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#### **FOREWORD**

The Zambia Qualifications Authority (ZAQA) is a statutory body under the Ministry of Higher Education established by ZAQA Act No. 13 of 2011 to "provide for the development and implementation of a national qualifications framework; provide measures to ensure that standards and registered qualifications are internationally comparable; and provide for matters connected with, or incidental to the foregoing".

Among other functions, ZAQA is responsible for "determining national standards for any occupation", through various sector specific National Occupational Standards Development Teams (NOSDTs) of experts composed of representation from appropriate authorities, government departments, industry, academia, regulators, consumer associations and non-governmental organisations, etc.

This National Occupational Standard (NOS) has been developed by the Construction National Occupational Standards Development Team in accordance with the procedures and guidelines of ZAQA. All users should ensure that they have the latest edition of this publication as National Occupational Standards are revised from time to time.

This NOS shall be used by, among others, industry, employers, quality assurance bodies, awarding & professional bodies and education & training institutions, as a benchmark to identify training needs, develop job profiles/descriptions, develop curricula and learning programmes, in various sectors where the occupation exists. In the Construction sector, demonstration of competence against this NOS may be required in order to run a business or practice a craft or profession.

#### **JUSTIFICATION**

Electricians are indispensable to the Construction sector. They are responsible for installing wiring, conduits, lighting and other fixtures and electrical components in buildings/premises as well as at the construction sites. The Electrician also ensures the safety, maintenance and repair of all electrical installations at a construction site or in a building.

There has been an increase in reports of fire incidences reported in the country which have resulted in damage to homes and household goods as well as other premises. These incidences have been attributed to poor workmanship and the use of substandard materials in construction electrical works. As a result, a Construction Electrician requires a thorough knowledge and understanding of building codes and standards as well as ability to apply such codes and standards to ensure safety of dwellers/occupants, buildings/premises, electrical installations and property.

This National Occupational Standard highlights core knowledge, skills, competences and personal attributes that the Electricians handling Low Voltage (LV) electrical works must possess to be successful in their jobs.

#### **ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

CS Core Skill

NOS National Occupational Standard

ELCB Earth Leakage Circuit Breaker

E-LV Electrician – Low Voltage

LV Low Voltage

MCB Miniature Circuit Breaker

NOS National Occupational Standard

NOSDT National Occupational Standards Development Team

OK Organisational Knowledge

PC Performance Criteria

PS Professional Skill

RCCB Residual Current Circuit Breaker

RPL Recognition of Prior Learning

SLD Single Line Diagram

TK Technical Knowledge

ZAQA Zambia Qualifications Authority

ZQF Zambia Qualifications Framework

#### **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

For the purposes of this NOS, the following terms and definitions shall apply:

**Core Skills/Generic Skills:** are a group of skills that are key to learning and working in today's world. These skills are typically needed in any work environment. In the context of the NOS, these include communication related skills that are applicable to most job roles.

**Function:** is an activity necessary for achieving the key purpose of the sector, occupation, or area of work, which can be carried out by a person or a group of persons. Functions are identified through functional analysis and form the basis of NOS.

**Job Title:** defines a unique set of functions that together form a unique employment opportunity in an organisation.

**Knowledge and Understanding:** are statements which together specify the technical, generic, professional and organisational specific knowledge that an individual needs in order to perform to the required standard.

**National Occupational Standards (NOS):** are statements of the standards of performance individuals must achieve when carrying out functions in the workplace, together with specifications of the underpinning knowledge and understanding. They are precise descriptions of what an individual is expected to be able to do in his/her work role.

National Occupational Standards (NOS) Code: is a unique reference code that identifies a NOS.

**National Occupational Standards Development Team (NOSDT):** means an established group of national stakeholders/experts responsible for the development of National Occupational Standards within a specific economic sector or occupation.

**Occupation:** is a set of job roles, which perform similar/related set of functions in an industry.

**Organisational Context:** includes the way the organisation is structured and how it operates, including the extent of operative knowledge that managers have in their relevant areas of responsibility.

**Performance Criteria:** are statements that together specify the standard of performance required when carrying out a task.

**Scope:** is the set of statements specifying the range of variables that an individual may have to deal with in carrying out the functions which have a critical impact on the quality of performance required.

**Sector:** is a conglomeration of different business operations having similar businesses and interests. It may also be defined as a distinct subset of the economy whose components share similar characteristics and interests.

**Sub Sector:** is derived from a further breakdown based on the characteristics and interests of its components.

**Technical Knowledge:** is the specific knowledge needed to accomplish specific designated responsibilities.

**Unit Title:** gives a clear overall statement about what the incumbent should be able to do.

**Low Voltage:** is the voltage normally exceeding extra low voltage (50 V a.c or 120 V d.c) but not exceeding 1000 V a.c or 1500 V d.c between conductors or 600 V a.c or 900 V d.c between conductors and earth.

## 1. OVERVIEW

This is an introductory section providing a brief summary and specific information or commentary about the content of the NOS and the targeted sector and occupation to help the user judge whether it is relevant to them.

carrying out electrical wiring works at residential, commercial and industrial buildings/premises  Job Purpose  An Electrician – LV installs and maintains cables, electrical units and equipment required for construction activities at project sites and in buildings/premises  ZQF Level  Sector  Construction  Sub sector  Real Estate and Infrastructure Construction  Other Economic Sector(s) Energy, Mining, Manufacturing, Health, Telecommunication, Education/training, etc.  Practiced	NOS Code	NOS.E-LV.01
Job Title  Job Description  The Electrician – LV is responsible for laying and terminating LV cables, installing and maintaining construction equipment at a construction site and carrying out electrical wiring works at residential, commercial and industrial buildings/premises  Job Purpose  An Electrician – LV installs and maintains cables, electrical units and equipment required for construction activities at project sites and in buildings/premises  ZQF Level  4  Sector  Construction  Sub sector  Real Estate and Infrastructure Construction  Other Economic Sector(s) in which the Occupation is Practiced	Occupation	Low Voltage Electrical Works
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can be Performed in the Occupation  Electrical Helper, etc.	can be Performed in the	
Minimum Educational Job Level 4 Certificate Entry Qualification(s)	Minimum Educational Job	Level 4 Certificate
Practicing License No (But Membership with EIZ is recommended) Requirements (if any)	Practicing License	No (But Membership with EIZ is recommended)
<ol> <li>Training/RPL (Suggested)</li> <li>1. Electrical safety</li> <li>2. Latest electrical equipment, systems and technologies</li> <li>3. Use of ICTs (Internet, Computer packages, Email, Computer Software and Hardware necessary for the job, etc.)</li> <li>4. 5S Workplace Organisation Method.</li> <li>5. System Protection</li> <li>6. Familiarization with Codes of practice (e.g. ZS 791 Wiring of Premises Code of Practice)</li> </ol>	Training/RPL (Suggested)	<ol> <li>Latest electrical equipment, systems and technologies</li> <li>Use of ICTs (Internet, Computer packages, Email, Computer Software and Hardware necessary for the job, etc.)</li> <li>5S Workplace Organisation Method.</li> <li>System Protection</li> <li>Familiarization with Codes of practice (e.g. ZS 791 Wiring of Premises Code of Practice)</li> </ol>
Minimum Job Entry Age 18 years	Minimum Job Entry Age	18 years
Prior Experience Trained worker: 2 years site experience as an	•	
(Recommended)Assistant ElectricianPerformance CriteriaAs described in the Units under Section 4	,	

#### 2. SCOPE

This National Occupational Standard highlights core knowledge, skills, competences and personal attributes that Electricians handling Low Voltage (LV) electrical works must possess to be successful in their jobs.

### 3. PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES (VALUES, ETHICS AND ATTITUDES)

This job requires skills in reading, writing and oral communication, ability to plan and prioritise, ability to work in a team, physique to sustain strenuous conditions, ability to use fingers, hands and feet with ease to complete the assigned task (dexterity), high precision, ability to handle the various tools and materials related to electrical work, sensitivity towards safety for self, others and equipment, willingness to work across various locations in ongoing construction work environment while working at the site, be well versed with tasks, functions, standards and specifications, codes of practice and safety norms applicable to LV electrical works, etc.

#### 4. UNITS AND ELEMENTS

This National Occupational Standard is divided into 6 Units representing the tasks that a job holder should undertake in his/her day to day work. Each unit is further broken down into elements depicting the number of activities to be carried out for the successful execution of a particular task

**UNIT 1** [This Unit covers the skills and knowledge required by an Electrician - Low Voltage to be proficient in laying and terminating of single or multicore cables for single/three phase systems and installing equipment at construction sites].

Unit No.	01		
Unit Title	Lay and terminate single/multi-core cables for single/three		
	phase systems and install equipment at construction sites		
Description	This Unit describes the skills and knowledge required to lay and		
	terminate single/multi-core cables for single/three phase systems and		
	install equipment at construction sites		
Scope	This Unit covers the following:		
	<ul> <li>Carry out preparatory works prior to laying and terminating of</li> </ul>		
	cables		
	<ul> <li>Lay and terminate cables and carry out electrification of</li> </ul>		
	equipment		
Performance Crite	eria (PC) with respect to the Scope		
Element	Performance Criteria (PC)		
Carry out	To be competent, the individual must be able to:		
preparatory	PC1. assist superior/supervisor in identifying and planning		
works prior to	(method, material specification and time requirement) for cable		
laying and	laying activities at construction sites		
terminating of	PC2. read and understand organisational procedures prior to		
cables	undertaking activities		
	PC3. read and interpret electrical drawings, specifications,		
	manufacturer's guidelines as and when required		
	PC4. check/inspect cables and accessories to be used according to instructions/drawings/manufacturer's specifications as per the		
	required application		
	PC5. inspect work area for embedded service lines, and vicinity of		
	flammable items prior to cable laying		
	PC6. carry out safe isolation at power source as per applicable		
	specification/electrical safety norms and erect caution signage at		
	appropriate location(s)		
	PC7. execute preparatory activities such as digging of trenches,		
	laying of conduits and erection of poles		
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Lay cables and carry out electrification of equipment	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		

PC13. install circuit breakers, starters, relays, etc. of correct rating according to equipment/machinery specifications

PC14. carry out earthing of the equipment (if applicable) using a suitable and/or specified method

PC15. set out/read and understand test procedures, perform applicable electrical tests and carry out trial run to ensure safe and desired operation of the construction equipment/ machinery PC16. take preventive measures to secure exposed cables and accessories against human, vehicular movement or any other external abrasive effects by adopting suitable protective methods or industry recognised standard practices

PC17. ensure that correct and safe tools specific to the equipment and application are used

PC18. ensure that the correct safety components specific to equipment are installed properly as per manufacturer's guidelines PC19. ensure maintenance of all electrical tools and equipment/machinery under operation according to manufacturer's guidelines or standard procedures

PC20. ensure proper housekeeping of the work area prior and post operations

PC21. ensure labelling or tagging of embedded, exposed electrical lines, accessories and other equipment/machinery according to standard procedures or best practices

PC22. work safely according to standard practices, manufacturers guidelines, specifications and electrical safety norms while carrying out cable laying activities or connecting equipment/machinery to the main power source

#### **Knowledge and Understanding (K)**

A. Organisation al Context
(Knowledge of the company/ organisation and its processes)

**A. Organisation-** The individual on the job must demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:

OK1. standard practices for establishing temporary low voltage power connection arrangements at the construction site OK2. safety rules and regulations for handling and storing required electrical tools, equipment/machinery and materials OK3. personal protection including the use of related safety gears

and equipment

OK4. processes for requesting for tools and materials as per set organisational procedures OK5. reporting procedures

# B. Technical Knowledge

The individual on the job must demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:

TK1. guidelines and specifications provided in the relevant Zambian or recognised Standards and Codes of Practice applicable to electrical works/operations

TK2. wiring symbols used in single and three phase installations TK3. how to read and interpret a Single Line Diagram (SLD), schematics and wiring diagrams of electrical installations TK4. manufacturer's guidelines/specifications for use of hand and power tools, as well as measuring and testing instruments TK5. units of measurements used in electrical works/operations (such as Watt, Ampere, Ohm and Volt) and their symbols

TK6. concepts of AC and DC circuits and their respective properties

TK7. concepts about working principles of AC and DC circuits TK8. sequencing and executing cable laying activities at construction sites as per standard practice, plans or instructions TK9. concepts of three phase circuits, advantages of three phase over single phase installations, as well as star and delta connections

TK10. required cables and accessories (single phase/three phase) as per the equipment/machinery design

TK11. tests to be performed in balanced 3 phase circuits

TK12. checks/inspections to be conducted on the cables and identify appropriate laying locations to ensure a safe working environment at the construction site

TK13. standard procedures for safeguarding exposed cables against external damages

TK14. measuring resistance, electrical current flow and voltage as required using appropriate electrical measuring instruments TK15. use of measuring instruments like digital multi-meter, tong tester and digital voltmeters while establishing electrical connections to the equipment/machinery at construction sites TK16. safe methods of electrical isolation and use of tools in the operation

TK17. different methods of earthing, including measurement of earth resistance using an earth resistance tester, testing of earth leakage using an Earth Leakage Circuit Breaker (ELCB), etc. TK18. fault finding and resolution methods using appropriate measuring instruments

TK19. standard procedure for termination of cables at the power sources and equipment/machinery connection points

TK20. use of Miniature Circuit Breaker (MCB), Residual Current Circuit Breaker (RCCB) and ELCB in equipment/machinery, their working principles, current ratings and fault levels

TK21. concepts of electrical circuits which include properties and functions of RLC (resistor-R, inductor-L and capacitor-C) circuits, inductive DC and AC circuits, details of capacitors, inductors and their use in DC and AC circuits

TK22. type of connections and tests to be carried out in capacitive and inductive AC and DC circuits

TK23. use of electrical hand and power tools as per electrical works requirements

TK24. standard procedure for storing or stacking electrical tools and equipment/machinery

TK25. Use of ICTs and relevant software.

TK26.relevant calculations

TK27. types of fire extinguishers and their use based on the sources/causes of fires

Skills (S)	
A. Core Skills/	Writing Skills
Generic	The individual on the job must be able to:
Skills	CS1. communicate in writing in English (at least working level) and
	be able to or have the means to give simple instructions in the
	local language used at the site
	Reading Skills
	The individual on the job must be able to:
	CS2. read in English (at least working level)
	CS3. read and interpret manufacturer's specifications, guidelines
	and SLDs, as applicable
	CS4. read and interpret safety and general signage, tags, etc.
	provided at the workplace  Oral Communication (Listening and Speaking skills)
	Oral Communication (Listening and Speaking skills)
	The individual on the job must be able to:
	CS5. speak in English (at least working level) and be able to or
	have the means to give simple instructions in the local language
	used at the site
	CS6. listen attentively and interpret communication/instructions
	from co-workers
	CS7. convey information clearly and concisely to the co-workers
B. Professional	Decision Making
Skills	The individual on the job must be able to:
	PS1. assess, decide and ensure that correct tools are used for a
	particular task
	PS2. assess, decide and ensure that correct safety equipment is
	properly installed as per manufacturer's guidelines
	PS3. decide the usability of available electrical materials through
	visual inspection
	PS4. identify a secure location where to place distribution boards
	and temporary replacement panels
	PS5. identify locations where lights and equipment/machinery
	should be placed to avoid accidents and damage to
	equipment/machinery
	PS6. decide the method and path for laying cables and secure
	them against damage
	PS7. decide the type (flexible, armoured, etc.) and core of the
	cable to be used
	PS8. decide whether to temporarily shut down operations on
	detection of faults or malfunctions
	PS9. decide whether the work place is safe for operations
	PS10. decide whether work front is clear, and if appropriate
	materials and tools for performing the work are available and
	adequate
	Plan and Organise
	The individual on the job must be able to:
	PS11. plan work and organise required resources in coordination
	with team members and superiors
	PS12. prioritise daily works as per the construction project
	requirements
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#### **Customer Centricity**

The individual on the job must be able to:

PS13. complete work as per agreed time schedule and quality

#### **Problem Solving**

The individual on the job must be able to:

PS14. properly resolve malfunctions of electrical circuits, equipment/ machinery and other electrical installations after identifying the root cause by use of electrical measuring and diagnostic instruments in accordance with standard guidelines PS15. join and extend cables in confined spaces, areas with little lighting or under adverse weather conditions PS16. resolve any conflicts within the team

#### **Analytical Thinking**

The individual on the job must be able to:

PS17. select protective devices (circuit breakers, fuses, etc.) of correct rating

PS18. ensure that standard ground clearance is provided to overhead cables

PS19. determine the rating of electrical fixtures such as switches, wires and fuses to be used according to the circuit load requirements

PS20. determine the gauge of wires/cables to be used as per load requirements

PS21. assess the proper functioning of tools/equipment and measuring instruments

PS22. optimise the use of resources

PS23. minimise material and time wastage in the workplace

PS24. reconcile material consumption

#### **Critical Thinking**

The individual on the job must be able to:

PS25. evaluate the complexity of the task at hand, determine possible hazards related to the task and report to the superior or concerned authority for assistance

PS26. inform superiors about the type, quality and quantity of resources required for the task

PS27. report superiors or colleagues to the appropriate authority for any violation of safety, quality or organisational norms which may lead to accidents or any undesired situations in the work place

**UNIT 2** [This Unit covers the skills and knowledge required by an Electrician - Low Voltage to be proficient in inspecting and maintaining construction equipment and cables as per the job requirement].

Unit No.	02	
Unit Title	Inspect and maintain electrical equipment and cables as per the job requirement	
Description	This Unit describes the skills and knowledge required to inspect and maintain construction equipment and cables as per the job requirement	
Scope	<ul> <li>This Unit covers the following:</li> <li>Carry out inspection, repair and maintenance of cables and construction equipment</li> </ul>	
Performance Crit	eria (PC) with respect to the Scope	
Element	Performance Criteria (PC)	
Carry out inspection, repair and maintenance of cables and construction equipment	To be competent, the individual must be able to: PC1. carry out appropriate tests and diagnose electrical faults of equipment as and when necessary PC2. power off and isolate equipment under maintenance or take necessary precautions as per standard practice while performing tests on live circuits PC3. carry out safe isolation at power source as per applicable specification/electrical safety norms and erect caution signage at appropriate locations PC4. repair or replace faulty parts such as relays, Miniature Circuit Breakers, wires, switches, sockets etc. according to the rating and manufacturer's maintenance requirements and guidelines relevant to circuit under maintenance PC5. determine types of motors (DC or AC) to be repaired or installed PC6. select and use appropriate starters according to the specification and power rating of motors during maintenance PC7. carry out winding of motor armatures if required as per specification of motor PC8. inspect and rectify faults detected in earthing of construction equipment referring to manufacturer's guidelines PC9. replace faulty parts like relays, Miniature Circuit Breakers, wires, switches, sockets etc. as per maintenance requirement PC10. inspect and perform tests on transformers to detect faults under close supervision PC11. carry out maintenance of lighting arrangements installed at critical accessed locations such as tower cranes, high masts etc. and replace faulty parts, consumables as and when necessary PC12. join damaged armoured cables (bearing heavy electricity loads) using appropriate jointing kits PC13. carry out maintenance on changeover switches for	
	switching between main power supply and standby power supply (e.g. diesel generator) at required times PC14. ensure safe and desired working of temporary electrical panels/distribution boards at construction sites	

PC15. provide proper notifications to concerned authority prior to undertaking maintenance activities following organisational norms PC16. work according to electrical safety norms and safety guidelines provided by equipment manufacturer PC17. report to senior authority or act efficiently on detection of any unsafe/hazardous condition PC18. document readings, conclusions of tests performed as and when necessary

#### Knowledge and Understanding (K)

# A. Organisational Context (Knowledge of the company/ organisation and its processes)

**A. Organisation-**The individual on the job must demonstrate knowledge and al Context understanding of:

OK1. standard practices and procedures for maintenance of temporary electrical works/panels

OK2. safety rules and regulations for handling and storing required electrical tools, equipment and materials

OK3. personal protection including the use of related safety gear and equipment

OK4. processes for requesting tools and materials as per set procedures for maintenance of tools and equipment

# B. Technical Knowledge

The individual on the job must demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:

TK1. guidelines provided in Zambian/recognised Standards and codes of practice applicable to electrical works

TK2. wiring symbols used in single and three phase installations TK3. how to read and interpret drawings, circuit diagrams and/or related schematics for single and three phase wiring systems TK4. how to estimate required material quantities from electrical drawings

TK5. manufacturer's guidelines/specifications for use of hand and power tools as well as measuring and testing instruments

TK6. manufacturer's guidelines/specifications for use of electrical fittings and fixtures

TK7. use of three phase and single phase wiring systems as per electrical drawings and specifications

TK8. specifications and colour coding of cables to be used in wiring systems according to load on circuit

TK9. components used in electrical earthing works

TK10. different methods of earthing such as the use of earth rods, earth mats, pipes, plates, etc.

TK11. measurement of earth resistance using earth resistance tester

TK12. testing of earth leakage circuit breaker using an earth leakage tester

TK13. application and specification of protective devices like MCB, ELCB and MCCB

TK14. how to plan lighting arrangements which may enable maximum use of natural lighting

TK15. current tentative market price of common electrical items

TK16. common electrical brands and their products

TK17. customer preferences regarding brands and trends

TK18. standard wiring procedures and best practices

TK19. right procedure for handling of electrical fixtures TK20. use of ladders, scaffolds, personal protective equipment, shock resistance gloves during routine working or performing tests on a live circuit TK21. use of drilling machines and selection of correct drill bits for drilling works TK22. use of different common electrical hand/power tools and instruments such as pliers, crimping tool, drilling machine, grinder, earth resistance tester, tong tester, voltage tester, multimeter, etc. TK23. standard procedure for storing and stacking electrical material, tools and equipment at workplace TK24. Use of ICTs and relevant software TK25. basic arithmetic and use of a calculator Skills (S) A. Core Skills/ Writing Skills Generic The individual on the job must be able to: Skills CS1. communicate in writing in English (at least working level) and be able to or have the means to give simple instructions in the local language used at the site Reading Skills The individual on the job must be able to: CS2. read in English (at least working level) CS3. read and interpret manufacturer's specifications, guidelines and SLDs, as applicable CS4. read and interpret safety and general signage, tags, etc. provided at the workplace Oral Communication (Listening and Speaking skills) The individual on the job must be able to: CS5. speak in English (at least working level) and be able to or have the means to give simple instructions in the local language used at the site CS6. listen attentively and interpret communication/instructions from co-workers CS7. convey information clearly and concisely to the co-workers **B. Professional Decision Making** The individual on the job must be able to: Skills PS1. Assess, decide and ensure that correct tools are used for a particular task PS2. Assess, decide and ensure that correct safety equipment is properly installed as per manufacturer's guidelines PS3. decide the usability of available electrical materials through visual inspection PS4. decide process of earthing and its components PS5. identify locations where lights and equipment/machinery should be placed to avoid accidents and damage to equipment/machinery PS6. decide the type (flexible, armoured, etc.), core and gauge of cables to be used PS7. decide the brands and models of electrical fixtures to be used, as and when necessary PS8. decide whether the work place is safe for operations

PS9. decide whether work front is clear, and if appropriate materials and tools for performing the work are available and adequate

#### **Plan and Organise**

The individual on the job must be able to:

PS10. plan work and organise required resources in coordination with team members and superiors

PS11. prioritise daily works as per the construction project requirements

PS12. plan location of electrical lighting fixtures to utilise natural light as much as possible

#### **Customer Centricity**

The individual on the job must be able to:

PS13. complete work as per agreed time schedule and quality

PS14. use energy efficient electrical equipment to ensure less power consumption and wastage

PS15. design electrical wiring arrangement in an economical way or customer preferences while maintaining good quality

PS16. use electrical fixtures which will match aesthetic appeal of the workplace

#### **Problem Solving**

The individual on the job must be able to:

PS17. ensure upkeep of all electrical tools and equipment under operation according to manufacturer's guideline or standard practice

PS18. assess quantity and quality of materials for the day's work PS19. ensure disposal of waste and debris and keep work place safe and tidy

PS20. resolve any conflicts within the team

#### **Analytical Thinking**

The individual on the job must be able to:

PS21. select protective devices (circuit breakers, fuses, etc.) of correct rating

PS22. determine the rating of electrical fixtures such as switches, wires and fuses to be used according to the circuit load requirements

PS23. determine the gauge of wires/cables to be used as per load requirements

PS24. assess the proper functioning of tools/equipment and measuring instruments

PS25. optimise the use of resources

PS26. minimise material and time wastage in the workplace

PS27. reconcile material consumption

#### **Critical Thinking**

The individual on the job must be able to:

PS28. evaluate the complexity of the task at hand, determine possible hazards related to the task and report to the superior or concerned authority for assistance

PS29. inform superiors about the type, quality and quantity of resources required for the task

PS30. report superiors or colleagues to the appropriate authority for any violation of safety, quality or organisational norms which may lead to accidents or any undesired situations in the work
place

**UNIT 3** [This Unit covers the skills and knowledge required by an Electrician – Low Voltage to be proficient in carrying out low voltage electrical wiring and buildings/premises electrification works].

Unit No.	03		
Unit Title	Carry out low voltage electrical wiring and buildings/ premises		
	electrification works		
Description	This Unit describes the skills and knowledge required to carry out low		
	voltage electrical wiring and buildings/premises electrification works		
Scope	This Unit covers the following:		
	Perform concealed/exposed wiring and electrification		
	Install and maintain electrical fixtures/fittings, earthing		
	arrangements and electrical appliances		
Performance Crit	eria (PC) with respect to the Scope		
Element	Performance Criteria (PC)		
Perform	To be competent, the individual must be able to:		
concealed/	PC1. perform visual checks on the wiring components (such as		
exposed wiring	wires, flexible and rigid conduits, PVC raceways, wooden battens,		
and	clamps, etc.) prior to their use for concealed wiring		
electrification	purposes in order to ascertain their appropriate specifications and		
	usability		
	PC2. read and interpret single and three phase wiring diagrams		
	and assist in required material quantity calculations		
	PC3. carry out necessary measurements of cables/conduits to		
	meet working needs and in order to carry out marking on walls		
	PC4. mark on walls where concealed wiring is to be installed PC5. assist in planning and mark locations of raceways and		
	electrical fixtures/fittings to be installed on walls		
	PC6. lay conduit pipes through structures (slabs, beams, walls) or		
	through chased wall (brick wall) surface as per instructions		
	PC7. ensure to fasten conduit pipes in their locations by means of		
	clamps or other standard means		
	PC8. draw wires through conduits, raceways and ensure that the		
	right specification and number of wires are drawn through the		
	conduits		
	PC9. install bends, T's and appropriate junction boxes as per		
	recommended standard practice		
	PC10. carry out drilling and cutting works as and when necessary		
Install and	To be competent, the individual must be able to:		
maintain	PC11. calculate electrical material requirements based on		
electrical	electrical fittings and layouts		
fixtures/	PC12. carry out safe isolation at power source as per applicable		
fittings, earthing	specification/electrical safety norms and erect caution signage in		
arrangements	appropriate locations		
and electrical	PC13. install electrical fixtures, fittings (such as distribution		
appliances	boards, switch boards, switches, sockets, lights, wall brackets		
	etc.) at specified locations and carry out termination of cables as		
	per standard practice		
	PC14. perform necessary tests, including all relevant and		
	specified earthing tests, to ensure safe condition of electrical		

circuits during and post wiring activity using appropriate tools and instruments

PC15. carry out electrical earthing work adopting standard procedure and using appropriate earthing components as per instructions

PC16. install earthing conductors by embedding in concrete, screwing, bolting or by welding in high-rise structures

PC17. establish new low voltage connection if required as per circuit load requirement and install electrical appliances including fan, water pump, refrigerator, fire alarm system, security systems, etc.

PC18. identify and install protective devices of correct rating, at appropriate locations of wiring

PC19. adhere to electrical safety norms and act/report efficiently on detection of any unsafe situation

PC20. note relevant readings and fill in checklists as per requirement

PC21. prepare tentative budget for wiring and electrification work PC22. replace faulty electrical fixtures, fittings, low voltage wiring as and when necessary

#### **Knowledge and Understanding (K)**

A. Organisational Context
(Knowledge of the company/ organisation and its processes)

**A. Organisation-**The individual on the job must demonstrate knowledge and al Context understanding of:

OK1. standard practices for electrical wiring and electrification works

OK2. safety rules and regulations for handling and storing required electrical tools, equipment/machinery and materials

OK3. personal protection including the use of related safety gear and equipment

OK4. processes for requesting tools and materials as per set procedures for maintenance of tools and equipment

# B. Technical Knowledge

The individual on the job must demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:

TK1. guidelines and specifications provided in the relevant Zambian/recognised Standards and Codes of Practice applicable to electrical wiring works

TK2. statutory guidelines/regulations for low voltage wiring operations

TK3. how to read and interpret drawings, circuit diagrams and/or related schematics for single and three phase low voltage buildings/premises wiring systems

TK4. how to estimate required material quantities from electrical drawings

TK5. manufacturer's guidelines/specifications for use of hand and power tools as well as measuring instruments

TK6. manufacturer's guidelines/specifications for use of electrical fittings and fixtures

TK7. use of single phase and three phase connections as per electrical drawings and specifications

TK8. Specifications and colour coding of cables to be used in wiring systems according to load on circuit

TK9. the different components used in electrical earthing work TK10. different methods of earthing such as the use of earth rods, earth mats, pipes, plates, etc.

TK11. measurement of earth resistance using the earth resistance tester

TK12. testing of earth leakage circuit breaker using an earth leakage tester

TK13. application and specification of protective devices like MCB, ELCB and MCCB

TK14. how to plan lighting arrangements so as to enable maximum use of natural light

TK15. current tentative market prices of common electrical items

TK16. common electrical brands and their products

TK17. customer preferences regarding brands and trends

TK18. standard buildings/premises wiring procedures and best practices

TK19. right procedure for handling of electrical fixtures

TK20. use of ladders, scaffolds and personal protective equipment such as shock resistance gloves during routine working or performing tests on live circuits

TK21. use of power drill machine and selection of drill bits for specific drilling works

TK22. use of different common electrical hand/power tools and instruments such as pliers, crimping tool, drilling machine, grinder, earth resistance tester, tong tester, voltage tester, multimeter, etc.

TK23. standard procedure of stacking and storing electrical materials, tools and equipment at workplace

TK24. Use of ICTs and relevant software TK25. basic arithmetic and use of a calculator

#### Skills (S)

#### A. Core Skills/ Generic Skills

#### **Writing Skills**

The individual on the job must be able to:

CS1. Communicate in writing in English (at least working level) and be able to or have the means to give simple instructions in the local language used at the site

#### **Reading Skills**

The individual on the job must be able to:

CS2. read in English (at least working level)

CS3. read and interpret manufacturer's specifications, guidelines and electrical drawings, as applicable

CS4. read and interpret safety and general signage, tags, etc. provided at the workplace

#### **Oral Communication (Listening and Speaking skills)**

The individual on the job must be able to:

CS5. speak in English (at least working level) and be able to or have the means to give simple instructions in the local language used at the site

CS6. listen attentively and interpret communication/instructions from co-workers

CS7. convey information clearly and concisely to the co-workers

## B. Professional Skills

#### **Decision Making**

The individual on the job must be able to:

PS1. Assess, decide and ensure that correct tools are used for a particular task

PS2. Assess, decide and ensure that correct safety equipment is properly installed as per manufacturer's guidelines

PS3. decide the usability of available electrical materials through visual inspection

PS4. decide the type and gauge of cables to be used

PS5. identify locations where lights and equipment/machinery should be placed to avoid accidents and damage to equipment/machinery

PS6. decide the method of earthing and its components

PS7. decide brands and models of electrical fixtures, as and when necessary

PS8. decide whether the work place is safe for operations

PS9. decide whether work front is clear, and if appropriate materials and tools for performing the work are available and adequate

#### **Plan and Organise**

The individual on the job must be able to:

PS10. plan work and organise required resources in coordination with team members and the supervisor

PS11. plan location of electrical lighting fixtures to utilise natural light as much as possible

PS12. prioritise daily works as per the construction project requirements

#### **Customer Centricity**

The individual on the job must be able to:

PS13. complete work as per agreed time schedule and quality PS14. use energy efficient electrical equipment so as to ensure

PS14. use energy efficient electrical equipment so as to ensure less power consumption and wastage

PS15. design the electrical wiring arrangement in an economical way or as per customer preferences, whilst maintaining good quality

PS16. use electrical fixtures which will match aesthetic appeal of the workplace

#### **Problem Solving**

The individual on the job must be able to:

PS17. ensure upkeep of all electrical tools and equipment under operation according to manufacturer's guidelines or standard practice

PS18. assess quantity and quality of materials for the day's work PS19. ensure safe disposal of waste and debris, and keep the work place safe and tidy

PS20. resolve any conflicts within the team

#### **Analytical Thinking**

The individual on the job must be able to:

PS21. determine and select circuit breakers of correct rating depending on the load requirements

PS22. determine the rating of electrical fixtures such as switches, wires and fuses to be used according to the circuit load requirements

PS23. determine the gauge of wires/cables to be used as per load requirements

PS24. assess the proper functioning of measuring tools/equipment PS25. optimise the use of resources

PS26. minimise material and time wastage in the workplace PS27. reconcile material consumption, as and when necessary

#### **Critical Thinking**

The individual on the job must be able to:

PS28. evaluate the complexity of the task at hand, determine possible hazards related to the task and report to the superior or concerned authority for assistance

PS29. inform superiors about the type, quality and quantity of resources required for the task

PS30. report superiors or colleagues to the appropriate authority for any violation of safety, quality or organisational norms which may lead to accidents or any undesired situations in the work place

**UNIT 4** [This Unit covers the skills and knowledge required by an Electrician – Low Voltage to work effectively within a team to achieve the desired results].

Unit No.	04	
Unit Title	Work effectively in a team to deliver desired results at the workplace	
Description	This Unit describes the skills and knowledge required to work	
	effectively within a team to achieve the desired results	
Scope	This Unit covers the following:	
	<ul> <li>Interact and communicate effectively with co-workers,</li> </ul>	
	superiors and subordinates across different teams	
	<ul> <li>Support co-workers, superiors and subordinates within the</li> </ul>	
	team and across interfacing teams to ensure effective	
	execution of assigned tasks	
Performance Crit	eria (PC) with respect to the Scope	
Element	Performance Criteria (PC)	
Interact and	To be competent, the individual must be able to:	
communicate in	PC1. pass on work related information/requirements clearly to	
an effective and	team members	
conclusive	PC2. inform co-workers and superiors about any kind of deviations	
manner	from work related requirements and procedures	
	PC3. address work related problems effectively, and appropriately	
	report to the immediate supervisor, if necessary PC4. receive instructions from superiors, execute them and	
	respond effectively	
	PC5. communicate to team members/subordinates on the	
	appropriate work techniques or methods	
	PC6. seek clarification and advice whenever necessary	
Support	To be competent, the individual must be able to:	
co-workers	PC7. hand over the required materials, tools, equipment and work	
to ensure	fronts timely to interfacing teams in line with company procedures	
effective	PC8. work together with co-workers in a synchronised manner	
execution of		
assigned tasks		
	Understanding (K)	
	The individual on the job must demonstrate knowledge and	
al Context	understanding of:	
(Knowledge	OK1. own roles and responsibilities	
of the	OK2. importance of effective communication and establishing	
company/	strong working relationships with co-workers	
organisation	OK3. risks associated with a breakdown in teamwork, in terms of	
and its	effects on project outcomes, timelines, safety at the construction	
processes)	site, etc. OK4. different modes of communication and their appropriate	
	usage OK5. importance of creating healthy and cooperative work	
	environment within and among teams	

B. Technical	The individual on the job must demonstrate knowledge and
Knowledge	understanding of: TK1. different activities within his/her work area where interaction
	with other workers is required
	TK2. applicable techniques of work, properties of materials used,
	tools used, safety standards that co-workers might need as per the
	requirement
	TK3. importance of proper and effective communication and the
	expected adverse effects that can result from failure relating to
	quality, timelines, safety and risks at the construction site
	TK4. importance and need to support co-workers facing problems
Skills (S)	for smooth workflow
A. Core Skills/	Writing Skills
Generic	The individual on the job must be able to:
Skills	CS1. communicate in writing in English (at least working level) and
	be able to or have the means to give simple instructions in the
	local language used at the site
	Reading Skills
	The individual on the job must be able to:
	CS2. read in English (at least working level)
	CS3. read communications from team members regarding work
	completed, materials and tools used, as well as support required
	Oral Communication (Listening and Speaking skills)
	The individual on the job must be able to:
	CS4. speak in English (at least working level) and be able to or have the means to give simple instructions in the local language
	used at the site
	CS5. listen attentively and follow instructions/communications
	shared by superiors and co-workers
	CS6. orally communicate with co-workers regarding support
	required to successfully complete work
B. Professional	Decision Making
Skills	The individual on the job must be able to:
	PS1. decide on what information is to be shared with co-workers
	within the team or from interfacing teams
	Plan and Organise
	The individual on the job must be able to:
	PS2. plan work and organise required resources in coordination with team members and superiors
	Customer Centricity
	The individual on the job must be able to:
	PS3. complete all assigned tasks, within agreed time schedules, in
	coordination with team members
	Problem Solving
	The individual on the job must be able to:
	PS4. take initiative in resolving issues among co-workers or report
	the same to superiors, if necessary

## **Analytical Thinking**

The individual on the job must be able to:

PS5. employ best ways of coordination among team members PS6. communicate with co-workers taking into account their educational/social background

## Critical Thinking

The individual on the job must be able to:

PS7. evaluate the complexity of the task and determine if any guidance is required from superiors

**UNIT 5** [This Unit covers the skills and knowledge required by an Electrician – Low Voltage to plan and organise work in order to meet expected quality within the established time frame].

Unit No.	05	
Unit Title	Plan and organise work to meet expected outcomes	
Description	This Unit describes the skills and knowledge required to plan and	
	organise own work in order to meet expected outcome	
Scope	This Unit covers the following:	
	Prioritise work activities to achieve desired results	
	Organise resources prior to commencement of work	
<b>Performance Crit</b>	eria (PC) with respect to the Scope	
Element	Performance Criteria (PC)	
Prioritise work	To be competent, the individual must be able to:	
activities to	PC1. understand clearly the targets and timelines set by superiors	
achieve desired	PC2. plan activities as per work schedule and sequence	
results	PC3. provide guidance to subordinates to obtain desired	
	outcomes	
	PC4. plan housekeeping activities prior to and post completion of	
	work	
Organise	To be competent, the individual must be able to:	
resources	PC5. list and arrange required resources prior to commencement	
prior to commencement	of work	
of work	PC6. select and employ correct tools and equipment for successful completion of desired work	
OI WOIK	PC7. engage the allocated manpower in an appropriate manner	
	PC8. use resources in an optimum manner to avoid wastage	
	PC9. employ tools and equipment with care to avoid damage	
	PC10. organise materials and tools to be used	
	PC11. ensure that work processes adopted are in line with the	
	specified standards and instructions	
Knowledge and l	Inderstanding (K)	
A. Organisation-	The individual on the job must demonstrate knowledge and	
al Context	understanding of:	
(Knowledge	OK1. importance of proper housekeeping	
of the	OK2. policies, procedures and work targets set by superiors	
company/	OK3. roles and responsibilities in executing own work and that of	
organisation	subordinates	
and its		
processes)  B. Technical	The individual on the job must demonstrate knowledge and	
Knowledge	understanding of:	
Milowieuge	TK1. standard work practices to be adopted for the assigned task	
	TK2. how to use available resources in a judicious and appropriate	
	manner to minimise wastage or damage	

Skills (S)	
A. Core Skills/	Writing Skills
Generic	The individual on the job must be able to:
Skills	CS1. communicate in writing in English (at least working level) and
	be able to or have the means to give simple instructions in the
	local language used at the site
	CS2. list down the assigned works and targets
	Reading Skills
	The individual on the job must be able to:
	CS3. read in English (at least working level)
	CS4. read communications from co-workers, superiors and notices
	from other departments as per job position/level requirements
	Oral Communication (Listening and Speaking skills)
	The individual on the job must be able to:
	CS5. speak in English (at least working level) and be able to or
	have the means to give simple instructions in the local language
	used at the site
	CS6. listen attentively and follow communications shared by co-
	workers regarding standard work processes, resources available,
	timelines, etc.
	CS7. communicate effectively with co-workers and subordinates
	within and outside one's core team
B. Professional	
Skills	The individual on the job must be able to:
	PS1. decide on what sequence is to be adopted for execution of
	work
	Plan and Organise
	The individual on the job must be able to:
	PS2. plan and organise the materials, tools and equipment
	required to execute the work
	Customer Centricity
	The individual on the job must be able to:
	PS3. complete all assigned tasks with proper planning and
	organisation
	Problem Solving
	The individual on the job must be able to:
	PS4. arrange for or seek help to arrange for materials, tools and
	equipment in case of a shortfall
	Analytical Thinking
	The individual on the job must be able to:
	PS5. analyse areas of work which could result in a delay of work,
	wastage of material or damage to tools and equipment
	Critical Thinking
	The individual on the job must be able to:
	PS6. evaluate potential solutions to minimise avoidable delays and
	wastage at the construction site

**UNIT 6** [This Unit covers the skills and knowledge required by an Electrician – Low Voltage to work according to personal health, safety and environmental rules and protocols at the construction site].

Unit No.	06					
Unit Title	Work according to personal health, safety and environment					
	rules and protocols at the construction site					
Description	This Unit describes the skills and knowledge required to work					
	according to personal health, safety and environmental rules and					
	protocols at the construction site					
Scope	This Unit covers the following:					
	<ul> <li>Follow safety norms as defined by the organisation</li> </ul>					
	Adopt healthy and safe work practices					
	Implement good housekeeping and environmental protection					
	processes and activities					
Performance Crit	eria (PC) with respect to the Scope					
Element	Performance Criteria (PC)					
Follow safety	To be competent, the individual must be able to:					
norms as	PC1. identify and report any hazards, risks or breaches in site					
defined by the	safety to the appropriate authority					
organisation	PC2. follow emergency and evacuation procedures in case of					
	accidents, fire incidents and natural calamities					
	PC3. follow recommended safe practices in handling construction					
	materials, including chemical and other hazardous materials,					
	whenever applicable					
	PC4. participate in safety awareness programs like Tool Box					
	Talks, safety demonstrations and mock drills conducted at the site					
Adopt boolthy	PC5. identify and report near misses, unsafe conditions and acts					
Adopt healthy and safe	To be competent, the individual must be able to:					
work practices	PC6. correctly use appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as per work requirements, including:					
work practices	1 ' ' '					
	<ul> <li>head protection;</li> <li>par protection;</li> </ul>					
	<ul><li>ear protection;</li><li>fall protection;</li></ul>					
	• foot protection;					
	<ul><li>face and eye protection;</li><li>hand and body protection; and</li></ul>					
	<ul> <li>respiratory protection (if required)</li> </ul>					
	PC7. handle all work related tools, materials and equipment safely					
	PC8. follow safe disposal of waste, harmful and hazardous					
	materials as per the environmental, health and safety guidelines					
	PC9. properly install and apply all safety equipment as instructed					
	PC10. follow safety protocol and practices as laid down by the					
	environmental, health and safety department/team at the					
	construction site					
Implement good	To be competent, the individual must be able to:					
housekeeping	PC11. collect and deposit construction waste into identified					
practices	containers before disposal, clearly labelling and separating					
	containers with toxic or hazardous wastes					
	PC12. apply ergonomic principles wherever required					

Knowledge and Understanding (K)						
	The individual on the job must demonstrate knowledge and					
al Context	understanding of:					
(Knowledge	OK1. reporting procedures in cases of breaches or hazards to site					
of the	safety, accidents and emergency situations as per organisational					
company/	guidelines					
organisation						
and its	OK3. basic work ergonomic principles					
processes)	OK4. procedures to ensure staff compliance with health, safety					
•	and environmental rules and regulations					
B. Technical	The individual on the job must demonstrate knowledge and					
Knowledge	understanding of:					
5	TK1. the procedure for responding to accidents and other					
	emergencies at the construction site					
	TK2. appropriate personal protective equipment to be used based					
	on prevailing working conditions					
	TK3. importance of handling tools, equipment and materials					
	appropriately to avoid damage and injuries					
	TK4. health and environmental effects of various types of					
	construction materials					
	TK5. various environmental protection methods					
	TK6. storage of waste in appropriate locations, such as:					
	non-combustible scrap materials and debris;					
	<ul> <li>combustible scrap materials and debris;</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>general construction waste and trash (non-toxic and non-</li> </ul>					
	hazardous);					
	any other hazardous wastes; and					
	any other flammable wastes.					
	TK7. how to use hazardous materials in a safe and appropriate					
	manner					
	TK8. safe usage of tools and equipment					
	TK9. housekeeping activities relevant to a particular task					
	TK10. first aid and first aid kits					
Skills (S)						
A. Core Skills/	Writing Skills					
Generic	The individual on the job must be able to:					
Skills	CS1. communicate in writing in English (at least working level) and					
	be able to or have the means to give simple instructions in the					
	local language used at the site					
	CS2. fill in safety related forms for near misses, unsafe conditions					
	and safety enhancement suggestions					
	Reading Skills					
	The individual on the job must be able to:					
	CS3. read in English (at least working level)					
	CS4. read signs and notice boards relevant to safety					
	Oral Communication (Listening and Speaking skills)					
	The individual on the job must be able to:					
	CS5. speak in English (at least working level) and be able to or					
	have the means to give simple instructions in the local language					
	used at the site					

	CS6. listen attentively to instructions/communications shared by					
	site's environmental, health and safety department/team and					
	superiors regarding site safety					
	CS7. communicate site conditions, hazards, accidents, etc.					
B. Professional	Decision Making					
Skills	The individual on the job must be able to:					
	PS1. decide on a housekeeping schedule and cleaning					
	methodology					
	PS2. decide where to place construction materials depending on					
	their hazard levels					
	Plan and Organise					
	The individual on the job must be able to:					
	PS3. organise the safety materials, tools and equipment required					
	to execute the work					
	Customer Centricity					
	The individual on the job must be able to:					
	PS4. complete all assigned tasks safely, taking into account the					
	safety of the end users					
	Problem Solving					
	The individual on the job must be able to:					
	PS5. identify and mitigate or report safety risks that may affect					
	one's health, safety and environment and that of others working in					
	the vicinity					
	Analytical Thinking					
	The individual on the job must be able to:					
	PS6. assess and analyse areas which may affect health, safety					
	and environment protocols set at the construction site					
	Critical Thinking					
	The individual on the job must be able to:					
	PS7. behave and conduct him/herself in a safe manner					
	PS8. respond to emergencies as soon as it is safe to do so					

#### 5. EQUIPMENT, TOOLS, AND CONSUMABLE MATERIALS

Equipment tools, and consumables include, but not limited to:

- personal protective equipment,
- electric cables and wires,
- drives and motors,
- circuit breakers,
- sockets and switches,
- test equipment,
- lighting accessories,
- lifting equipment,
- locks and lockout systems,
- toolkits,
- cutting and joining equipment and consumables,
- first aid kit,
- stretcher,
- medical kit.
- safety warning and general information signs,
- climbing ladders,
- lamp/torch,
- safety tools and equipment such as fire extinguishers and barricades,
- company's safety policy/procedure, Zambian Standards and recognised Codes of Practice applicable to the construction sector,
- company's standard operating procedures,
- incident/accident reporting templates, etc.

# 6. DILEMAS/CHALLENGES AND COMPLEXITIES FOR A JOB HOLDER

Challenges and complexities associated with the job of an Electrician – Low Voltage include: exposure to electrical power supply and high voltage, working around and with machinery having moving parts, working in dangerous areas with likelihood of sharp or falling materials, working in confined spaces and at heights, working in extreme weather such as hot and cold conditions, working in noisy, wet and dusty environments, exposure to fumes, dust, odours and chemical materials, lifting/pulling/pushing relatively heavy materials, long working hours, pressure from supervisors and colleagues, pressure from government regulators, etc.

#### 6.1 Alternative Choices (Solutions) to Challenges and Complexities

Solutions to challenges and complexities include wearing protective clothing and ensuring their availability and use by other employees, exercising regularly to maintain physical fitness, participating in workplace safety sensitisation and awareness meetings/training sessions, adhering to statutory requirements and company's safety and standard operating procedures at all times, consulting extensively within and outside one's department/team on electrical safety issues, etc.

#### 7. WORKING CONDITIONS/ENVIRONMENT

Working conditions include indoor and outdoor work environments, confined spaces, seasonal heat and cold or adverse weather conditions, emergency call-out, climbing heights, standing/walking for long hours, lifting objects, working in day or night shifts, areas that are noisy and dusty, areas with limited lighting and ventilation, etc.

# 8. PARTIES INVOLVED/INTERACTING WITH THE JOB HOLDER OR TRAINEE

#### 8.1 Internal/Within the Organisation

Parties involved/interacting with the job holder who are internal to the organization include supervisors/superiors, trainers, safety team, other colleagues, etc.

#### 8.2 External/Outside the Organisation

Parties involved/interacting with the job holder who are external to the organization include government regulators, trainers, clients, suppliers of equipment/ tools/ consumables, fellow Electricians from other companies, labour unions/ occupational health and safety associations, etc.

#### 9. PHYSICAL DEMANDS ON THE BODY

- Physique to sustain strenuous conditions such as climbing heights;
- Walk and stand for long periods of time;
- Bend, stretch, twist, or reach out;
- Lift, carry, push and pull heavy objects;
- Use fingers, hands and feet with ease to complete the assigned task (dexterity); etc.

# ANNEX A Criteria for Assessments based on this NOS

#### A.1 Guidelines for Assessment

A.1.1 Criteria for assessment for curricula and learning programmes based on this NOS will be created by curricula and programmes developers. Each Performance Criteria (PC) will be assigned marks proportional to its importance in the NOS. Curricula and programmes developers will also lay down proportion of marks for theory and practical skills for each performance criteria, giving more weight to practical skills.

There shall be allocated the 'Total Mark', which will be the sum of all marks in each Unit, distributed across the number of PCs in that particular Unit. The 'out of' mark will be the mark allocated to each PC, which will be shared between theory and skills practical assessments.

**A.1.2** Individual awarding/assessment bodies or institutions and other users of the NOS will create unique question papers for the theory part and evaluations for skill practical part for their respective candidates.

## ANNEX B NOS Version Control

This Annex gives details necessary for the tracking of the NOS versions based on the number of revisions.

NOS Code	DNOS.E-LV.01		
ZQF Level	4	Version Number	01
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