low voltage electricity networks

Additional competencies that may be required by network operators relevant to the work:

- HLTAID009 – Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- UETDREL005 – Work safely in the vicinity of live electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP001 – Apply access authority procedures to work on or near electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP002 – ESI safety rules for work on, near or in the vicinity of electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP007 – Perform rescue from a live LV panel
- UETDRMP010 – Provide first aid in an ESI environment

Distribution Cable Jointing

Pathway 1:

- UET30821 – Certificate III in ESI – Distribution Underground

Pathway 2:

A former authorised cable jointer with an Australian electricity network operator and can satisfy the network operator that they meet all of the following requirements:

- They hold a cable jointer certification (e.g. craft certificate).
- They were authorised by an Australian electricity distributor to perform cable jointer duties in a period no more than 24 months prior to the date of application (this must be supported by evidence of authorisation by the electricity distributor).
- They have demonstrated cable jointer experience on an underground electricity distribution system relevant to network requirements.

Pathway 3:

- Certificate of proficiency in Electrotechnology Electrician

Pathway 4:

- Unrestricted Electrician's Licence or equivalent issued in an Australian state or territory

Additional competencies that may be required by network operators relevant to the work:

- HLTAID009 – Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- UETDREL005 – Work safely in the vicinity of live electrical apparatus
- UETDRDU010 – Joint, terminate and maintain energised low voltage underground paper insulated cable
- UETDRDU011 – Joint, terminate and maintain energised low voltage underground polymeric cable
- UETDRDU012 – Joint, terminate and maintain high voltage underground paper insulated cable
- UETDRDU013 – Joint, terminate and maintain high voltage underground polymeric cable
- UETDRDU014 – Joint, terminate and maintain low voltage underground paper insulated cable
- UETDRDU015 – Joint, terminate and maintain low voltage underground polymeric cable
- UETDRDU019 – Transition joint high voltage paper insulated cable to high voltage polymeric cable
- UETDRMP001 – Apply access authority procedures to work on or near electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP002 – ESI safety rules for work on, near or in the vicinity of electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP003 – Perform cable pit/trench/excavation rescue
- UETDRMP007 – Perform rescue from a live LV panel
- UETDRMP010 – Provide first aid in an ESI environment

Transmission Cable Jointing

Pathway:

- UET30821 – Certificate III in ESI – Distribution Underground

Additional competencies that may be required by network operators relevant to the work:

- HLTAID009 – Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- UETDREL005 – Work safely in the vicinity of live electrical apparatus
- UETDRDU010 – Joint, terminate and maintain energised low voltage underground paper insulated cable
- UETDRDU011 – Joint, terminate and maintain energised low voltage underground polymeric cable
- UETDRDU012 – Joint, terminate and maintain high voltage underground paper insulated cable
- UETDRDU013 – Joint, terminate and maintain high voltage underground polymeric cable
- UETDRDU014 – Joint, terminate and maintain low voltage underground paper insulated cable
- UETDRDU015 – Joint, terminate and maintain low voltage underground polymeric cable
- UETDRDU019 – Transition joint high voltage paper insulated cable to high voltage polymeric cable
- UETDRDU021 – Joint, terminate and maintain underground polymeric cable 33kV and above
- UETDRMP001 – Apply access authority procedures to work on or near electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP002 – ESI safety rules for work on, near or in the vicinity of electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP003 – Perform cable pit/trench/excavation rescue
- UETDRMP007 – Perform rescue from a live LV panel
- UETDRMP010 – Provide first aid in an ESI environment

Note: In addition to the above requirements, jointing suppliers/manufacturers may require specific product training (non-accredited) to comply with warranty terms and conditions.

Network Construction and Maintenance (Non–Electrically Qualified)

Cable Laying – Underground Civil Works

Pathway:

- UETDRDU016 – Lay power cables

Additional competencies that may be required by network operators relevant to the work:

- HLTAID009 – Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- RIICCM202E – Identify, locate and protect underground services
- UETDREL005 – Work safely in the vicinity of live electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP001 – Apply access authority procedures to work on or near electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP002 – ESI safety rules for work on, near or in the vicinity of electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP003 – Perform cable pit/trench/excavation rescue
- UETDRMP007 – Perform rescue from a live LV panel
- UETDRMP010 – Provide first aid in an ESI environment

Overhead Powerline Vegetation Control – Groundline

Pathway:

- UET20321 – Certificate II in ESI – Powerline Vegetation Control
- UETDRV005 – Control vegetation in the vicinity of live electrical apparatus from ground level
- UETDRV007 – Control vegetation using pruning techniques

Additional competencies that may be required by network operators relevant to the work:

- Enterprise specific Close Approach Vegetation Control (CAVC) training
- AHCCHM201 – Apply chemicals under supervision
- AHCCHM304 – Transport and store chemicals
- AHCCHM307 – Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and diseases
- HLTAID009 – Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- UETDRMP001 – Apply access authority procedures to work on or near electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP002 – ESI safety rules for work on, near or in the vicinity of electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP010 – Provide first aid in an ESI environment
- UETDRMP012 – Working on energised low voltage overhead electrical apparatus
- UETDRV002 – Assess vegetation in an electricity supply industry environment
- UETDRV011 – Use specialised plant to cut vegetation above ground in the vicinity of live electrical apparatus

Overhead Powerline Vegetation Control – EWP

Pathway:

- UET20321 – Certificate II in ESI – Powerline Vegetation Control
- TLILIC0005 – Licence to operate a boom-type elevating work platform (boom length 11 metres or more)
- UETDRMP004 – Perform elevated work platform-controlled descent escape
- UETDRMP005 – Perform elevated work platform rescue
- UETDRVC004 – Control vegetation in the vicinity of live electrical apparatus from an elevated work platform
- UETDRVC007 – Control vegetation using pruning techniques

Additional competencies that may be required by network operators relevant to the work:

- Enterprise specific, Close approach Vegetation Control (CAVC) training
- HLTAID009 – Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- RIIWHS204E – Work safely at heights
- UETDRMP001 – Apply access authority procedures to work on or near electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP002 – ESI safety rules for work on, near or in the vicinity of electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP010 – Provide first aid in an ESI environment
- UETDRMP012 – Working on energised low voltage overhead electrical apparatus
- UETDRVC002 – Assess vegetation in an electricity supply industry environment

Overhead Powerline Vegetation Control – Climber

Pathway:

- UET20321 – Certificate II in ESI – Powerline Vegetation Control
- AHCARB322 – Access trees for inspection
- UETDRVC006 – Control vegetation in the vicinity of live electrical apparatus from within the tree
- UETDRVC007 – Control vegetation using pruning techniques
- UETDRVC010 – Perform rescue from within a tree in the vicinity of live electrical apparatus

Additional competencies that may be required by network operators relevant to the work:

- Enterprise-specific Close approach Vegetation Control (CAVC) training
- HLTAID009 – Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- RIIWHS204E – Work safely at heights
- UETDRMP001 – Apply access authority procedures to work on or near electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP002 – ESI safety rules for work on, near or in the vicinity of electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP004 – Perform elevated work platform-controlled descent escape
- UETDRMP005 – Perform elevated work platform rescue
- UETDRMP010 – Provide first aid in an ESI environment
- UETDRMP012 – Working on energised low voltage overhead electrical apparatus
- UETDRVC002 – Assess vegetation in an electricity supply industry environment

Vegetation Inspection

Pathway:

- UET20321 – Certificate II in ESI – Powerline Vegetation Control
- UETDRVC002 – Assess vegetation in an electricity supply industry environment
- AHC30824 – Certificate III in Arboriculture
- AHCARB408 – Perform ground-based tree defect evaluation

Additional competencies that may be required by network operators relevant to the work:

- HLTAID009 – Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- UETDRMP002 – ESI safety rules for work on, near or in the vicinity of electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP010 – Provide first aid in an ESI environment

Pole and Line Inspection

Pathway:

- UET20621 – Certificate II in ESI – Asset Inspection and Testing

Additional competencies that may be required by network operators relevant to the work:

- AVIW0006 – Perform infrastructure inspections using remote operated systems
- HLTAID009 – Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- UETDRAI004 – Treat poles
- UETDRAI003 – Perform minor maintenance on electricity network assets
- UETDRDU002 – Inspect underground electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP002 – ESI safety rules for work on, near or in the vicinity of electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP007 – Perform rescue from a live low voltage panel
- UETDRMP010 – Provide first aid in an ESI environment

Work on Overhead Telecommunication Equipment

Pathway: No formal pathway

Additional competencies that may be required by network operators relevant to the work:

- HLTAID009 – Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- RIWHS204E – Work safely at heights
- TLILIC0005 – Licence to operate a boom-type elevating work platform (boom length 11 metres or more)
- UETDREL006 – Work safely in the vicinity of live electrical apparatus as a non-electrical worker
- UETDRMP001 – Apply access authority procedures to work on or near electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP002 – ESI safety rules for work on, near or in the vicinity of electrical apparatus
- UETDRMP004 – Perform elevated work platform-controlled descent escape
- UETDRMP005 – Perform elevated work platform rescue
- UETDRMP006 – Perform pole top rescue
- UETDRMP007 – Perform rescue from a live low voltage panel
- UETDRMP010 – Provide first aid in an ESI environment

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