

The Power Skills Scheme for Independent Connection Providers (ICP)

The Power Skills Scheme on the Energy & Utility Skills Register (EUSR) demonstrates to stakeholders your Company's commitment to delivering technical competence and operational safety by registering your staff with the scheme for a small annual fee.

The Power Skills Scheme for craftspersons is underpinned by more than 80 industry-agreed skill and operational standards, established to help provide a common approach to training and competency across the power industry.



What is the Power Skills Scheme?

Power Skills Scheme is designed to promote stakeholder's confidence in the industry by building on the established good practices across the whole of the Power Industry. The scheme sets common standards for training and assessment of core skill, reduce the need to duplicate training and compliance standards as individuals move between sites or employers.

The Power Skills Scheme covers core technical (craft) competencies which are recognised across organisations and includes ongoing quality assurance from the National Skills Academy for Power. The scheme is facilitated by representation from the industry and includes NG, DNO's, IDNO's and ICP's.

The scheme recognises the fact that each ICP will determine the extent of any checks it will complete before allowing persons to work on their behalf. Core technical (craft) competencies achieved via the scheme won't need to be revisited, reducing training and duplication of effort and cost.

There are four routes to registration designed to check and confirm an individual's existing competencies:

- Trailblazer Apprenticeship (L3 Power Network Craftsperson)
- An approved programme (training and assessment)
- Assessment only
- Grandfather rights (open until the end of September 2022 - Latest cut off date)

How does the Power Skills Scheme benefit the power industry?

- Raises standards in training
- Provides a common assessment standard, driving industry Best Practice
- Saves cost through the reduction of duplicate training
- Saves time – for both the individual and the employer
- Establishes a truly flexible workforce that can move easily around the industry
- Improves Stakeholder confidence in the competence in all the Power Sector
- Provides evidence to support NERS passport

The National Skills Academy for Power has worked with the following organisations to ensure the Power Skills Scheme was developed by the industry, for the industry:



How the Power Skills Scheme Benefits Independent Connection Providers

An ongoing demonstration of commitment

As an ICP, the Power Skills Scheme allows you to demonstrate your commitment to:

- High standards of technical competence and safety
- High-quality training and assessment
- Staff development
- Industry collaboration
- NERS Scope of Requirements

Benefits to your business

You can use the Power Skills Scheme to:

- Ensure your workforce is consistently trained and safe
- Provide flexibility – enabling your workforce to easily move between network operator areas
- Enhance your reputation as a business that collaborates across the industry to address challenges and find innovative solutions
- Maximise efficiency – there is no wasted time or irrelevant content because training is specific to the UK's Electricity Supply Industry (ESI)
- Ensure your business is aligned with ESI industry best practice
- Reduce your requirement for trade testing craft skills - saving your business time and money
- Record your workforce's competence on the Energy & Utility Skills Register (EUSR) of training for the energy and utilities sector
- Demonstrates to accrediting bodies such as Lloyd's Register, that your business meets the level of craft competency required

Standards and units

The Power Skills Scheme is aligned to the Power Network Craftsperson's apprenticeship standard which comprises four distinct groups of standards and units:

Group A – Foundation

Pre-requisites for introduction to the power sector

Group B – Generic Technical

Generic technical learning and skills

Group C – Overhead Lines / Cables / Substations

Detailed technical knowledge and skills across the three power network craftsperson areas

Group D – Advanced Technical / Operational

More complex power sector learning and skills development

The full list of schemes and training programmes in each group can be viewed at:

euskills.co.uk/Industry-Standards

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