

ESA-ISEAD

Licensing & Training Grant

Supporting Indigenous Electricians on the Path to Becoming a Master Electrician and Licensed Electrical Contractor in Ontario



**Electrical
Safety
Authority**



About the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA)

The Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) is Ontario's electrical safety regulator. The Ontario government has given ESA a mandate to improve and enforce public electrical safety. We fulfill this mandate by undertaking a range of activities aimed at enhancing public safety, including but not limited to:

- Licensing Master Electricians (MEs) and Electrical Contractors (ECs)
- Providing training
- Administering the Master Electrician Exam
- Inspection (overseeing compliance with the Ontario Electrical Safety Code)

IN ONTARIO:

- ✓ To advertise or perform electrical work as a business, you must hold an Electrical Contractor (EC) licence issued by ESA.
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- ✓ To obtain an EC licence, the business must employ and designate at least one Master Electrician (ME); this individual is the Licensed Electrical Contractor's (LEC's) Designated Master Electrician (DME).
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- ✓ DMEs have specific responsibilities under Ontario Regulation 570/05, including supervising electrical installations and ensuring compliance with the Ontario Electrical Safety Code and laws related to safety and consumer protection.

About the Licensing & Training Grant

The Electrical Safety Authority (ESA), in partnership with Indigenous Skills, Employment, Apprenticeship, and Development (ISEAD), is offering a Licensing & Training Grant to support Indigenous journeyman electricians in Ontario who are pursuing their Master Electrician (ME) licence. For applicants interested in starting their own electrical contracting business, the grant can also assist with obtaining an Electrical Contractor (EC) licence.

This grant is designed to remove financial and informational barriers to licensing and to support Indigenous entrepreneurship, economic development, and community leadership. It also provides guidance and resources that make the licensing pathway clearer and easier to navigate.

WHAT THE GRANT INCLUDES

- Guidance and support navigating the pathway to ESA licensure
- Online ESA Training Solutions Pre-Master Electrician Course, including course materials
- Master Electrician (ME) Exam fee
- First-year ME licence fee
- First-year Electrical Contractor (EC) licence fee (optional, for those interested in starting a business)



WHY BECOME A MASTER ELECTRICIAN (ME) OR LICENSED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR (LEC)?

- ✓ Pursuing an ME or EC licence opens the door to leadership, responsibility, and business opportunity in Ontario's electrical industry.

- ✓ As an ME, you are a leader in Ontario's electrical sector. MEs demonstrate advanced technical expertise and play a key role in strengthening safety in their communities through high standards of professional practice. MEs may also take on a leadership role as a Designated Master Electrician (DME) for an LEC. DMEs are responsible for the personal planning and direct supervision of electrical work carried out on behalf of the LEC, which includes ensuring the work is safe and compliant.

- ✓ Becoming an LEC allows you to operate your own electrical business, hire employees, take out electrical permits, and deliver safe, compliant installations to consumers. LECs contribute to economic growth while meeting important requirements that protect workers and consumers.

Licensing & Training Grant: Pathway to Licensure

- 1 Apply for the **Grant** through ISEAD
- 2 Enroll in a **Pre-Master Electrician Course***
- 3 Apply for, write, and pass the **Master Electrician (ME) Exam** with ESA
- 4 Apply for your **Master Electrician (ME) licence** through ESA

Optional – Apply for an **Electrical Contractor (EC) licence** through ESA

Who Can Apply?

Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) journeyperson electricians with:

- ✓ A valid **Certificate of Qualification** (Construction & Maintenance Electrician, Domestic & Rural Electrician, Industrial Electrician, or Powerline Technician)

- ✓ At least **3 years of trade experience**

- ✓ **Intent to pursue the ME licence**

Optional – Interest in running an electrical contracting business

* Optional but recommended. The Pre-Master Electrician Course (offered by ESA Training Solutions or other providers) is not required to write the Master Electrician Exam. ESA Training Solutions is a non-regulatory service, and comparable courses may be available from other providers.



Building Opportunities

This grant supports Indigenous talent, career advancement, and business development – creating opportunities for skilled Indigenous electricians to lead, supervise, and build strong electrical businesses across Ontario.



APPLY THROUGH ISEAD

Start your ESA licensing journey today. Apply here, or connect with ISEAD at info@isead.ca for more information.