

Beware of the Bundles

ROGUE TRAINERS

Think carefully before you sign up for a training package - many contain irrelevant and unnecessary qualifications.

Here's a simple guide to some of the more common qualifications found in bundles...

QUALIFICATION	PURPOSE / COMMENTARY
Domestic Electrical Installer (DEI) Certificate	This is the '5 day wonder'. Basic knowledge and skills in a classroom setting. There is NO industry recognition for this qualification.
Level 3 Certificate in the Building Regulations for Electrical Installations in Dwellings	This is a Knowledge qualification that provides awareness of Approved Document P: Electrical Safety, dwellings . It is not required for industry recognition as an Electrician.
Level 3 Award in Requirements for Electrical Installations	Awareness of BS 7671:2018 Requirements for Electrical Installations (IET Wiring Regulations, 18th Edition). Covers technical knowledge only on how to interpret the requirements. This is required for qualified electrician status and multiple options are available, including self-study and exam only. This is already integrated within the electrical apprenticeships and NVQ.
Level 3 Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) Qualification	This is a CPD (ongoing development once qualified) style course for portable appliance testing. It is not required for industry recognition as an Electrician.
Level 3 Award in the Initial Verification and Certification of Electrical Installations	This is required for industry recognition as an Electrician but is usually integrated within a Level 3 vocational training route such as the apprenticeship or NVQ. Is required for the Experienced Worker Assessment (EWA) process. It should be taken within or alongside more detailed technical training.
Level 2 Certificate in Fundamental Inspection & Testing	This is not required for industry recognition as an Electrician.
Level 3 Award in Periodic Inspection, Testing & Certification of Electrical Installations	This is a CPD qualification intended as further development for qualified electricians. It is not suitable for beginners.