

# Scotland Route 1: Apprenticeship Training



## BEFORE YOU START

- Complete the online [Application Form](#) and Pre-Employment Assessment. Sample questions are [here](#).
- Find an employer who is willing to train you.
- You don't pay for training and will [earn while you learn](#).
- For more information see the Scottish Joint Industry Board (SJIB) [Apprentice and Adult Training Schemes Guide](#) and the [Information Sheet for Applicants](#).



## REGISTRATION

All apprentices are [registered as Modern Apprentices](#) with the SJIB and the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). Your apprenticeship starts on the day you first attend an approved training centre. You will receive an SJIB Apprentice (ECS) Card, valid for five years.



## FIRST STAGE

This stage incorporates on-the-job practical training and block release training for 17 weeks at an approved training centre. You must complete the appropriate first stage approved training centre coursework and site evidence, captured in an ePortfolio and normally completed within one year.



## SECOND STAGE

This stage incorporates on-the-job practical training and block release training for 11 weeks at an approved training centre. You must complete the appropriate second stage approved training centre coursework and site evidence, captured in an ePortfolio and normally completed within one year.



## THIRD STAGE

This stage incorporates on-the-job practical training and a further week of inspection and testing training at an approved training centre. You must complete the appropriate third stage approved training centre competencies and site evidence, captured in an ePortfolio. You must also gain a minimum of 12 months' site experience at this stage.



## FINAL INTEGRATED COMPETENCE ASSESSMENT (FICA)

Your employer should complete the [FICA Self Assessment Checklist](#) with you and, once they determine you're ready to take the FICA, they will complete an Employer's Declaration. Before taking the FICA, you can refer to the [FICA Guidance](#) which contains advice and practical examples to help you prepare. You must complete this stage within five years of registration.



## QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN

- On completion you will be a qualified electrician and will be issued with the following:
- SJIB FICA Certificate
  - SJIB Craftsman's Certificate
  - SJIB Electrician's (ECS) Grade Card
  - Modern Apprenticeship Completion Certificate
  - SVQ in Electrical Installation (SCQF 7) Certificate