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Lights out for indecent electrician

An electrician whose conduct put his staff, clients and their families at risk has had his licence cancelled. The Office of Consumer and Business Affairs (OCBA) took action against Scott Leland McIntosh, of Pooraka, who was previously convicted of two counts of indecent assault against young staff who were working for him at the time.

When he submitted his annual return to OCBA in March 2004 McIntosh failed to disclose his prior convictions, thereby providing false or misleading information about his suitability to hold an electrician's licence. Later, after the failure was discovered, McIntosh failed to attend a formal interview with OCBA to respond to allegations of false and misleading statements. He was subsequently found guilty in the Magistrates Court of South Australia of the offence of providing a statement that was false or misleading in a material particular.

The District Court of South Australia found that McIntosh was not a fit and proper person to hold an electrical contractor licence and ordered that his licence be cancelled.

Commissioner for Consumer Affairs, Mark Bodycoat said, "McIntosh abused the trust placed in him by workmates. He is not fit to hold a licence as an electrician when he has the potential to put his staff, clients and their families at risk."

"McIntosh also deceived OCBA by not disclosing things that were directly material to his fitness to practice as an electrical contractor."

The cancellation of McIntosh's licence prevents him from contracting to perform electrical work.

OCBA regularly checks on business activity to uncover unlicensed operators, and licence holders who may have failed to disclose convictions, advise if they are an undischarged bankrupt, or who have not disclosed some other piece of information that disentitles them from holding a licence.

For further information about licensing requirements contact OCBA on 8204 9696 (131 822 for country callers) or visit www.ocba.sa.gov.au