

ECR

ESSA Competency Register



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Event Supplier and Services Association

COMPETENCY REGISTER FOR EXHIBITION AND EVENT CONTRACTORS

Promoting Excellence Reducing Accidents

SCHEME BENEFITS FOR CONTRACTORS

The initial goal of the ESSA competency register is to make public some of the key credentials of the event industry's high-risk contractors to help organisers and exhibitors make informed appointment decisions. The initial scope of the project lists contractors involved with electrical work.

The scheme will specifically benefit exhibition and event contractors by:

1. Providing an opportunity to join the scheme as an organisation, and promote commitment to using only scheme-registered employees and sub-contractors for the work areas covered by the register.
2. Providing an opportunity to join the scheme as an individual, and promote professional qualifications and experience to potential employers.
3. Creating a platform for contractors to differentiate themselves from less or unqualified competitors - a scheme badge demonstrating the willingness to display key competency credentials.
4. Helping contracting organisations to select its sub-contractors.
5. Answering the requirements of the local safety authorities with a relevant, industry-led scheme.

The scheme will more broadly benefit the exhibition and event industry by:

1. Providing an independently run industry-wide contractor control scheme that all venues can refer to or install as fits their individual requirements.
2. Providing a short cut to some of the due diligence checks an organiser or exhibitor has to make when appointing a contractor to do work.
3. Providing a highly-visible check tool for floor managers and venue teams.
4. Raising the health & safety agenda in the event community and helping to contribute towards safer practice and fewer accidents.