

# WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



## LICENSED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING BUSINESS - MASTER ELECTRICIAN - CERTIFIED ELECTRICIAN

They may be easy to mix up, but they're quite different from each other. In Ontario, only a Licensed Electrical Contracting business can be hired to do electrical work in your home. No exceptions.

### LICENSED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING BUSINESSES

- Have an ECRA/ESA licence number that proves they can operate as an electrical contracting business in Ontario.
- Their ECRA/ESA number should appear on their vehicles, business cards and estimates. Ask to see it.



### MASTER ELECTRICIANS

- Work for Licensed Electrical Contracting Businesses to manage the work of Certified Electricians.
- Cannot be hired directly to do electrical work in your home.
- Have a Master Electrician licence number, which is not an ECRA/ESA licence.

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### CERTIFIED ELECTRICIANS

- Work for Licensed Electrical Contracting Businesses and cannot be hired directly to do electrical work in your home.
- Have an Ontario College of Trades (OCOT) certification number, which is not the same as an ECRA/ESA licence.

### STILL NOT SURE? LOOK THEM UP.

Look up a Licensed Electrical Contractor or confirm their ECRA/ESA licence number using ESA's Contractor Look-Up Tool at [esasafe.com](http://esasafe.com).



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