Title	**Carry out switchboard tests**		
Level	**4**	**Credits**	**9**

Purpose	This unit standard is for people engaged in the manufacture of switchboards in the electrotechnology industry. People credited with this unit standard are able to: – prepare to test switchboards – test switchboards – check and set protection devices.

Classification	Electrical Engineering > Electric Switchboards

Available grade	Achieved

Guidance Information

1 This unit standard may be used for learning and assessment on-job.

2 Achievement of this unit standard alone does not entitle trainees to legally perform prescribed electrical work without supervision. Until registered and licenced under the Electricity Act 1992, trainees are assisting, and must work under the supervision when carrying out prescribed electrical work. For non-prescribed electrical work, this statement does not apply.

3 References
- Accident Compensation Act 2001
- AS/NZS 3000 (version as cited in the Electricity (Safety) Regulations), *Electrical installations (known as the Australian/New Zealand Wiring Rules)*
- AS/NZS 61439.4:2016, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies – Part 4: Particular requirements for assemblies for construction sites (ACS)* available at Standards NZ
- Electricity Act 1992
- Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010
- Health and Safety at Work Act 2015
- The New Zealand Electrical Codes of Practice, available at WorkSafe New Zealand, worksafe.govt.nz

and all subsequent amendments and replacements.

4 Definitions

CT – Current Transformers.
HV – High Voltage.
Industry practice – those practices that competent practitioners within the industry recognise as current industry best practice.
Safe and sound practice – this relates to the installation of electrical equipment and is defined in AS/NZS 3000.

5 Range

a Candidates may refer to current legislation and Standards during assessment.
b Demonstration of safe working practices and installation in accordance with *safe and sound practice* are essential components of assessment of this unit standard.
c Competency may be demonstrated on the following test equipment, which may include but is not limited to – insulation tester, HV tester, current injection test set, ductor set, CT polarity test set;
evidence is required of four tests – two below 800amps and two above 630amps.
d All evidence presented for assessment against this unit standard must be in accordance with:
i legislation
ii policies and procedures
iii ethical codes
iv Standards – may include but are not limited to those listed in Schedule 2 of the Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010
v applicable site, enterprise, and industry practice
vi where appropriate, manufacturers' instructions, specifications, and data sheets.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Prepare to test switchboards.

Performance criteria

1.1 Select the required safety and test equipment and justify selection of equipment.

Range safety equipment may include but is not limited to – safety ropes and signs, safety clothing, documentation, isolation tags.

1.2 Identify and isolate components that may be damaged by the testing process.

1.3 Demonstrate safety procedures and practices and evaluate the effectiveness and/or consequences of these procedures and practices.

1.4 Provide a risk assessment plan or self-assessment plan for testing electric switchboards.

1.5 Verify calibration of testing devices are current and correct operation with reference to test equipment records and/or manufacturers' instructions.

Outcome 2

Test switchboards.

Performance criteria

2.1 Carry out switchboard tests.

Range tests may include but are not limited to – current injection, functional, high voltage, insulation, visual, mechanical interlock.

2.2 Validate and verify the test method and documentation for all board components and circuits.

2.3 Document test results and adjustments.

Outcome 3

Check and set protection devices.

Range may include but is not limited to – circuit breakers, protection relays, overloads.

Performance criteria

3.1 Verify protection device trip settings against specifications.

3.2 Verify mechanical operations and interlocking of protection devices.

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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0003

This CMR can be accessed at http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do.

Comments on this unit standard

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