SparkSafe Licence Types & Criteria

The SparkSafe Electrical Licence to Practise system has been designed to inform Clients of the identity and occupational competency of electrical workers who are trained, assessed and qualified specifically in electrical installation practice.

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Four licence types have been determined for the benefit and understanding of the Client. The licence types available for electrical workers include – Licence to Practise for Assessed Qualified Electrician, Qualified Electrician, Restricted Electrical Worker and Apprentice Electrician.

Restricted Electrical Worker [REW]

The purpose of this licence type is to indicate that the person is not fully qualified or up to date with the required electrical qualifications. This licence type is aimed at a broad range of electrical workers. This includes graded labourers through to practising electricians who are not currently up to date with the BS7671 IET Wiring Requirements. New entrants and novice workers are excluded from this category of licence.

Specialist installers/contractors of ELV (and LV) such as Lift Installation, CCTV, Data Cabling and Cable Jointing should be registered with a Licence to Practise system. Many of these installers are drawn into mains voltage enabling work and become responsible for final connections between the work of the principal electrical contractor and the wiring and/or final connection of their products/systems. Specialist installers such as those mentioned above may be eligible for an REW licence.

REW Licence	
Supporting Evidence	
1.	A minimum of 2 years' experience employment verification in the industry is required. Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they have relevant, up to date skills and work experience in the electrical installation/contracting industry. [Download the Employment Verification Table]
2.	Photographic ID - Passport, driving licence or electoral card only.
3.	Digital Photograph - Head shot against a plain white background, must be emailed.