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**Electrical Contractors' Association (SA) - East /  
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## **REGISTRATION AS ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR**

Any person, including a juristic person (company, closed corporation ect) who intends to do installation work as an ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR shall register annually with the Electrical Contracting Board of South Africa (ECB). Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with this provision of the Osh Act shall be guilty of an offence and be liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment. Members are reminded that their current ECB licenses expire on 28 February 2007. Renewal notices will be sent to all electrical contractors registered on the ECB database by the end of January 2007. It is in your own interest to ensure that your ECB license is renewed before 28 February 2007.

## **BROAD BASED BLACK ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT (BEE)**

An official announcement has been made by Government that a business with a turnover of less than R5 million per year is exempt from BEE. More good news for small business owners is that you automatically qualify as BEE compliant. All you need to do is obtain a certificate from a BEE rating agency to confirm that you are BEE EXEMPT. This certificate confirms that your business is a Level 4 contributor to BEE. This means that your clients / customers can not use BEE as an excuse to take business away from you!!! If your customer therefore spends R1000-00 with your company they could now claim the full R1000-00 for their own BEE procurement. This is to their advantage and good news for your business. If you wish to apply for the exempt status you must contact a Rating Agency in your area. The ECA has details of a number of such agencies who could help you to obtain the exemption certificate. Please phone the office if you need assistance in this regard.

## **ECA (SA) QUOTATION BOOKS.**

We still have a limited supply of ECA (SA) Quotation Books available at the old price of R100.00 per book of 50 forms. These documents are used extensively by members who require a short, easy to understand contract to sign with their

clients in the absence of a formal contract document. The first page of the document is used by the member to do his quote for the job with the contract conditions on the back page. Please phone Elaine or Danita to order.



## **ENERGY SECTOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING AUTHORITY – ESETA**

We list a few of the highlights from the Eseta Annual Report for 2005-2006 which was recently released:-

- \* ESETA was one of only 23 SETAS in South Africa that received its re-establishment certificates from Government – effectively giving Eseta the green light to operate for the next 5 years.
- \* The financial performance of Eseta was commendable during the period under review with an audited surplus of R4.3 million for 2006. (R1,7 million deficit in 2005).
- \* Eseta paid a total of R72 million in mandatory grants during 2006 whilst R20 million has been paid for Learnership grants during the same period. In 2005 only R5 million was paid for Learnership grants. This represents an increase of 300% over the 2005 figure and indicates an encouraging improvement in the Eseta disbursement system.

### **SPEEDPOINT FACILITY**

The ECA (SA) has introduced a new facility in our Port Elizabeth office as from 15 January 2007 to assist members. FNB has installed a Speedpoint payment terminal to enable members to pay subscription fees and purchase documents by using any authorized debit or credit card. A separate terminal has been installed to facilitate payment of ECB annual registration fees and to purchase COC's. We trust that members would find the service useful and convenient.

### **DIE KWESSIE VAN AFRIKAANS**

Soos in ander dele van die land is daar ook in die Oos / Suid Kaap lede van die EAV (SA) wat voel dat ons Afrikaans afskeep in ons kommunikasie met lede en by vergaderings. 'n Artikel oor hierdie problem het ook in die September 2006 uitgawe van Vector verskyn. Ons wil graag ons Afrikaanssprekende lede in hul eie taal bedien en hulle verseker dat hulle, net soos ons lede wat Engels en Xhosa praat, welkom is by die EAV. Die 3 personeellede van die EAV (SA) in die Oos Kaap se huistaal is immers ook Afrikaans en ons is nie skaam om ons moedertaal te gebruik om u te bedien nie. Lede moet egter asseblief in gedagte hou dat die "besigheidstaal" van die oorgrote meerderheid instansies in die land nie Afrikaans is nie wat beteken dat alle korrespondensie en dokumentasie van hierdie instansies in tale anders as Afrikaans gepubliseer word. Dit is gerieflik en tydbesparend om hierdie dokumente net so in die oorspronklike voertaal aan lede te sirkuleer. Praat dus gerus u eie taal wanner u die kantore in Oos Londen en Port Elizabeth skakel.

