Who We Are

Membership

The National Electrical and Communications Association (NECA) are the peak body representing electrical and communications contractors Australia-wide, from employers and business people to technicians.

Running a business in the 21st Century is not easy. The complex requirements of federal, state and local governments, supply authorities and the need to comply with a range of legislative requirements is almost impossible to keep abreast of without outside help.

NECA's services are tailored to the unique needs of contractors working in the electrotechnology industry. We save members time and money by providing timely information and advice, and practical tools to make business easier, safer and more cost-effective.

NECA employs specialists in industrial relations, workplace health and safety, human resources, education and training, business management and marketing, technical regulations and technology who are on-hand to offer advice on a range of topics, as well as provide representation and support in industrial relations matters.

The Association actively represents the needs and entitlements of contractors at all levels of government and industry, ensuring members' needs are heard. We work with the industry on a range of levels to ensure a sustainable workforce for all and actively advocate for our members in areas such as licensing, training, regulations and more.

Membership of NECA will ensure you have the necessary tools to save money, stay ahead of changes, take advantage of opportunities and meet your business goals. We work to establish long-term relationships with our members by understanding their business and providing personalised assistance to each and every member.

NECA also supports apprenticeships and quality training to ensure a bright future for the industry. Our Group Training Organisation, NECA Careers & Apprenticeships (NCA), has been formed specifically for the electrotechnology industry and is committed to providing the right people to fulfil the skills needs of today and for the future.

Top 10 Reasons to Join NECA SA/NT





Employee Management



Industrial Relations



Technical Knowledge Base (TKB)





Contracts



Business Management



Marketing



Discounts



Industry Information

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Why Be a Member of NECA?

Industrial Relations and Employee Advice

NECA provides specialist, up-to-date advice and support in a wide range of industrial relations and employment matters, including wage rates, conditions of employment, apprenticeships, contracts of employment, overtime, allowances, disputes, termination of employment, superannuation, long service leave, workers compensation and more.

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NECA also assists members in developing and registering workplace agreements appropriate to the needs of their businesses.

Workplace Health and Safety

NECA recognises the importance of having an effective workplace health and safety management system in place. This can be difficult area to manage due to the wide range of legislative requirements and the severe penalties associated with non-compliance.

NECA has developed a HSEQ Management System specifically designed to serve the electrical, communications, refrigeration and air conditioning industries. This system is focused on assisting sole contractors and businesses to take responsibility for the health, safety, environment and quality requirements of their business by providing an integrated and user-friendly management system which can be tailored to your individual needs.

In addition to this, NECA provides a range of resources and specialist advice to assist businesses to address WH&S issues and to help members understand changes to legislation. Areas of assistance include, but are not limited to: safe work method statements, risk assessments, audits, tendering assistance, accreditation, toolbox talks, incident investigations, site inspections, first aid information, improvement and prohibition notices, Workers Compensation and return to work laws.

Commercial and Contracts

It is important that contractors use effective contracts to minimise disputes and ensure adequate protection. NECA has the resources and expertise to help you operate your business more efficiently and profitably through the provision of information, assistance and documentation including: bi-monthly articles, contract template documents and associated management system, debt collection and payment claims advice, discounted stationery (including terms and conditions, job cards, time sheet booklets, estimating and quotation books, etc.), discounted legal or specialist advice to assist contractors manage business operations.

Business Management and Marketing

As a NECA member, you will receive up-to-date information, resources and advice on marketing and business management strategies and tips from our qualified staff. This includes, but is not limited to: advice on determining your target market and how to reach them, creating a business plan and managing your business resources (human, financial, physical, and knowledge) as well as marketing your business effectively and efficiently and assistance with your marketing strategies and materials including your website, company profile, social media etc.

Education and Training

A comprehensive calendar of business and technical training programs is offered including: business management, WH&S courses, specialist technical courses, rescue and resuscitation and more. Training is provided in conjunction with preferred training providers and at subsidised rates for NECA members

In addition to training programs, NECA run information seminars and workshops on trending and important topics in the industry to assist members with issues that affect the efficiencies of their businesses.

Technical and Licensing Support

Members have access to Australian Standards and an array of technical information on our Technical Knowledge Base (TKB). This online searchable database is designed specifically for contractors in SA and NT and contains standards, rules and regulations from the regulator, network operator, safety regulator and licensing boards, updates, codes of practice, and more. In addition, members also receive comprehensive technical and licensing advice.

Furthermore, NECA has direct input into the setting of Australian Standards and licensing provisions with representation on Standards, technical and licensing bodies throughout Australia.

Advocacy

The Association actively represents the needs and entitlements of contractors at all levels of government and industry, ensuring members' needs are heard. Our staff and board members represent NECA SA/NT on a range of committees and working groups to help address major industry issues.

Industry Information

At NECA we understand that being well informed about the changes and developments within our industry can mean the difference between winning and losing a tender and running a successful and competitive business. That is why, as a NECA member, you will receive up-to-date information on current issues and events through a range of publications, sources and events including: membership kit, bi-monthly newsletters, fortnightly email newsletters, published awards, resource documents, wages and conditions of employment, reference materials, manuals, practical tools, seminars and the NECA website.

Industry Recognition

As a NECA member, your business will gain valuable market exposure from NECA's marketing and networking opportunities including branch meetings, seminars, functions and conferences. Annually, NECA provide members with the opportunity to enter the Awards of Excellence and the Apprentice of the Year Awards, promoting excellence within the electrotechnology industry.

NECA members are also featured on our 'Find Your Local Electrician' website: www.fyle.com.au. Potential customers can search for a NECA electrician in their area, providing another avenue of recognition for our members.

Member Benefits Program

Membership provides automatic access to a range of discounts and deals that can help you save money on selected goods and services, including:

- Host employment of Apprentices with NECA Careers & Apprenticeships (NCA)
- Australian Standards
- · industry-specific business stationery
- · vehicles and fuel
- insurances designed specifically for contractors

- clothing, tools, construction supplies and instrument calibration
- assistance with payment recovery
- software products designed specifically for contractors
- industry specific training
- legal services
- · advertising and websites