

Verification & Certification Courses

| No | Date | Day | Location | Venue |
|----|-------------------|----------------------|------------|------------------|
| 33 | 4th & 5th April | Monday & Tuesday | Portlaoise | Madron Hotel |
| 34 | 4th & 5th April | Monday & Tuesday | DUBLIN | Red Cow Hotel |
| 35 | 6th & 7th April | Wednesday & Thursday | Killarney | ECSSA |
| 36 | 6th & 7th April | Wednesday & Thursday | Portlaoise | Madron Hotel |
| 37 | 11th & 12th April | Monday & Tuesday | DUBLIN | Red Cow Hotel |
| 38 | 13th & 14th April | Wednesday & Thursday | Killarney | ECSSA |
| 39 | 18th & 19th April | Monday & Tuesday | Maynooth | Glenroyal |
| 40 | 18th & 19th April | Monday & Tuesday | DUBLIN | Red Cow Hotel |
| 41 | 20th & 21st April | Wednesday & Thursday | Killarney | ECSSA |
| 42 | 20th & 21st April | Wednesday & Thursday | Maynooth | Glenroyal |
| 43 | 25th & 26th April | Monday & Tuesday | DUBLIN | Red Cow Hotel |
| 44 | 9th & 10th May | Monday & Tuesday | Sligo | Sligo Park Hotel |
| 45 | 9th & 10th May | Monday & Tuesday | DUBLIN | Red Cow Hotel |
| 46 | 11th & 12th May | Wednesday & Thursday | Killarney | ECSSA |
| 47 | 11th & 12th May | Wednesday & Thursday | Sligo | Sligo Park Hotel |
| 48 | 16th & 17th May | Monday & Tuesday | DUBLIN | Red Cow Hotel |
| 49 | 18th & 19th May | Wednesday & Thursday | Killarney | ECSSA |
| 50 | 23rd & 24th May | Monday & Tuesday | Tullamore | Tullamore Court |
| 51 | 23rd & 24th May | Monday & Tuesday | DUBLIN | Red Cow Hotel |
| 52 | 25th & 26th May | Wednesday & Thursday | Killarney | ECSSA |
| 53 | 25th & 26th May | Wednesday & Thursday | Tullamore | Tullamore Court |
| 54 | 30th & 31st May | Monday & Tuesday | DUBLIN | Red Cow Hotel |
| 55 | 13th & 14th June | Monday & Tuesday | Cavan | Cavan Crystal |
| 56 | 13th & 14th June | Monday & Tuesday | DUBLIN | Red Cow Hotel |
| 57 | 15th & 16th June | Wednesday & Thursday | Killarney | ECSSA |
| 58 | 15th & 16th June | Wednesday & Thursday | Cavan | Cavan Crystal |
| 59 | 20th & 21st June | Monday & Tuesday | DUBLIN | Red Cow Hotel |
| 60 | 22nd & 23rd June | Wednesday & Thursday | Killarney | ECSSA |
| 61 | 27th & 28th June | Monday & Tuesday | Galway | Clayton Hotel |
| 62 | 27th & 28th June | Monday & Tuesday | DUBLIN | Red Cow Hotel |
| 63 | 29th & 30th June | Wednesday & Thursday | Killarney | ECSSA |
| 64 | 29th & 30th June | Wednesday & Thursday | Galway | Clayton Hotel |
| 65 | 4th & 5th July | Monday & Tuesday | DUBLIN | Red Cow Hotel |
| 66 | 6th & 7th July | Wednesday & Thursday | Killarney | ECSSA |

This is a TWO DAY Course and will run from 9.30am to 6pm on DAY 1 and from 9am to 5pm on DAY 2

PLEASE BRING: 1. Current Edition of ET 101 & Amendments 2. Calibrated Test Instruments (You must be familiar with your own Test Instruments)

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NEWSLETTER
Spring 2016

Dear Contractor,
Welcome to the Spring 2016 ECSSA Newsletter!

We are delighted to report that ECSSA has successfully made the transition from a Regulatory Body to a Trade & Training Association.

We are grateful to the hundreds of Contractors who have seen the need for a strong and united voice to defend the interests of Contractors in the years ahead.

Many of these continue to avail of the technical advice, which had been freely provided during their time as registered electrical contractors affiliated to ECSSA.

At our Training Courses several contractors, including some who had never been Members of ECSSA, have expressed concern at the ever increasing encroachment of the PSA into what has always been electrical contractor's work.

This encroachment started at a time when the regulatory bodies were not permitted to take a positive stand on behalf of Contractors and when the existing trade bodies were not sufficiently strong to uphold the rights of Electrical Contractors.

All those who comment on this increasing encroachment agree that, unless Contractors unite and oppose this exclusion of Contractors from sectors of electrical work, and also oppose various other measures which will impose additional costs on

the industry, then the future could prove a very difficult time in which to trade.

We cannot emphasise strongly enough that Contractors should not leave it to others to defend their interests and that is only by having a Strong and United Voice, representing the vast majority of those Electrical Contractors in the industry that positive change can be brought about and negative change defeated.

We would urge those Contractors who have not already done so to join ECSSA and to encourage others to do likewise so that together we can be a force which cannot be ignored.

We also want to stress that Membership of ECSSA is open to every Contractor irrespective of which regulatory body they were affiliated to in the past.

The new ECSSA Website goes live on April 11th and carries details of all the services available, including some innovations which should prove very helpful to Members.

Please log on to www.ecssa.ie, see what we have to offer and become part of what will become the United Voice of the Electrical Contracting Industry in the years ahead.

Mike Marshall
General Manager

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1 | The Newsletter

This Newsletter is being circulated to all those who were MEMBERS OF ECSSA at the end of 2015 but future Newsletters and News Updates will be circulated to Members Only and will appear in the Members Area of the ECSSA Website.



2 | The New Website (www.ecssa.ie)



The new ECSSA Website, which goes live on April 11th 2016, has been designed to meet what we have long recognised as some of the important needs of the industry.

The website is divided into a Public Area and a Members Area. In the Public Area, people can view what ECSSA has to offer, can purchase the various publications and other documents which ECSSA sell, can view the Classified Ads placed by Members, can view and book the various Training Courses run by ECSSA and can also complete a Membership Application Form should they wish to become Members of ECSSA. It also contains brief headlines of the main news items contained in the Members Area.

In addition to the items which can be viewed and used by the Public, the Members Area provides the facility to submit Technical & Business Queries online, to advertise in the Stock Exchange and Sub Contracting Area and also to notify the public of items which have been Lost or Stolen from them.

The Stock Exchange is a unique facility whereby Members can advertise for sale any surplus Plant, Tools or Equipment and can likewise place an ad seeking items which may be difficult to obtain through the normal trade channels.

The Member has the option to provide his contact details in the Ad or alternative using a PO Box No in ECSSA and we can then put the Buyer and Seller in direct contact so that they can deal directly with each other.

Members who find themselves in need of temporary additional manpower can also advertise in the Sub Contract Area outlining the type and duration of work which they have available for electricians who may be available and they can also advertise if they themselves are available to do subcontract work for others. This is an area where we have already had a considerable number of requests from contractors in various parts of the country and we have no doubt but that when it is opened up to a wider audience, it will prove highly successful.

All Ads remain live for 30 days but can be removed at any time by the Member if no longer relevant. From time to time Affinity Deals that become available will appear in the Members Area.



3 | Fire Alarm & Emergency Lighting

ECSSA have arranged with a private provider (PCCE) to provide One Day Revision Courses on Fire Alarm and Emergency Lighting at a number of venues around the country. The costs for each of the Courses is €180 for ECSSA Members and €200 for Non-Members.

Full details and Booking Forms for these Courses can be found on the ECSSA website (www.ecssa.ie).

The response of Participants to date has been very positive and while there is not as yet a legal requirement for persons who certify Fire Alarm or Emergency Lighting to have completed such a Course, it is highly likely that this will become a requirement in the not too distant future.

We also want to remind Contractors that Certificates for the inspection of both Fire Alarms and Emergency Lighting Systems, which are not available from any other supplier, can be purchased from the ECSSA.

Additional Dates and Venues will be added if it is found that there is an ongoing market for these.

4 | Safe Electric

The February 29th deadline by which all Contractors were to sign up to the Safe Electric regime, has now passed.

We would have hoped that those former ECSSA Members, who wished to continue as RECs, would have been able to continue to do so in a hassle free manner.

For the most part this appears to be the case but we have been contacted by quite a few former Members who have reported that RECI have claimed that their details cannot be found and they would have to go through the whole process of making an application for membership.

We want to make it very clear that CER took away not only the database of details of all those who were Members of ECSSA but also the hard copies of the Membership files of all those contractors who were Members since 2009.

Whether or not CER transferred all this information to RECI is something we cannot say but CER certainly took all the details from ECSSA and therefore if RECI cannot find a Contractor's file, the problem may lie with CER's failure to transfer the relevant information to RECI.



Opening Hours:
MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8.00AM - 5.00PM
CLOSED FOR LUNCH 1.00PM - 2.00PM

Emergency Lighting Course:

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| CORK | April 7th | Radisson Hotel |
| KILKENNY | April 19th | Hotel Kilkenny |
| LEXILIP | May 4th | Springfield Hotel |
| LIMERICK | May 11th | South Court Hotel |
| Times: | 8.30 to 5pm | |

Fire Alarm Course:

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| CORK | April 14th | Radisson Hotel |
| KILKENNY | April 12th | Hotel Kilkenny |
| LEXILIP | April 27th | Springfield Hotel |
| LIMERICK | May 18th | South Court Hotel |
| Times: | 8.30 to 5pm | |

Full Details on www.ecssa.ie

A certain amount of confusion also appears to have arisen in relation to the replacement of Completion Certs which former Members of ECSSA still had in their possession at the end of February 2016.

All the information confirming the purchase of Completion Certs by ECSSA Members is contained in the data taken from ECSSA by CER and transferred to RECI and therefore there should be no need for contractors to have to supply invoices or other proof of purchase.

We must make it quite clear that this reimbursement/replacement arrangement is something between CER & RECI where ECSSA has no longer any part to play.

Certs which are incorrectly sent to ECSSA are returned to the Sender, who is then exposed to the additional postage cost of forwarding them to RECI/CER.

5 | Training Courses

A full list of Training Courses is available in this Newsletter and on the ECSSA Website but Contractors should be aware that some of the Courses shown may already be fully booked and therefore if they need to complete a Course in the short term, they should not delay in booking at a Venue most convenient to them.



Members Discount is available to current ECSSA Members.

6 | Contract Documents

For many years ECSSA has recognised that the absence of adequate documentation has often led to a failure of contractors to collect money due to them.

We were asked on many occasions to produce simple but effective Contract Forms but as a regulatory body we were precluded by CER from providing such a service.

Now that we are free to do so, we have produced a range of Contract Forms, the full details of which to be found on the enclosed leaflet.



7 | ATEX Courses

Contractors who are interested in getting involved in electrical work in Explosive Atmospheres should consult the ETCL Website (www.etcl.ie) for details of ATEX Courses being run by ETCL.

8 | Calibration

ECSSA offers a convenient Calibration Service, including collection and delivery for an all-in price of €100 & VAT for a Multi Tester or Set of Three Instruments.

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