

# Client Help Sheet

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## What to expect when inviting an electrician round to quote for works

### Having a quotation done?

Having a quote carried out for electrical works can take time. It is important for the electrician to obtain as much detail of your current installation as he/she possibly can for the most successful approach for carrying out any planned works.

Through my personal experience of carrying out quotations, I have put the following together to help explain the process (hopefully) a bit more clearly. Here are a few things to expect when an electrician comes over to quote...

### Access to the consumer unit(s)

It is a must that the electrician knows what level of circuit protection you currently have so that the correct measures in regard to safety can be applied. It is also vital the new works do not pose an overload risk to the electrical installation and for this the electrician will need access to your consumer unit. This can be a surprise to some people with the sudden need to remove some stored materials/food to create a clear path to the consumer unit. It's a good idea to prepare for this in advance.

### Access to the earthing and bonding

It is important for the electrician to know if the correct earthing and bonding is in place before any additions or alterations can be carried out (see my other help sheet outlining the importance of earthing and bonding). 99.9% of the time, it is a surprise to people that I am asking to look at their incoming water service underneath the sink.

Sometimes, bonding can be in a place that's unexpected, but it is an absolute must to check this important conductor is in place. To shorten the quotation time, it's an absolute bonus for the electrician not having to search for it. It's also great to know that you have these essential safety measures in place!

**GOLDEN RULE 1: The electrician carries out the above procedures because it is essential the additional works do not impact the level of safety of the whole electrical installation**

**GOLDEN RULE 2: Use this time to ask any questions you may have regarding your quotation**

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### **KNOW WHAT YOUR PAYING FOR!**

I pride myself in giving tailored quotations outlined with terms and conditions applicable to the nature of the works you require carrying out.

If you are ever unsure about what you are getting for your money, **never be afraid to ask questions.** A competent electrician will not mind explaining his work/quote.



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