

# Construction Electrician Level 3

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**Unit:** C1 Industrial Electrical Code

**Level:** Three

**Duration:** 80 hours

Theory: 75 hours

Practical: 5 hours

### Overview:

This unit is designed to provide the apprentice with the knowledge about the industrial electrical code. The unit begins with coverage of industrial wiring methods and devices. Part of the unit covers other industrial components and concepts, including overcurrent and lightning protection and lighting applications. Finally, the unit covers main service and feeder sub-panel requirements, and interpretation of plans, drawings and specifications.

<b>Objectives and Content:</b>	<b><u>Percent of Unit Mark (%)</u></b>
<b>1. Describe industrial wiring methods and practices.</b>	<b>15%</b>
a. CEC requirements	
b. Single conductors, cables, busways and raceways	
• Ampacities	
• Derations	
• Conditions of use	
• Metallurgy (compatibility of materials)	
c. Bonding and grounding	
d. Underground ampacities and installations	
e. Startup (commissioning) and shutdown procedures	
f. Perform related calculations	
• Voltage drop calculations	
• Raceway fill calculations	
g. Grounded and ungrounded systems	
<b>2. Describe industrial wiring devices and applications.</b>	<b>5%</b>
a. CEC requirements	
b. Outlet boxes	
• Sizes	
• Types	
• Applications	
• Box fill calculations	
c. Receptacles	
d. Switches and disconnects	
e. Specialty outlets	
<b>3. Describe industrial overcurrent protection.</b>	<b>10%</b>

- a. CEC requirement
  - b. Breaker fundamentals
    - Low and medium voltage breakers
    - Characteristics and operation (ARC Extinguishing media)
    - Selective coordination
  - c. Fuse fundamentals
    - Types and applications
    - Characteristics and operation
    - Selective coordination
  - d. Short circuit calculation
- 4. Describe metal clad switch gear. 5%**
- a. CEC requirement
  - b. Breaker installations
  - c. Switch gear breaker characteristics
- 5. Describe lightning protection. 5%**
- a. CEC requirement
  - b. Describe the lightning process
  - c. Identify the requirements for protecting a building
  - d. List lightning safety rules
- 6. Describe industrial lighting applications. 5%**
- a. CEC requirement
  - b. Types, including:
    - Incandescent
    - Fluorescent
    - High-intensity discharge (HID)
    - Light emitting diode (LED)
  - c. Considerations in lamp selection
    - Colour rendition
    - Efficacy
    - Maintenance
    - Purpose and location
  - d. Control options
- 7. Describe transformers and capacitors. 15%**
- a. CEC requirements for transformer and capacitor installations
    - Dry
    - Liquid-filled
    - Single phase
    - Three phase
  - b. Perform related calculations
- 8. Describe the installation of single motors and groups of motors. 15%**
- a. CEC requirements
  - b. Single phase AC
  - c. Three phase AC
  - d. DC
  - e. Hermetic motor compressors (for HVAC and refrigeration applications)
  - f. Various duty cycles
    - Continuous
    - Intermittent

- Varying
  - Periodic
  - Short-time
- g. Perform related calculations (including tap conductors)
- 9. Describe main service and feeder sub-panel requirements. 15%**
- a. CEC requirements
  - b. Installation and maintenance
  - c. Perform main service and feeder sub-panel calculations (single and three phase)
    - Small industrial buildings
    - Schools
    - Hospitals
    - Motels/Hotels
- 10. Describe welder installations. 5%**
- a. CEC requirements.
  - b. Perform related calculations
- 11. Interpret plans, drawings and specifications for industrial applications. 5%**
- a. Symbols and terminology
  - b. Specifications
  - c. Scaling

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## Construction Electrician

**Unit:** C2 Three Phase Theory and Transformers

**Level:** Three

**Duration:** 90 hours

Theory: 85 hours

Practical: 5 hours

### Overview:

This unit is designed to provide the apprentice with the knowledge about three phase theory and transformers. The unit begins with coverage of three phase systems and loads in wye and delta configurations. Part of the unit covers transformers and transformer connections. Finally, the unit covers transformer testing and connection techniques.

<b>Objectives and Content:</b>	<b><u>Percent of Unit Mark (%)</u></b>
<b>1. Define and describe three phase systems in wye and delta configurations.</b>	<b>10%</b>
a. Relationship between phase and line <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Voltage</li><li>• Current</li></ul>	
b. Vector relationship (current and voltage)	
c. Connections	
<b>2. Define and describe three phase loads in wye and delta configurations.</b>	<b>15%</b>
a. Perform related calculations <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Balanced and unbalanced loads</li></ul>	
b. Draw and interpret vector diagrams <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unity and non-unity power factor loads</li></ul>	
c. Effects of a broken neutral	
<b>3. Determine the power draw and power ratings of three phase loads and sources.</b>	<b>15%</b>
a. Power factor	
b. Perform related calculations <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Balanced and unbalanced loads</li><li>• Power factor correction</li><li>• Power measurement (two and three wattmeter method)</li></ul>	
<b>4. Describe principles of transformers.</b>	<b>20%</b>
a. Purpose	
b. Basic components	
c. Operation <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transformer action</li><li>• Regulated and non-regulated transformers</li><li>• Cooling methods</li></ul>	

- d. Nameplate data
  - e. Types, application and maintenance
    - Isolation
    - Auto transformer
  - f. Transformer polarity
    - Inductive kick test
    - Low voltage polarity test
  - g. Paralleling
    - Percent impedance
    - Polarity
  - h. Efficiency
    - Types of losses
  - i. Perform related calculations
    - Percent impedance and fault current
    - Rated primary and secondary currents (based on nameplate data)
    - Efficiency calculations
    - Determine primary and secondary currents under various loads
- 5. Describe instrument transformers. 10%**
- a. Current transformers (CT)
    - Connection and safety
  - b. Potential transformers (PT)
    - Connection
  - c. Perform related calculations for metering
- 6. Describe and draw three phase transformers and transformer banks. 10%**
- a. Connections
    - Wye
    - Delta (3 and 4 wire)
    - Open delta
- 7. Describe special transformer connections. 5%**
- a. Applications
  - b. Connections
    - Scott
    - T-connection
    - Zig zag (ground bank)
- 8. Demonstrate principles of three phase systems in wye and delta configurations. 5%**
- a. Verify phase and line relationship by connections and measurements.
  - b. Verify power measurement
- 9. Perform transformer testing to verify nameplate data. 5%**
- a. Verify polarity of transformers
    - Low voltage polarity test
  - b. Verify primary and secondary voltages
- 10. Demonstrate connections of three phase transformer banks. 5%**
- a. Wye
  - b. Delta
    - Delta closure test

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## Construction Electrician

**Unit:** C3 Electronic Concepts II

**Level:** Three

**Duration:** 45 hours

Theory: 25 hours

Practical: 20 hours

### Overview:

This unit, which builds on *B5 Electronic Concepts I*, is designed to provide the apprentice with additional knowledge about electronic concepts. The unit begins with coverage of filtration and percent ripple in a circuit. Part of the unit covers silicon controlled rectifiers, triacs, diacs and transistors. Finally, the unit covers additional applications of electronic concepts.

<b>Objectives and Content:</b>	<b><u>Percent of Unit Mark (%)</u></b>
<b>1. Describe filtration and percent ripple in a circuit.</b>	<b>20%</b>
a. Perform related calculations	
<b>2. Describe a silicon controlled rectifier (SCR).</b>	<b>20%</b>
a. Purpose and applications	
• DC circuits	
• AC circuits	
b. Phase shifting	
c. Identify the schematic symbols and terminal connections	
d. Perform related calculations	
<b>3. Describe a triac and a diac.</b>	<b>20%</b>
a. Purpose and applications	
b. Phase shifting	
c. Identify the schematic symbols and terminal connections	
d. Perform related calculations	
<b>4. Describe a transistor.</b>	<b>25%</b>
a. Purpose and applications	
• Switching	
• Amplification	
b. Types	
• Bi-polar	
• Junction field effect transistor (JFET)	
• Metal oxide semiconductor field effect transistor (MOSFET)	
• Depletion enhancement metal oxide semiconductor field effect transistor (DEMOSFET)	

- Unijunction transistor (UJT)
- c. Identify and label schematic symbols and terminals
- d. Describe transistor characteristics
  - Operating point
  - Current gain
  - Voltage gain
  - Load lines
- e. Perform related calculations

**5. Demonstrate and apply electronic concepts.**

**15%**

- a. Measure the voltages and verify the percent ripple
- b. Test an SCR.
- c. Connect an SCR to control a DC circuit.
- d. Connect an SCR to control a single phase AC circuit.
- e. Analyze the operation of SCR and triac phase control.
- f. Test a transistor in a circuit and out of a circuit.
- g. Use an oscilloscope to demonstrate transistor characteristics.

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## Construction Electrician

**Unit:** C4 Industrial Control Systems

**Level:** Three

**Duration:** 95 hours

Theory: 60 hours

Practical: 35 hours

### Overview:

This unit is designed to provide the apprentice with the knowledge about industrial control systems. The unit begins with coverage of industrial control system components, including sensors, detectors and control transformers. Part of the unit covers advanced control circuits and heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems. Finally, the unit covers installation, testing and troubleshooting techniques using wiring diagrams.

<b>Objectives and Content:</b>	<b><u>Percent of Unit Mark (%)</u></b>
<p><b>1. Describe sensors and detectors.</b></p> <p>a. Purpose and application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hall effect</li> <li>• Proximity</li> <li>• Photo</li> <li>• Temperature</li> </ul>	<b>10%</b>
<p><b>2. Describe reduced voltage starting methods.</b></p> <p>a. Purpose and application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resistor and reactor</li> <li>• Autotransformer</li> <li>• Wye – Delta</li> <li>• Variable frequency drives (VFD)</li> <li>• Soft starters</li> </ul>	<b>15%</b>
<p><b>3. Describe control transformers.</b></p> <p>a. Purpose and application</p>	<b>5%</b>
<p><b>4. Describe solenoids and motor operated valves.</b></p> <p>a. Purpose</p> <p>b. Types and application</p>	<b>10%</b>
<p><b>5. Design and interpret advanced control circuits.</b></p> <p>a. Purpose</p> <p>b. Applications (such as conveyors, alternating pumps and other automated equipment)</p>	<b>10%</b>
<p><b>6. Describe heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) systems.</b></p>	<b>10%</b>

- a. Purpose
  - b. Cycle of operations
  - c. Types and applications
    - Gas furnaces
    - Electric furnaces
    - A/C units
    - Heat recovery ventilator (HRV)
- 7. Describe testing and troubleshooting of control circuits using hand held devices. 10%**
- a. Purpose
  - b. Types
    - Ohmmeter
    - Ammeter
    - Voltmeter
    - Megohmmeter
  - c. Operation and applications
    - Meter selection
    - Meter placement
    - Meter reading
  - d. Logical testing procedure
  - e. Grounded and ungrounded control circuits
  - f. Common circuit problems.
- 8. Describe plugging and dynamic braking. 5%**
- a. Purpose and application
- 9. Perform installation, testing and troubleshooting techniques using schematic or wiring diagrams. 25%**
- a. Design and wire advanced control circuits
    - Timing sequence
    - Order of operation
    - Counters
    - Memory circuits
  - b. Design and wire HVAC systems
  - c. Design and wire reduced voltage starters, such as:
    - VFD
    - Soft start
    - Autotransformer
    - Wye-delta

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## Construction Electrician

**Unit:** C5 AC Machines and Maintenance

**Level:** Three

**Duration:** 40 hours

Theory: 30 hours

Practical: 10 hours

### Overview:

This unit is designed to provide the apprentice with the knowledge about AC machines and maintenance. This unit covers three phase motors, single phase motors and AC generators. Part of the unit covers reactive, preventive and predictive practices for electrical apparatus. Finally, the unit covers insulation tests on electrical systems and apparatus.

<b>Objectives and Content:</b>	<b><u>Percent of Unit Mark (%)</u></b>
<b>1. Describe three phase motors.</b>	<b>25%</b>
a. Types	
• Squirrel cage induction motors	
• Wound rotor induction motors	
• Synchronous motors	
b. Purpose and applications	
c. Operating characteristics	
d. Basic construction	
e. Terminal markings	
f. Nameplate ratings	
g. Perform related calculations	
<b>2. Describe single phase motors.</b>	<b>25%</b>
a. Types	
• Split phase induction motors	
• Alternating current series motors	
• Shaded pole motors	
b. Purpose and applications	
c. Operating characteristics	
d. Basic construction	
e. Terminal markings	
f. Nameplate ratings	
g. Perform related calculations	
<b>3. Describe AC generators.</b>	<b>20%</b>
a. Types and construction details	
b. Operating characteristics and losses	

- c. Paralleling requirements
  - d. Installation and maintenance
- 4. Describe and compare reactive, preventive and predictive practices for electrical apparatus. 20%**
- a. Purpose
  - b. Considerations
    - Effects of temperature and correction factors
    - Effects of moisture
    - Effects of contamination
  - c. Procedures for megohmmeter testing
    - Lockout / tag out procedures
    - Equipment grounding
    - Maximum test voltages
    - Meter lead connections
    - IEEE standards
  - d. Test methods using a megohmmeter
    - Sixty second test (including for commissioning and decommissioning)
    - Step voltage test
    - Dielectric absorption test
  - e. Thermal imaging
  - f. Maintenance schedule and records
- 5. Perform insulation tests on electrical systems and apparatus. 10%**
- a. Sixty second test
  - b. Ohmmeter test
  - c. Potential test

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