

## TESSO Certified Cabler Register Overview

At the TESSO Annual General Meeting held on 9 April 2003, the Board unanimously approved the final details of the Certified Cabler Registration system, which is now up and running.

As reported earlier in November 2002, the intention of the registration system is to set a minimum standard of competency for the industry and to recognise those practitioners who have the necessary skills and who, to date, may have received little recognition of this.

The setting of minimum competency standards is expected to provide significant benefits to the industry and end-users, most of whom are acutely aware of recent quality issues in the building industry which many commentators blame, at least in part, to a lack of training, unsatisfactory work practices and inadequate quality control.

The registration system - split into Premises Networks and Customer Access Networks (CAN) cabling strands - provides recognition of existing qualifications and experience, reinforced by a brief current competency test which can be completed by the candidate and returned to TESSO with the application form and application fee.

From a technical perspective, courses qualifying for TESSO recognition include a range of traditional CAN qualifications and structured cabling installation training courses delivered by a number of connectivity vendors.

There is also a requirement to demonstrate knowledge of safe working practices (by questions forming part of the entry test) and to provide proof of attending CPR and Basic First Aid training within the past two years. Consideration is also being given to including the Site Safe NZ commercial passport for the Premises strand and Transit NZ certification for the CAN strand, although this will not be a requirement for initial registration.

A registration application form and copies of the Two-Yearly Current Competency Examinations for both the Premises and CAN strands can be obtained here at the TESSO website <http://www.tesso.org.nz/>

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