Essential Energy training team is pleased to offer the Work Near Overhead Powerlines (WNP) course. Aligned to the SafeWork NSW Code of Practice 2006 - Work Near Overhead Powerlines, training is offered as either Initial Training for new entrants, or annual Refresher Training to existing workers.

Why is this course needed?
Contact with overhead powerlines is a serious risk and is one of the largest single causes of fatalities associated with mobile plant and equipment.

The SafeWork NSW Code of Practice aims to protect the health and safety of persons by managing the risks associated with work near overhead powerlines and includes references to the legislative obligations of persons conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU), officers, and workers who are required to work in close proximity to overhead powerlines.

Eligibility to attend this course
People undertaking this course must:
• Hold a current SafeWork NSW OHS Induction for Construction Work General Authorisation

Refresher Courses
To remain compliant with the SafeWork NSW Code of Practice, refresher training is required annually. Only students who have completed initial or refresher training within 3 years of course date are eligible to attend a refresher course.

What will the course do for you or your employees?
Once successfully completed, participants will receive an identification card that is recognized in NSW for a period of 12 months. This will enable workers to be able to work to reduced clearances in accordance with the WNP Code.

Course content
The course includes:
• Basic electricity
• The power system
• Electric shock – effects and prevention
• How to determine voltage levels of electrical apparatus
• Application of safe approach distances
• Rescue and escape in an electrical situation
• Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation
• WorkCover requirements
• Safe working practices.

Competency assessments are completed as part of the course and are based on practical/oral and written assessments.
Enrolment
Enrol in this course at the Essential Energy website.

Confirmation
Confirmation will be sent via email on enrolment.

Student cancellations
Cancellations must be received five working days before the commencement of the course or applicable charges may apply.

Course Cancellation by Essential Energy
Essential Energy reserves the right to cancel any course if insufficient enrolments are received. Courses may be cancelled up to 4 weeks before the scheduled date. Should this occur, those who are enrolled will be notified. Essential Energy will not be held liable for any claims arising from course cancellation.

Catering
Please note catering is not supplied.
Students will need to provide their own morning tea/lunch.

Equipment
Participants are required to bring their ID, a pen and personal protective equipment to the course:
- Work clothes, work boots, safety helmet (less than 2 years old), high visibility clothing or vest.
- No open shoes are permitted.
- Participants who are not appropriately attired may be asked to leave the training venue.

Fees –
Scheduled Annual Refresher Course
Duration - 1 day (8.00am to 4.00pm)
> $260 per participant (or $2500 for private course)
If previous training was conducted by an organisation other than Essential Energy, copies of each participants’ OHS card and previous certification must accompany application.

Additional non-scheduled courses
Initial Courses
Duration - 2 days (8.00 am to 4.00 pm)
All requests for Initial training must have a copy of current NSW OHS Induction for Construction Work authorisation, or equivalent, attached for each nomination.

No initial courses are scheduled for 2019, these are run on request dependent on numbers and location at a minimum cost of:
> $2500 per day, maximum 15 participants
> Venue hire can be arranged on request, at additional cost
> Additional charges for travel and accommodation apply and are calculated at Australian taxation rates (GST is not payable on course fees).

Payment
Invoices will be sent to participants after completion of the course

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