

Form AR27

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

Annual Return for an Employers' Association

Name of Employers' Association:	Electrical Contractors' Association		
Year ended:	31 December 2024		
List No:	120E		
Head or Main Office:	Rotherwick House		
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	London		
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Has the address changed during the year to which the return relates?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ('X' in appropriate box)
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Please follow the guidance notes in the completion of this return

Any difficulties or problems in the completion of this return should be directed to the Certification Office as below or by telephone to: 0330 1093602

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For Employers' Associations based in England and Wales: returns@certoffice.org

For Employers' Associations based in Scotland: ymw@tcyoung.co.uk

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Return of Members

(see note 9)

Number of members at the end of the year				
Great Britain	Northern Ireland	Irish Republic	Elsewhere Abroad (Including Channel Islands)	Totals
2,150	24	39	2	2,215

Change of Officers

Please complete the following to record any changes of officers during the twelve months covered by this return.

Position held	Name of Officer ceasing to hold office	Name of Officer appointed	Date of Change
Senior Vice President	Stuart Smith	Ruth Devine	08 May 2024
President	Sean Smyth	Stuart Smith	08 May 2024
Immediate Past President	Steve Murray	Sean Smyth	08 May 2024
Vice President	Ruth Devine	Glenn Grant	08 May 2024

Officers in post

(see note 10)

Please complete list of all officers in post at the end of the year to which this form relates.

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Revenue Account / General Fund

(see notes 11 to 16)

Previous Year		£	£
	Income		
	From Members	Subscriptions, levies, etc	5,135,363
	Investment income	Interest and dividends (gross)	
		Bank interest (gross)	611,943
		Other (specify)	
		Dividend income	993,356
		Other investment income	
		Share of Associates	2,435,717
		Total Investment Income	4,041,016
	Other Income	Rents received	368,881
		Insurance commission	3,376,569
		Consultancy fees	
		Publications/Seminars	
		Miscellaneous receipts (specify)	
		Health & Safety assessments	19,343
		(Profit)/loss on current assets Investments	3,108,485
		Profit/(loss) on Investments	
		Profit/(loss) on assets	
		Total of other income	6,873,278
		Total income	16,049,657
	Interfund Transfers IN		
	Expenditure		
	Administrative expenses	Remuneration and expenses of staff	6,695,369
		Occupancy costs	
		Printing, Stationery, Post	
		Telephones	
		Legal and Professional fees	
		Miscellaneous (specify)	
		Other costs	3,955,366
		Total of Admin expenses	10,650,735
	Other Charges	Bank charges	
		Depreciation	
		Sums written off	
		Affiliation fees	
		Donations	
		Conference and meeting fees	
		Expenses	
		Miscellaneous (specify)	
		(Profit)/loss on current assets Investments	
		(Profit)/loss on investments	
		(Profit)/loss on Investment Properties	1,333,332
		Pension Deficit movement	14,000
		Total of other charges	1,347,332
		Taxation	104,574
		Total expenditure	12,102,641
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
		Surplus/Deficit for year	3,947,016
		Amount of fund at beginning of year	75,633,130
		Amount of fund at end of year	79,580,146

(see notes 17 to 18)

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Account 3		Fund Account	
Name of account:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income		
	Other income (specify)		
		Total Income	
Interfund Transfers IN			
Expenditure			
	Administrative expenses		
	Other expenditure (specify)		
		Total Expenditure	
Interfund Transfers OUT			
		Surplus (Deficit) for the year	
		Amount of fund at beginning of year	
		Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)	

(see notes 17 to 18)

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(see notes 17 to 18)

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Balance Sheet as at [31 December 2024]

(see notes 19 and 20)

Previous Year		£	£
	Fixed Assets (as at Page 8)	1,187,618	1,187,618
	Investments (as per analysis on page 9)		
	Quoted (Market value £) as at Page 9		
	Unquoted (Market value £) as at Page 9		11,520,882
	Total Investments	11,520,882	11,520,882
	Other Assets		
	Sundry debtors	1,909,517	1,909,517
	Cash at bank and in hand	21,497,314	21,497,314
	Stocks of goods		
	Others (specify)		
	Quoted Investments	50,530,875	
	Total of other assets	73,937,706	73,937,706
	Total Assets		86,646,206
75,633,130	Revenue Account/ General Fund	79,580,146	
	Revaluation Reserve		
	Liabilities		
	Creditors	4,546,359	
	Corp Tax	285,729	
	Other Taxes	681,821	
	Other Creditors	187,259	
	Total Liabilities		5,701,168
	Total Assets		86,646,206

Fixed Assets account

(see note 21)

	Land and Buildings	Fixtures & Fittings	Motor Vehicles & Equipment	Total £
Cost or Valuation				
At start of period	1,824,735	1,196,583		3,021,318
Additions during period		25,312		25,312
Less: Disposals		-1,298		-1,298
Less: Depreciation	-739,498	-1,118,216		-1,857,714
Total to end of period	1,085,237	102,381		1,187,618
Book Amount at end of period	1,085,237	102,381		1,187,618
Freehold				
Leasehold (50 or more years unexpired)				
Leasehold (less than 50 years unexpired)				
Total of Fixed Assets	1,085,237	102,381		1,187,618

Analysis of Investments

(see note 22)

Quoted		Other Funds
	British Government & British Government Guaranteed Securities	
	British Municipal and County Securities	
	Other quoted securities (to be specified)	
	Total Quoted (as Balance Sheet)	
	Market Value of Quoted Investments	
Unquoted	British Government Securities	
	British Municipal and County Securities	
	Mortgages	
	Other unquoted investments (to be specified)	
	ESCA Estates Ltd	6,466,227
	Bluesky Trustee Co	
	Certsure LLP	1,822,705
	Investment Properties	2,666,667
	Basec Ltd	565,283
	Total Unquoted (as Balance Sheet)	11,520,882
	Market Value of Unquoted Investments	

* Market value of investments to be stated where these are different from the figures quoted in the balance sheet

Analysis of investment income (Controlling interests)

(see note 23)

Does the association, or any constituent part of the association, have a controlling interest in any limited company?

Yes

No

If Yes name the relevant companies:

Company name

Company registration number (if not registered in England & Wales, state where registered)

Incorporated Employers' Associations

Are the shares which are controlled by the association registered in the association's name

Yes

No

If NO, please state the names of the persons in whom the shares controlled by the association are registered.

Company name

Names of shareholders

Unincorporated Employers' Associations

Are the shares which are controlled by the association registered in the names of the association's trustees?

Yes

No

If NO, state the names of the persons in whom the shares controlled by the association are registered.

Company name

Names of shareholders

Summary Sheet

(see notes 24 to 33)

		All Funds	Total Funds
			£
Income			
From Members		5,135,363	5,135,363
From Investments		4,041,016	4,041,016
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)		6,873,278	6,873,278
	Total Income	16,049,657	16,049,657
Expenditure (including decreases by revaluation of assets)			
	Total Expenditure	12,102,641	12,102,641
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves)		75,633,130	75,633,130
Funds at end of year (including reserves)		79,580,146	79,580,146
ASSETS			
	Fixed Assets		1,187,618
	Investment Assets		11,520,882
	Other Assets		73,937,706
	Total Assets		86,646,206
Liabilities			
	Total Liabilities		7,066,060
Net Assets (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)			79,580,146

Summary Sheet

(see notes 24 to 33)

		All Funds	Total Funds
		£	£
Income			
From Members			
From Investments			
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Income			
Expenditure			
(including decreases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Expenditure			
Funds at beginning of year			
(including reserves)			
Funds at end of year			
(including reserves)			
ASSETS			
	Fixed Assets		
	Investment Assets		
	Other Assets		
	Total Assets		
Liabilities			
	Total Liabilities		
Net Assets (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)			

Notes to the accounts

(see note 34)

All notes to the accounts must be entered on or attached to this part of the return.

Accounting policies

(see notes 35 & 36)

Signatures to the annual return

(see notes 37 and 38)

Including the accounts and balance sheet contained in the return.

Please copy and paste your electronic signature here

Secretary's Signature:	#VALUE!	Chairman's Signature:	#VALUE!
			(or other official whose position should be stated)
Name:	Robert Driscoll	Name:	Ruth Devine (President)
Date:	16 June 2025	Date:	19 June 2025

Checklist

(see note 39)

(please enter 'X' as appropriate)

Is the return of officers attached? (see Page 2)	Yes		No	
Has the list of officers been completed? (see Page 2A)	Yes		No	
Has the return been signed? (see Note 37)	Yes		No	
Has the auditor's report been completed? (see Note 41)	Yes		No	
Is the rule book enclosed? (see Note 39)	Yes		No	
Has the summary sheet been completed? (see Notes 6 and 24 to 33)	Yes		No	

Checklist for auditor's report

(see notes 41 to 44)

The checklist below is for guidance. A report is still required either set out overleaf or by way of an attached auditor's report that covers the 1992 Act requirements.

1. In the opinion of the auditors or auditor do the accounts they have audited and which are contained in this return give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate? (See section 36(1) and (2) of the 1992 Act and notes 43 and 44)

Please explain in your report overleaf or attached.

2. Are the auditors or auditor of the opinion that the union has complied with section 28 of the 1992 Act and has:

- a. kept proper accounting records with respect to its transactions and its assets and liabilities; and
- b. established and maintained a satisfactory system of control of its accounting records, its cash holding and all its receipts and remittances.

(See section 36(4) of the 1992 Act set out in note 43)

Please explain in your report overleaf or attached.

3. Your auditors or auditor must include in their report the following wording:

In our opinion the financial statements:

- **give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate to.**
- **have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the sections 28, 32 and 36 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (consolidation) Act 1992.**

Auditor's report (continued)

Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:	<i>Azets Audit Services</i>	
Name(s):	John Howard	
	Azets Audit Services	
Profession(s) or Calling(s):	FCA	
Address(es)	Regis House 45 King William Street London EC4R 9AN	
Date:	01 July 2025	
Contact name for enquiries and telephone number:	John Howard	020 7403 1877

N.B. When notes to the accounts are referred to in the auditor's report a copy of those notes must accompany this return.

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