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made under the

Electricity Safety Act 1971

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About this republication

The republished law

This is a republication of the *Electricity Safety Regulations 1971*, made under the *Electricity Safety Act 1971* as in force on 12 September 2001. It includes any amendment, repeal or expiry affecting the republished law to 12 September 2001 and any amendment made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 (Editorial changes).

The legislation history and amendment history of the republished law are set out in endnotes 3 and 4.

Kinds of republications

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Editorial changes

The *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 authorises the Parliamentary Counsel to make editorial amendments and other changes of a formal nature when preparing a law for republication. Editorial changes do not change the effect of the law, but have effect as if they had been made by an Act commencing on the republication date (see *Legislation Act 2001*, s 115 and s 117). The changes are made if the Parliamentary Counsel considers they are desirable to bring the law into line, or more closely into line, with current legislative drafting practice.

This republication includes amendments made under part 11.3 (see endnote 1).

Uncommenced provisions and amendments

If a provision of the republished law has not commenced or is affected by an uncommenced amendment, the symbol **U** appears immediately before the provision heading. The text of the uncommenced provision or amendment appears only in the last endnote.

Modifications

If a provision of the republished law is affected by a current modification, the symbol **M** appears immediately before the provision heading. The text of the modifying provision appears in the endnotes. For the legal status of modifications, see *Legislation Act 2001*, section 95.

Penalties

The value of a penalty unit for an offence against this republished law at the republication date—

- (a) if the person charged is an individual—\$100; or
- (b) if the person charged is a corporation—\$500.

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1 Name of regulations

These regulations are the *Electricity Safety Regulations 1971*.

2 Definitions for regulations

In these regulations:

consumer's overhead line means a line that—

- (a) is installed by an electricity distributor; and
- (b) is owned by a person other than an electricity distributor; and
- (c) is over land owned by that person.

lineworker means a person who supervises or performs—

- (a) work involved in—
 - (i) the erection or maintenance of overhead electric lines; or
 - (ii) the maintenance of street lighting that is connected to overhead or underground electric lines; or
- (b) tests to ensure that overhead electric lines are correctly fitted.

service equipment means—

- (a) a service line; or
- (b) a service cable; or
- (c) a point of attachment of a service line or service cable; or
- (d) a point of entry of a service line or service cable.

3 Exemption from inspection etc under the Act, s 33

- (1) Subject to this regulation, the circumstances prescribed for the purposes of section 32 of the Act are where the electrical wiring work—

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- (a) has been carried out by an electricity distributor and consists of—
- (i) the installation of a consumer's overhead line or of an underground service cable, being a line or cable by which electricity is transmitted; or
 - (ii) the connection or reconnection to, or disconnection from, a main or other plant of the distributor, of a main owned by a person other than the distributor; or
- (d) consists of the installing of the wiring or a component of an electrical installation for a lift or escalator on the load side of a circuit breaker in the motor room for the lift or escalator; or
- (f) is carried out by an electricity distributor on electrical service equipment that is owned or operated by the distributor; or
- (g) is carried out by an electricity distributor on—
- (i) electrical generating equipment, an electrical transformer, wire, cable or meter or electrical metering equipment; or
 - (ii) a fitting or support structure related to any equipment or item referred to in subparagraph (i);
- that is owned or operated by the distributor.
- (3) Subsection (1) (a), (f) and (g) do not apply in relation to electrical wiring work unless—
- (a) the work has, in the opinion of the chief executive, been completed in accordance with design and construction standards that have been lodged by an electricity distributor with the chief executive, being standards relating to the avoidance of injury to persons or damage to property; or
 - (b) where the work or any part of it has been carried out by a lineworker, the lineworker—

- (i) has satisfactorily completed a training course leading to the qualification of accredited lineworker, being a course that—
 - (A) is an accredited course within the meaning of the *Vocational Education and Training Act 1995*; or
 - (B) was completed before the commencement of this regulation and is, in the view of the relevant electricity distributor, substantially equivalent to a course referred to in sub-subparagraph (A); or
- (ii) is the holder of a licence under the law of a State or another Territory entitling him or her to work as a lineworker.

4 Exemption from Australian Standard 3000

For the purposes of section 33 (2) (b) of the Act, section 32 (1) (a) of the Act does not apply where the chief executive is satisfied that—

- (a) the electrical wiring work—
 - (i) is commenced before the day on which a revised edition of Australian Standard 3000 is published and is completed after that day; or
 - (ii) is completed before the expiry of the period of 6 months commencing on the day on which a revised edition of Australian Standard 3000 is published; and
- (b) the electrical wiring work complies with Australian Standard 3000 as in effect before the publication of the revised edition.

5 Exemption from the Act, s 33 and s 34

- (1) For the purposes of section 35 (a) of the Act, prescribed electrical wiring work is electrical wiring work consisting of the installing of the wiring or a component of an electrical installation for a lift or

escalator on the load side of a circuit breaker in the motor room for the lift or escalator.

- (2) For the purposes of section 35 (b) of the Act, prescribed circumstances are—
- (a) where electrical wiring work has been carried out by an electricity distributor and consists of—
 - (i) the installation of a consumer's overhead line or an underground service cable, being a line or cable by which electricity is transmitted; or
 - (ii) the connection or reconnection to, or disconnection from, a main or other plant of the distributor, of a main owned by a person other than the distributor; or
 - (b) where electrical wiring work is carried out by an electricity distributor on electrical service equipment that is owned or operated by the distributor; or
 - (c) where electrical wiring work is carried out by an electricity distributor on—
 - (i) electrical generating equipment, an electrical transformer, a wire, cable or meter or electrical metering equipment; or
 - (ii) a fitting or support structure related to any equipment or item referred to in subparagraph (i);that is owned or operated by the distributor.
- (3) Subregulation (2) does not apply in relation to electrical wiring work unless—
- (a) the work has, in the opinion of the chief executive, been completed in accordance with design and construction standards that have been lodged by an electricity distributor with the chief executive, being standards relating to the avoidance of injury to persons or damage to property; or

- (b) where the work or any part of it has been carried out by a lineworker, the lineworker—
 - (i) has satisfactorily completed a training course leading to the qualification of accredited lineworker, being a course that—
 - (A) is an accredited course within the meaning of the *Vocational Education and Training Act 1995*; or
 - (B) was completed before the commencement of this regulation and is, in the view of the relevant electricity distributor, substantially equivalent to a course referred to in sub-subparagraph (A); or
 - (ii) is the holder of a licence under the law of a State or another Territory entitling him or her to work as a lineworker.

6 Articles of electrical equipment to bear registration number

For the purposes of 73 of the Act, each article of electrical equipment to which a registered declaration of compliance relates shall be marked, stamped or labelled by affixing the registration number of the declaration to, or writing that number indelibly on, the article.

Endnotes

1 About the endnotes

Amending and modifying laws are annotated in the legislation history and the amendment history. Current modifications are not included in the republished law but are set out in the endnotes.

Not all editorial amendments made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 are annotated in the amendment history. Full details of any amendments can be obtained from the Parliamentary Counsel's Office.

Uncommenced amending laws are listed in the legislation history and the amendment history. These details are underlined. Uncommenced provisions and amendments are not included in the republished law but are set out in the last endnotes.

If all the provisions of the law have been renumbered, a table of renumbered provisions gives details of previous and current numbering.

The endnotes also include a table of earlier republications.

If the republished law includes penalties, current information about penalty unit values appears on the republication inside front cover.

2 Abbreviation key

am = amended	ord = ordinance
amdt = amendment	orig = original
ch = chapter	p = page
cl = clause	par = paragraph
def = definition	pres = present
dict = dictionary	prev = previous
disallowed = disallowed by the Legislative Assembly	(prev...) = previously
div = division	prov = provision
exp = expires/expired	pt = part
Gaz = Gazette	r = rule/subrule
hdg = heading	reg = regulation/subregulation
ins = inserted/added	renum = renumbered
LA = Legislation Act 2001	reloc = relocated
LR = legislation register	R[X] = Republication No
LRA = Legislation (Republication) Act 1996	s = section/subsection
mod = modified / modification	sch = schedule
No = number	sdiv = subdivision
o = order	sub = substituted
om = omitted/repealed	SL = Subordinate Law
	<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced

Endnotes

3 Legislation history

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The *Electricity Safety Regulations 1971* (previously called the *Electricity Regulations 1971*) were originally made under the *Electricity Ordinance 1971* (now the *Electricity Safety Act 1971*). They were renamed by Act 2000 No 66 (see sch 2 pt 4).

Legislation before self-government

Legislation	Year and number	Gazette notification	Commencement
Electricity Regulations	1971 No 10	16 Dec 1971	1 Jan 1972
	1980 No 3	25 Mar 1980	25 Mar 1980
Electricity Regulations (Amendment)	1985 No 23	5 Sept 1985	5 Sept 1985
Electricity Regulations (Amendment)	1988 No 9	1 July 1988	1 July 1988

Legislation after self-government

Electricity Regulations (Amendment)	1990 No 14	31 Aug 1990	31 Aug 1990
Electricity Regulations (Amendment)	1998 No 1	16 Jan 1998	16 Jan 1998
Electricity Regulations (Amendment)	1999 No 4	14 Apr 1999	14 Apr 1999 (see reg 1 and Gaz 1999 No 15 p 184)
Utilities (Consequential Provisions) Act 2000	Act 2000 No 66	20 Dec 2000	ss 1 and 2: 20 Dec 2000 remainder: 1 Jan 2000 (see Gaz 2000 No S69 p 3)
Electricity Amendment Act 2000	Act 2000 No 69	20 Dec 2000	20 Dec 2000
Legislation (Consequential Amendments) Act 2001	Act 2001 No 44	26 July 2001	ss 1 and 2: 26 July 2001 remainder:

4 Amendment history

reg 1sub Act 2000 No 66 sch 2 pt 4
reg 2orig reg 2 am 1980 No 3; 1990 No 14
om 1999 No 4
(prev reg 1A) ins 1998 No 1
am 1999 No 4
renum 1999 No 4

	am Act 2000 No 66 sch 2 pt 4; Act 2000 No 69 sch 2; Act 2001 No 44 amdt 1.1452
reg 3.....	orig reg 3 am 1980 No 3; 1990 No 14 om 1999 No 4 (prev reg 7A) ins 1998 No 1 am 1999 No 4 renum 1999 No 4 am Act 2000 No 69 sch 2
reg 4.....	orig reg 4 am 1980 No 3 om 1999 No 4 (prev reg 7B) ins 1999 No 4 renum 1999 No 4
reg 5.....	orig reg 5 om 1999 No 4 (prev s 7C) ins 1999 No 4 renum 1999 No 4 am Act 2000 No 69 sch 2
reg 6.....	orig reg 6 om 1999 No 4 (prev reg 8) ins 1985 No. 23 am 1998 No 1 renum 1999 No 4
reg 7.....	om 1999 No 4
sch	am 1980 No 3; 1988 No 9 om 1999 No 4

5 Earlier republications

Some earlier republications were not numbered. The number in column 1 refers to the publication order.

Republication No	Amendments to	Republication date
1	SL 1990 No 14	30 April 1993

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