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JOB PROFILE

Building electrician

Eletrisista edifísiu

Construction & building trades · ISCO-08 7411

Building electricians put in, look after and repair the wiring, sockets, switches, lights and switchboards in houses and other buildings. In 2017, 58 foreign electricians held work permits in Timor-Leste: work a trained Timorese electrician can take.

TRAIN IN TIMOR	**Certificate I–IV** INDMO national certificates
COURSE LENGTH	**To confirm** No published source yet
IN TIMOR	**Filled by foreign workers** Foreign work permits, 2017
ABROAD	**No official programme yet** Australia: any job with a job offer
PAY IN TIMOR	**US$276 / month** Average for all craft & trades workers in Timor-Leste, not this job alone (Labour Force Survey 2021)

WHAT YOU DO

Plan the job: Read drawings and wiring plans; Decide where cables, sockets and lights go; Work out the cables and parts you need.

Install: Run cables through walls, floors and ceilings; Fit sockets, switches, lights, fans and switchboards; Connect the building to the power supply.

Test and repair: Test circuits with measuring tools; Find and fix faults; Replace old or broken parts.

Work safely: Switch off the power before you start; Follow electrical safety rules every time; Show customers how to use the system safely.

Based on the ILO description of ISCO-08 unit group 7411, Building and related electricians.

WHERE YOU WORK

New buildings (With construction companies); Homes and shops (Repairs and new wiring); Hotels, offices and hospitals (Maintenance staff); Your own small business (Taking jobs for customers).

You work indoors and outdoors, sometimes in roofs, on ladders or in tight spaces. Electricity can kill, so you must be careful and follow the rules every time.

Learn from a trained electrician first. Wiring done wrong can start fires.

IS IT FOR ME?

You are good at: Careful, exact work, Maths and science, Finding faults, Following rules, Reading drawings.

You like: How things work, Working with your hands, Solving problems, Different places every week.

Good colour vision helps, because wires are marked by colour.

TRAIN FOR IT IN TIMOR-LESTE

- **Certificate I in Electrical** · INDMO national certificate
- **Certificate II in Electrical** · INDMO national certificate
- **Certificate III in Electrical Fundamentals** · INDMO national certificate
- **Certificate IV in Electrical** · INDMO national certificate
- **Técnico de Eletricidade** · Technical secondary school course (ESTV)
- **CNEFP Tibar: Electricity** · Level III. The centre opened enrolment for 2026.

Course length and fees: to confirm with INDMO and each centre. The directory never shows a number without a source.

WHERE IT LEADS

- **Construction labourer** · Entry job; Certificate I in General Construction
- **Building electrician** · Certificate II in Electrical, then III in Electrical Fundamentals
- **Lead electrician** · Certificate IV in Electrical
- **Your own electrical business** · Startups of Timor helps you start one

WORK ABROAD, SAFELY

- **Australia: Pacific Engagement Visa** · There is no official programme abroad for this job yet. Australia's Pacific Engagement Visa allows any occupation if you have a job offer.

Never pay a fixer. Join only through SEFOPE, the Timor-Leste government office for work abroad. No one can sell you a place, and a real overseas job never asks you for a recruitment fee.

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