

3411-11 Electrician (general)
(review)

Review rating:

No shortage

Employer and industry comments/current labour market

A survey of employers who recently advertised for electricians was undertaken in February 2009. Nationally about two thirds of the surveyed vacancies were filled within four weeks of advertising, an increase compared with the fill rate recorded in August 2008. However, the most notable change in the labour market is indicated by the marked increase in the number of suitable applicants per vacancy which rose from 1.2 in August 2008 to 4.2 in 2009.

Many positions attracted very large applicant fields (some in excess of 100) and 70 per cent of employers surveyed attracted multiple suitable applicants for their vacancies.

There was some evidence that the availability of electricians has been freed up by the decline in mining activity levels and that these tradespeople are now seeking employment in other sectors.

Those vacancies which remained unfilled were either in regional locations, required specialist skills or had recruitment processes still in train (these may have been filled after the four weeks used as a benchmark for this research). Overall, employers experienced little difficulty recruiting electricians for their vacancies.

Labour Market Outlook

There is no evidence that the labour market for electricians will change significantly in the next six months.