

SMART and SKILLED UPDATE – October 2024

1. NEW SUPERVISION STANDARDS FOR ELECTRICAL APPRENTICES

New supervision standards for electrical apprentices, as outlined in the [Supervision Practice Standard for Apprentices in the Electrical Industry](#), are mandated by the NSW Government from 1 September 2024. These standards define specific levels of supervision—Direct, General, and Broad—based on the apprentice's experience and task complexity.

Key aspects include:

- **Direct Supervision:** One-on-one supervision with the licensed electrician always physically present.
- **General Supervision:** Intermittent oversight with a 1:3 supervisor-to-apprentice ratio.
- **Broad Supervision:** Occasional oversight with a 1:5 supervisor-to-apprentice ratio.

The department will be updating the relevant Commissioner Information Bulletins (CIBs) and Vocational Training Orders (VTOs) to reflect these new supervision requirements. Training providers are encouraged to align their practices accordingly, and where necessary notify the department of any supervision concerns via the [RTO Notification of Issues](#) document. For additional information, please visit the NSW Fair Trading website at [Supervision Practice Standard for Licensed Electricians Supervising Apprentices](#).

