

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 ORGANISERS

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 organisers by:

1. Providing a short cut to some of the due diligence checks required when appointing a contractor to do work.
2. Collating the contractor community's own view of the qualification and experience required to undertake high risk tasks on-site – critical information for any procurement process.
3. Providing a highly-visible check tool for ops teams and floor managers.

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 an additional visual check tool for venue safety audit teams.
3. Helping contracting organisations to select its sub-contractors
4. Answering the requirements of the local safety authorities with a relevant, industry-led scheme
5. Raising the health & safety agenda in the event community and helping to contribute towards safer practice and fewer accidents.