THE LEVEL 2 Certificate for Domestic Electrical Installers Qualification (Vocationally related qualification) has been developed by EMTA Awards Ltd together with the Electrical Contractors Association, the National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting and CORGI. The qualification was developed with the Part P requirements of Part P of the Building Regulations particularly in mind.

The aim of the qualification is to give successful persons the minimum knowledge and understanding of the skills and competences necessary to carry out electrical work in dwellings in accordance with the Building Regulations and BS 7671. It will also provide a route to training and employment as an electrician. It is important to note that a domestic installer is not an electrician. It is a Level 2 qualification and not the Level 3 qualification of an electrician.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE BUILDING REGULATIONS
The Building Regulations require a domestic installer not only to have a knowledge of electrical work but also knowledge of related Building Regulations including Parts A, B, C, E, F, L, and M.

It is necessary for the firms working to the Building Regulations to have a good background understanding of basic employment safety legislation as well as knowledge of the constructional requirements of the Building Regulations themselves.

THE ELECTRICIAN’S GUIDE TO THE BUILDING REGULATIONS
The IEE has published a new book, ‘The Electrician’s Guide to the Building Regulations’. As well as providing information that electricians need to know about the Building Regulations (not only the electrical requirements in Part P) it has also been written for persons training to become Domestic Installers.

The IEE has been aware, from market research, that college lecturers are reporting trainees getting into a little trouble with the Onsite Guide and have had in mind preparing a more easy to use guide. ‘The Electrician’s Guide to the Building Regulations’ provides detailed drawings of typical circuit arrangements and provides standard circuit arrangements that require no calculations. Copied above and on the following page are examples of the
approach taken. The table shows the standard circuit requirements for type B circuit breakers. The figures on the right show the typical detail.

‘The Electrician’s Guide to the Building Regulations’ is the most user-friendly publication that the IEE has produced to date on electrical installations in dwellings. As well as being written as a course book for the domestic installer, it provides very useful references for all persons involved in Building Regulations work, including plumbing and other trades. Companies that carry out electrical work as an ancillary part of their main work, such as plumbing or gas installation, must be registered to avoid the need to notify Building Control in advance of the work, thereby accruing a fee. These firms will be registering as level B or C Enterprises and will need to employ supervisors or responsible persons. The Electrician’s Guide has also been written for these supervisors and provides clear guidance.

DEMAND FOR SKILLED PERSONS
Part P of the Building Regulations is extremely comprehensive, requiring all bar minor works outside kitchens and bathrooms to be notified to Building Control or carried out by registered Competent Persons. There is a need for an increase in the training base for the building trade and the IEE is playing its part in this by preparing publications and running training courses.

The Electrician’s Guide to the Building Regulations
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