



AUSTRALIAN START UP PACK - ELECTRICIANS

Downunder Tradies will assist you in acquiring the necessary documents and qualifications required for you to work in the Australian Construction Industry **before** you leave the UK. We will facilitate the required steps, taking the stress and inconvenience out of these timely processes, avoiding you weeks of potential complications on arrival. Our packs are designed to prepare you quickly and efficiently for commencing work soon after you arrive, as well as providing a smooth transition to help you settle in to life Downunder.

GENERAL SKILLED MIGRATION PROGRAM

If you are a British qualified electrician and you'd like to migrate to Australia, the General Skilled Migration (GSM) Program is the way to do it. GSM visas are issued based on candidates meeting a certain criteria. Fulfilling requirements of the criteria earns you points, and when you have enough points you are eligible for a GSM visa.

The most important requirement within this process is to prove that you are a skilled worker. As an electrician, you are required to have your skills assessed by Vetassess, the Australian Government's authority for assessing trade skills in the UK.

Through our relationships with Vetassess and our Migration Agent partners, Downunder Tradies will assist you in completing this process efficiently and smoothly.

VETASSESS

As mentioned above, Vetassess is the authority for assessing electrical trade skills gained in the UK. The way this is done is by written, oral, and practical examinations regarding your electrical knowledge and practical ability. We can help you with:

- Our Vetassess Refresher Course
- Booking a Vetassess Assessment
- Support through the Vetassess process

Vetassess Refresher Course

The Downunder Tradies Vetassess Refresher Course is designed for candidates awaiting assessment by Vetassess. The course covers key areas of electrical knowledge, to ensure you can face your Vetassess assessments with confidence, and pass first time around.

Vetassess Assessment

Once you feel that you are ready for assessment, we can book you in to the next available Vetassess Assessment schedule. Once you have successfully completed the Vetassess Assessment, you will be issued with an Off-Shore Technical Skills Record (OTSR), which is used in your GSM visa application.

AUSTRALIAN ELECTRICAL QUALIFICATIONS

Once you have been granted your GSM visa, you need to start thinking about getting your full Australian electrical qualifications. This involves:

- **Australian Context Gap Training**
- **12 months Australian electrical industry experience (eProfiling)**
- **Capstone Assessment**
- **Application for Unrestricted Electrical Licence**

Your Vetassess skills assessment means that you *can* be granted a provisional restricted electrical permit, which means you can only work under direct supervision.

Australian Context Electrical Gap Training

The first step towards gaining your unrestricted Australian electrical license is to complete the Australian Context Electrical Gap Training. For the first time this training can now be completed in the UK, exclusively through Downunder Tradies at our London training centre. The Training is delivered in 3 day sessions (Friday-Sunday) over 7 weeks, enabling you to achieve your certificate in just 21 training days, as opposed to the several months it can take in Australia. As a bonus, it will make you much more attractive to Australian employers, as you won't require intermittent time off for classes, plus, you'll be familiar with Australian systems as soon as you arrive.

The Training consists of 7 modules, covering a range of topics, including Wiring Rules, Electrical Systems Safety, and Protection Methods, in the context of Australian electrical systems. In class work books that cover each topic are provided.

At the beginning of your Training you will be issued all of the Australian Standards that you will need.

- AS/NZS 3000:2007 Electrical installations
- AS/NZS 3008.1.1:2009 Electrical installations - Selection of cables – Cables for alternating voltages up to and including 0.6/1 kV – Typical Australian installation conditions
- AS/NZS 3017:2007 Electrical installations – Verification guidelines

The Training also includes the 'White Card', an occupational health and safety qualification, mandatory for entry onto Australian construction sites.

12 months Australian electrical industry experience

The second step in the Australian licensing process, is gaining 12 months Australian electrical industry experience. This experience needs to be recorded via an approved evidence tool. Downunder Tradies, in cooperation with Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT), will register you with the eProfiling system. eProfiling records your hours of experience, and stores your progress in an electronic system. You will receive quarterly reports on your progress, and when the 12 months have been achieved, you will receive access to the Capstone Assessment.

Capstone Assessment

The Capstone Assessment is the final step towards gaining your full qualifications. The Assessment can only be attempted after completion of the Gap Training, and 12 months Australian industry experience. When you are ready, Downunder Tradies, in cooperation with CIT, will arrange for you to sit your Capstone Assessment.

Unrestricted Electrical Licence

When you have completed all of the above, you are now ready to apply for your Unrestricted Electrical Licence. Downunder Tradies will still be there, to help you gather all your evidence, and guide you through the application process to your State Licensing Authority.

GETTING TO AUSTRALIA

1. Visa Assistance

In cooperation with our Migration Agent partners, we will help you find the visa to suit your needs, and assist you through the application process.

2. Cheaper Airfares

We can offer exclusive deals on flights to Australia, through our contacts at Qantas Airways.

PREPARING FOR WORK IN AUSTRALIA

1. Registration/Consultation with Downunder Tradies

A one-on-one interview, including registration, at our offices in London, will enable us to customise our services to your individual needs.

2. Tax File Number

Everyone intending to work in Australia, requires a Tax File Number (TFN). We will organise your TFN before you leave the UK, and can email, or SMS it to you, 7 – 28 days after your arrival in Australia.

3. Australian Bank Account

In cooperation with our Bank partners, we can have an Australian bank account opened for you, before you even leave the UK.

4. Workcover White Card

The Workcover OHS 'White Card' is required for entry onto Australian Construction Sites. Exclusively through Downunder Tradies you can do the course before you leave the UK! This means you can avoid waiting periods in Australia where you are unable to work.

LIVING IN AUSTRALIA

1. Medicare

Enrolment in Medicare gets you access to subsidised health care throughout Australia. It is a must for all visitors from the UK.

2. Accommodation

Once you arrive in Australia you may need to find somewhere to stay for your first few days or weeks. We can provide you with a list of recommended accommodation, so you can book before you leave the UK. That way, you won't be caught out when you touch down in Australia.

3. Mobile & Internet

Included in our Start Up Packs, is a Skype enabled 3 mobile phone, and 3 pre-paid SIM card. This means you will be ready to make calls as soon as you touch down in Australia. The Skype function means that you can keep in contact with your family and friends in the UK for next to no cost. Downunder Tradies can also offer access to exclusive deals on 3 mobile phone plans and internet packages.

4. Holidays

In cooperation with Contiki, included in our Start Up Pack is an exclusive 10% discount on Australian Contiki Tours over 8 days in length. What better excuse to give yourself an Australian adventure, before settling into the working life!

Interested?

To find out more about our Australian Start Up Packs, please visit:

<http://www.downundertradies.com/heading-downunder>

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All Downunder Tradies Start Up Packs are designed to assist tradespeople in beginning work as soon as possible – either with Downunder Tradies or another company.

Purchasing this or any Start Up Pack does not guarantee you a job placement with Downunder Tradies. All of our job placements are determined after completing our registration process and a one on one appointment with a Downunder Tradies team member where qualifications, past experience and individual suitability for the job are taken into consideration.