

2026 CABLE JOINTER TRAINEE COMPETITION NOMINATION FORM

Annual Connection is a unique three-day event, bringing together cable jointers, line mechanics and industry stakeholders from across New Zealand. The event consists of competitions, a supplier's expo, and closes with the Connexis Excellence Awards. Managed by Connexis and a group of industry professionals this event has been running in New Zealand for over 20 years.

KEY OBJECTIVES OF ANNUAL CONNECTION

- Showcase and promote the Electricity Supply Industry.
- Promote, recognise, and reward workforce skills, expertise and training.
- Attract more people to join the industry.
- Promote best practice in health and safety.
- Showcase new technologies and innovation.

EVENT DETAILS

Proudly hosted this year by Counties Energy working alongside Connexis to showcase industry collaboration.



COMPETITION

20,21,22 October 2026
Pukekohe Showgrounds
Cable Joints trainees will compete on
21 October

AWARDS DINNER

22 October 2026
PIA Event Centre, 55 Ward Street,
Pukekohe 2120

***Nominate your trainee cable jointer to compete
at Annual Connection 2026 in this one day event to
showcase the skills of our trainees.***

7 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD NOMINATE YOUR TRAINEE

- Recognise a standout employee and the value they bring to your organisation.
- Raise your profile as an employer who promotes training and best practice.
- Celebrate your company's achievements.
- Show your commitment to the professional development of your industry.
- Promote your industry by showcasing talent on a national stage.
- Take an active role in this celebration of the Electricity Supply Industry.
- Give your employees the chance to win and be part of the legacy of Annual Connection.



ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for nomination, the nominee must be:

- Employed in the Electricity Supply Industry as a trainee cable jointer; and
- Working toward, or recently completed, a national qualification at Level 4
- Must not yet be registered.

WHAT MAKES A GREAT NOMINEE?

The Judges will be looking for an elevated level of excellence during the nominee's training, proof of a positive attitude, dedication to learning, and evidence the nominee is a role model to their peers.

The key to a strong nomination is providing the judges with clear, relevant information, and specific examples that give them a positive, factual picture of your nominee and their accomplishments.

The winner of the Cable Jointer Trainee Competition will receive a prize of \$500.00, a trophy and a certificate.

CRITICAL DATES:

Nominations Open	29 April 2026
Nominations close	30 June 2026
Judging Nominations	1-14 July 2026
Finalists announced	20 July 2026
Competition	21 October 2026
Connexis Excellence Awards	22 October 2026

*Please ensure you complete both Sections A and B of this nomination form.
Supporting documents can also be included.*

SECTION A

Details of the person you are nominating:

FULL NAME
COMPANY
POSITION HELD
POSTAL ADDRESS
PHONE
EMAIL
DATE



Nominated by:

FULL NAME
COMPANY
POSITION HELD
POSTAL ADDRESS
PHONE
EMAIL
DATE

Referee:

Please supply the name of one other person who may be contacted as part of the judging process. This person should know the nominee well e.g. training manager, line manager, team leader.

FULL NAME
RELATIONSH TO NOMINEE
PHONE
EMAIL

I have attached a photo of the nominee.

Please ensure that this is a head shot of the nominee with adequate lighting.

AGREEMENT

- I have read and understand the terms and conditions.
- A copy of the nominee's record of learning is included and I have obtained permission from the nominee for this information to be made available to the judges.
- The nominee understands that if they are selected as a finalist, their name, photo, and information about their achievements may be used for promotional purposes.

NAME
DATE
PHONE
SIGNATURE



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- 6.** Describe the nominee's attitude and commitment towards training and career progression, including examples of how:
- The nominee goes about achieving their training goals.
 - How they apply their learnings in the workplace.
 - Attach any tutor feedback or industry references.

7. What are the nominee's career goals and what contribution do you believe they will make to your organisation and/or the wider industry in the future?

8. Reference from current direct report manager. Provide a paragraph about the nominee.
(Note: You may be contacted by one of the judges to discuss the nominee)

Contact details for the nominees manager

FULL NAME

COMPANY

POSITION HELD



JUDGING

You and/or the listed referee may be contacted as part of the judging process. The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

CONNEXIS EXCELLENCE AWARDS DINNER

Nominees selected as finalists will be required to attend and compete at Annual Connection for one day – Wednesday 21 October 2026 and attend the Connexis Excellence Awards dinner, 22 October 2026. All costs associated with traveling to attend the Event and the Awards Dinner are to be met by the organisation the nominee is employed by.

The Process:

- Nominations are made by completing the downloadable form.
- Email this form and any supporting documents to hillaryr@connexis.org.nz
- Judges will review all entries and create a shortlist.
- Finalists will be advised on 20 July 2026.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Contact Hillary Riches, Annual Connection Event Manager at:
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