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| <b>Title</b> | <b>Identify electricity systems used in the electricity supply industry</b> |                |          |
| <b>Level</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>Credits</b> | <b>6</b> |

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| <b>Purpose</b> | People credited with this unit standard are able to: identify types of electric lines; identify circuit operating voltages; and identify types of conductors and cables used in the electricity supply industry; and identify types and functions of structures used to carry overhead electricity conductors. |
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| <b>Classification</b> | Electricity Supply > Electricity Supply - Core Skills |
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| <b>Available grade</b> | Achieved |
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Evidence presented for assessment against this unit standard must be consistent with safe working practices and be in accordance with applicable industry and legislative requirements.
- 2 Legislation, regulations and/or industry standards relevant to this unit standard include but are not limited to the current version of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; Electricity Act 1992; Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010; and any subsequent amendments and replacements; Electricity supply industry codes of practice and documented enterprise procedures, including *Safety Manual – Electricity Industry* (SM-EI) (2015) Wellington: Electricity Engineers' Association available from [www.eea.co.nz](http://www.eea.co.nz).
- 3 Definitions  
*AC* refers to alternating current.  
*Asset owner* refers to a participant who owns or operates assets used for generating or conveying electricity.  
*Electric Lines* are the structure of works or electrical installations carrying conductors above or below ground; and includes the fittings used in conjunction with conductors but does not include fixed wiring.  
*HV* refers to high voltages which means voltages exceeding 1 kV AC.  
*Industry requirements* include all asset owner requirements; manufacturers' specifications; and enterprise requirements which cover the documented workplace policies, procedures, specifications, business, and quality management requirements relevant to the workplace in which assessment is carried out.  
*LV* refers to low voltages which means voltages exceeding 50 V AC but not exceeding 1 kV AC.

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### Outcomes and performance criteria

#### Outcome 1

Identify types of electric lines used in the electricity supply industry.

Range distribution, traction, transmission.

### **Performance criteria**

1.1 Types of electricity transmission lines are identified.

Range alternating current, direct current, single or multiple circuits.

1.2 Types of electricity distribution lines are identified.

Range may include – control system, earth return, single and multiple phases, single or multiple circuits, single wire, street lighting, catenary;  
evidence of three types is required.

1.3 Electricity traction lines are identified.

### **Outcome 2**

Identify circuit operating voltages used in the electricity supply industry.

### **Performance criteria**

2.1 Operating transmission, traction and distribution voltages are identified.

2.2 Distribution operating voltages are identified by above ground conductor groupings.

Range may include – LV, HV.

### **Outcome 3**

Identify types of conductors and cables used in the electricity supply industry.

### **Performance criteria**

3.1 Types of conductors used above ground are identified.

Range bare, covered, insulated, bundled, multiple conductor, solid, stranded;  
type – copper, aluminium, steel, composite.

3.2 Types of cables used below ground are identified.

Range type – insulation, conductor, mechanical protection, LV and HV.

### **Outcome 4**

Identify types and functions of structures used to carry overhead electricity conductors.

**Performance criteria**

4.1 Types of structures used to carry overhead conductors are identified.

Range poles – wood, concrete, steel, single, double;  
towers – flat top, multiple circuits, single circuits, temporary.

4.2 Functions of structures used to carry overhead conductors are identified.

Range suspension, strain, terminal and intermediate.

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**Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions**

| Process               | Version | Date             | Last Date for Assessment |
|-----------------------|---------|------------------|--------------------------|
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| Review                | 2       | 27 April 2001    | 31 December 2016         |
| Review                | 3       | 22 October 2003  | 31 December 2016         |
| Rollover and Revision | 4       | 16 July 2010     | 31 December 2016         |
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| Review                | 6       | 28 November 2019 | N/A                      |

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| <b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b> | 0120 |
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

**Comments on this unit standard**

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