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To: All SJIB and SELECT Members

Dear Sir/Madam,

Advanced Competence Assessment (ACA) Fee Changes

The Advanced Competence Assessment (ACA) is the path for graded Electricians who have gained the required level of site experience and wish to upgrade to Approved Electrician.

Following a review of ACA administration and delivery costs, changes will be introduced to ACA fees from 2027:

- **23 December 2026** - Last date to make a booking that will be honoured at existing rates.
- **1 January 2027** - Revised ACA resit fees come into effect.
- **31 March 2027** - Final date that a first ACA attempt will be honoured free of charge and the final date for bookings made before 23 December 2026 to be honoured at existing rates.
- **1 April 2027** - A £399 first attempt fee will apply to all new ACA bookings.
- **From 1 January 2028 and annually thereafter** - ACA fees will increase in line with SJIB-negotiated percentage increases to wage rates for graded operatives.

From 1 January 2027, candidates will continue to resit only those sections that have not been passed. Revised section fees will apply together with the existing £60 marking fee. A maximum cap of £399 will apply where a full resit is required.

Action for Employers
Employers should identify any Electricians who are intending to upgrade to Approved Electrician status and, where candidates are suitably prepared to undertake the assessment, arrange for ACA bookings to be made before 23 December 2026 to secure the current fee arrangements.

Further information regarding the ACA, including eligibility requirements, assessment content and preparation guidance, is available on the SJIB website: sjib.org.uk/assessments-of-competence/aca/

Any employer requiring further information should contact SECTT on 0131 445 5659.

Yours faithfully,

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