



Offshore Technical Skills Record (OTSR) Holders - Electrical How to obtain a full qualification

Once you have an OTSR, you can apply for a provisional electrical licence by contacting the state or territory electrical regulator.

Once in Australia, OTSR holders with a provisional licence are required to undertake Australian minimum context gap training and to work under the supervision of a fully licenced electrician for a period of up to 12 months **in Australia**. On successful completion, you will be eligible to apply for your Australian qualification – typically a Certificate III in the relevant electrical trade.

What is the Process?

Step 1. Apply for a provisional licence

Contact the electrical regulator in the state or territory where you are planning to reside. The full list is available from the [Electrical Licensing Page](#) on the **Trades Recognition Australia** website. It is **very important** to discuss with the regulator the accepted process for completing any Australian minimum context gap training required to meet licensing requirements.

Step 2. Apply for work in Australia

Look up relevant jobs online (www.jobsearch.gov.au) or contact Australian employer associations and unions.

Step 3. Obtain further experience and complete Australian minimum context gap training

- i. *Undertake gap training:* Australian minimum context gap training is designed to address specific knowledge and skills you need to work in the electrical industry in Australia. The regulator in the state or territory where you are planning to reside, will outline the necessary training required to obtain your qualification. The regulator will also advise you of Australian RTOs that can deliver Australian minimum context gap training.
- ii. *Record a period (up to 12 months) of supervised employment experience in Australia:* You and your employer will be required to record your work experience. For further information on profiling your work experience, please discuss with your nominated RTO.

Step 4. Apply for full qualification

The Australian RTO that delivered the gap training can award you a Certificate III in your electrical trade once you have completed the gap training and supervised employment experience.

Further Information

Please contact Trades Recognition Australia at: TRAOutsourcedPrograms@education.gov.au