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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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(As presented)

(Minister for Urban Services)

**Electricity (Amendment) Bill 1999**

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**A BILL**

FOR

**An Act to amend the *Electricity Act 1971***

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Electricity (Amendment) Act 1999*.

5 **2. Commencement**

This Act commences on the day on which it is notified in the *Gazette*.

**3. Principal Act**

In this Act, "Principal Act" means the *Electricity Act 1971*.<sup>1</sup>

**4. Interpretation**

10 Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from the definition of "electrical wiring work" in subsection (1) " , other than an electrical installation that operates at extra low voltage" and substituting:

"other than—

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- (d) an electrical installation that operates at extra low voltage; or
- (e) telecommunications cabling”.

**5. Persons who may carry out electrical wiring work**

Section 25 of the Principal Act is amended—

- 5 (a) by omitting from paragraph (b) “or”;
- (b) by inserting after paragraph (c) the following paragraphs:
  - “(d) a trainee who—
    - (i) is undertaking an accredited course which includes instruction in electrical wiring work;
    - 10 (ii) is employed by the holder of an electrical contractor’s licence; and
    - (iii) is working under the direction or supervision of the holder of an electrician’s licence, Grade A who is the holder, or is an employee of the holder, of the electrical contractor’s licence; or
    - 15 (e) a student at a secondary college in the Territory who—
      - (i) is undertaking an accredited course which includes instruction in electrical wiring work; and
      - (ii) is working under the direction or supervision of the holder of an electrician’s licence, Grade A who is the holder, or is an employee of the holder, of an electrical contractor’s licence.”; and
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- (c) by adding at the end the following subsection:
  - “(2) In this section—
  - 25 ‘accredited course’ see *Vocational Education and Training Act 1995*, subsection 4 (1), definition of ‘accredited course’;
  - ‘trainee’ see *Vocational Education and Training Act 1995*, subsection 4 (1), definition of ‘trainee’.”.

**6. Insertion**

30 After section 26 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:

**“26A. Persons who may carry out telecommunications cabling work**

- “(1) A person shall not carry out telecommunications cabling work unless the person has satisfactorily completed an accredited course which involves instruction in telecommunications cabling.
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“(2) In this section—

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‘accredited course’ see *Vocational Education and Training Act 1995*, subsection 4 (1), definition of ‘accredited course’;

‘telecommunications cabling work’ means the work of installing, altering or repairing telecommunications cabling.”.

5 Penalty: 10 penalty units.”.

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**NOTES**

**Principal Act**

1. Reprinted as at 1 June 1998. See also Acts Nos. 51 and 54, 1998.

**Penalty units**

See section 33AA of the *Interpretation Act 1967*.

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