

# AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY.

## Regulations 1951. No. 1.\*

### Regulations under the **Building and Services Ordinance 1924-1942.**

**I** WILFRED SELWYN KENT HUGHES, Minister of State for the Interior, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Buildings and Services Ordinance 1924-1942*, hereby make the following Regulations.

Dated this eighteenth day of May, 1951.

W. S. KENT HUGHES  
Minister of State for the Interior.

#### ELECTRICITY RESTRICTION REGULATIONS.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Electricity Restriction Regulations. citation.
2. In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears— Definition.
  - “electricity” means electricity supplied in pursuance of the Canberra and Jervis Bay Electric Supply Regulations;
  - “licensed premises” has the same meaning as in the *Liquor Ordinance 1929-1950*;
  - “working day” means any day other than a Sunday or public holiday.
3. A person shall not on any working day use or consume between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. any electricity— Restriction on use of electricity.
  - (a) for the purpose of, or a purpose connected with, any advertisement or sign;
  - (b) for the purpose of any shop front lighting, shop entrance lighting, shop window lighting, display window lighting, show case lighting, under awning lighting, lighting of any tennis court, bowling green, swimming bath, race-course, sports ground, showground, fair, fête or carnival, or of any interior display or decorative lighting, or of the external or open-air lighting of a theatre, public hall, place of public amusement or entertainment, or the floodlighting of any building; or
  - (c) for the purpose of space heating, radiating heat or heating air by means of a radiator or air-conditioning plant or other appliance, except in a building in which, and to the extent to which, such heating is necessary for the purpose of a manufacturing process.

Provided that the Secretary, Department of the Interior, or any person thereto authorized in writing by him, may, to the extent and during the times specified in a notice in writing to the person in occupation of any building or portion of a building, and in respect of such building or

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portion of a building, exempt such person from compliance with the requirements of paragraph (c) of this regulation in any case where he is of opinion that circumstances justify such exemption.

Use of electricity in building used exclusively for residential purposes.

4. A person shall not, on any working day, use or consume in any building or portion of a building used exclusively for residential purposes, any electricity between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9.30 a.m., except for the purpose of—

- (a) refrigeration or operating a clock; or
- (b) operating equipment for the reception of wireless broadcasting.

Electricity not to be used in certain premises at rates in excess of rate prior to 1st May, 1951.

5.—(1.) Subject to this regulation, a person shall not, in any office premises, restaurant, licensed premises, theatre, public hall, place of public amusement or entertainment, or in any other building, not being a warehouse or shop, use or consume on any working day, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. any electricity for the general interior lighting of those premises at a rate in excess of fifty per centum of the rate, at which electricity was consumable on the first day of May, 1951, by the lighting fittings installed in the premises.

(2.) A person shall not, in any warehouse or shop, use or consume on any working day, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., any electricity for the general interior lighting of the premises at a rate—

- (a) in excess of fifty per centum of the rate at which electricity was consumable on the first day of May, 1951, by the lighting fittings installed in the warehouse or shop; or
- (b) in excess of 75 watts per 100 square feet of floor space of any shop or display room and 20 watts per 100 square feet of floor space of any warehouse or internal passage or storage spaces in shops or warehouses,

whichever is the less.

(3.) This regulation shall not apply to the use or consumption of electricity—

- (a) in any factory;
- (b) in any building or portion of a building used exclusively for residential purposes;
- (c) by any wireless station;
- (d) for the purpose of holding any church service;
- (e) for the purpose of lighting the interior of any butcher's shop where such lighting is necessary for the safety of any person engaged in the cutting up of meat; or
- (f) for the purpose of lighting any public convenience or retiring room.

(4.) Any shop or room having a floor space of less than one hundred square feet shall, for the purposes of this regulation, be deemed to have a floor space of 100 square feet.

Regulations not to apply to hospitals, &c.

6.—(1.) Nothing in these Regulations shall operate to prohibit or restrict the use or consumption of electricity for any purpose necessarily connected with—

- (a) the conduct of any hospital, rest room, day nursery, clinic or baby health centre, or of any institution for the care, relief or treatment of sick persons;

- (b) the practice of his profession by a legally qualified medical practitioner or registered dentist;
- (c) the care of any person under the age of four years; or
- (d) the dispensing of medicine by a registered pharmacist upon the prescription of a legally qualified medical practitioner.

(2.) It shall be sufficient defence to a prosecution for the use or consumption of electricity in contravention of the provisions of these Regulations if the person charged proves that the use or consumption was solely—

- (a) for the purpose of the care, relief or treatment of a sick or infirm person;
- (b) for any educational or scientific purposes in a school or college;
- (c) for the minimum lighting required in a building for the safety of persons using the building.

7.—(1.) The Minister or the Secretary, Department of the Interior, may authorize in writing a person to enter at any time and inspect any premises which are supplied with electricity for the purpose of ascertaining whether the provisions of these Regulations are being complied with. Entry and inspection of premises.

(2.) A person shall not refuse admission to any premises to any person authorized under the last preceding sub-regulation to enter and inspect premises, or obstruct any such person in the exercise of his authority.

8. A person shall not contravene or fail to comply with any provision of these Regulations which is applicable to him. Offences.

Penalty: Fifty pounds or imprisonment for three months.