

DISTRIBUTION COMPANY AWARENESS:

This Bulletin is intended to create awareness that LDCs are not permitted to apply for a Provisional Electrical Contractor Licence **limited** to pole line (PL)/high voltage (HV)/substation maintenance (SS) type electrical work.

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The screenshot shows the website interface with navigation tabs for: Electrical Contractor Licence, Master Electrician Licence, Provisional Electrical Contractor Licence, Licensing Forms, Master Electrician Training & Exam, Complaint Process, and Licensed Contractor List. The main content area features a search bar and several news items, including 'Continuing to Step Forward' and 'PLUG IN SAFELY! HIRE A LICENSED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'.

REQUIREMENT TO HOLD AN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR LICENCE:

LDCs are not permitted to apply for and obtain a Provisional Electrical Contractor Licence in order to perform pole line (PL)/high voltage (HV)/substation maintenance (SS) type electrical work. A Provisional Electrical Contractor Licence may only be issued to an affiliate company of the LDC. The affiliate company must be operated in accordance with the Ontario Energy Board - Affiliate Relationships Code for Electricity Distributors and Transmitters.

Meterbase replacements/repairs/installations are not included under the “limited” (PL, HV, SS) category. Only a licensed Electrical Contractor who has an employee(s) doing the work who hold(s) the appropriate 309 Journeyman Electrician certification(s) issued by the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities is permitted to do so. The licensed Electrical Contractor is responsible to meet all Code requirements including the requirement for a Notification for Inspection.

FUTURE LICENSING DEVELOPMENTS:

There is currently an industry stakeholder steering committee that is developing the Master Electrician (ME) requirements for HV/PL/SS Electrical Contractors to meet the Provisional Electrical Contractor (EC-P) transitional timeline of December 31, 2011. Please visit our website at www.esaecra.info for the preliminary discussion proposal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

If you can provide additional information on this Bulletin or any other Utility issue, please contact ESA to share your experiences. Additional information requests, and follow-up information, may be directed to ESA. Please be prepared to quote Bulletin “DIB-03/09”.