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**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* (including any amendment made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 (Editorial changes)) as in force on 1 November 2003. It also includes any amendment, repeal or expiry affecting the republished law to 1 November 2003.

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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- authorised republications to which the *Legislation Act 2001* applies
- unauthorised 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 does not include 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 is—

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



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# Electricity Safety Regulations 1971

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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.

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**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—
- (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 *Tertiary Accreditation and Registration Act 2003*; 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 *Tertiary Accreditation and Registration Act 2003*; 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.

## **7 Energy efficiency standards—Act, s 81 (5) (a) and (7)**

The *Electricity Safety Act 1998* (Vic) is a corresponding law.

*Note 1* At the commencement of this regulation, energy efficiency standards are prescribed under the *Electricity Safety Act 1998* (Vic) (see the *Electricity Safety (Equipment Efficiency) Regulations 1999* (Vic)) for the following articles of electrical equipment:

- clothes washing machines
- dishwashers
- refrigerating appliances
- single-phase refrigerative airconditioners and heat pumps
- rotary clothes dryers
- storage water heaters
- three-phase cage induction motors
- three-phase airconditioners and heat pumps.

*Note 2* The text of Victorian Acts and regulations is available at [www.dms.dpc.vic.gov.au](http://www.dms.dpc.vic.gov.au)

## **8 Articles of electrical equipment—labelling**

- (1) Articles of electrical equipment mentioned in the *Electricity Safety (Equipment Efficiency) Regulations 1999* (Vic), regulation 16 (Electrical equipment labels) or schedule 3 (Standards for electrical equipment that requires registration and labelling), as in force from time to time, must be labelled as required under those provisions.

*Note 1* At the commencement of this regulation, the articles of electrical equipment mentioned in the *Electricity Safety (Equipment Efficiency) Regulations 1999* (Vic), reg 16 and sch 3 are the following:

- clothes washing machines
- dishwashers

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- refrigerating appliances
- single-phase refrigerative airconditioners and heat pumps
- rotary clothes dryers
- three-phase cage induction motors
- three-phase airconditioners and heat pumps.

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- (2) The *Legislation Act 2001*, section 47 (6) does not apply to this regulation.

## 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 and expiries 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 endnote.

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
IA = Interpretation Act 1967	renum = renumbered
ins = inserted/added	reloc = relocated
LA = Legislation Act 2001	R[X] = Republication No
LR = legislation register	RI = reissue
LRA = Legislation (Republication) Act 1996	s = section/subsection
mod = modified / modification	sch = schedule
No = number	sdiv = subdivision
num = numbered	sub = substituted
o = order	SL = Subordinate Law
om = omitted/repealed	<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced or to be expired

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3 Legislation history

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These regulations were originally called the *Electricity Regulations* and were originally made under a Commonwealth ordinance—the *Electricity Ordinance 1971* No 30 (Cwlth).

The *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cwlth), s 34 (4) converted most former Commonwealth ordinances in force in the ACT, and the regulations made under them, into ACT enactments. This allowed the ACT Legislative Assembly to amend and repeal the laws. The *Electricity Ordinance 1971* and the *Electricity Regulations 1971* were converted into ACT enactments on 11 May 1989 (self-government day).

As with most ordinances in force in the ACT, the name of the ordinance was changed from *Ordinance* to *Act* by the *Self-Government (Citation of Laws) Act 1989* No 21, s 5 on 11 May 1989 (self-government day).

These regulations were renamed as the *Electricity Safety Regulations 1971* by the *Utilities (Consequential Provisions) Act 2000*, sch 2 pt 4.

Before 12 September 2001, regulations commenced on their notification day unless otherwise stated (see *Interpretation Act 1967* s 50, *Subordinate Laws Act 1989* s 6).

#### Legislation before becoming Territory enactment

##### **Electricity Safety Regulations 1971 No 10**

notified 16 December 1971 (Cwlth Gaz 1971 No 118)  
commenced 1 January 1972

as amended by

##### **Regulations to repeal certain Regulations and to revise certain Regulations in force under the Ordinances of the ACT 1980 No 3 sch**

notified 25 March 1980 (Cwlth Gaz 1980 No S60)  
commenced 25 March 1980

##### **Electricity Regulations (Amendment) 1985 No 23**

notified 5 September 1985 (Cwlth Gaz 1985 No S359)  
commenced 5 September 1985

##### **Electricity Regulations (Amendment) 1988 No 9**

notified 1 July 1988 (Cwlth Gaz 1988 No S199)  
commenced 1 July 1988

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**Legislation after becoming Territory enactment****Electricity Regulations (Amendment) 1990 No 14**

notified 31 August 1990 (Gaz 1990 No S59)  
commenced 31 August 1990

**Electricity Regulations (Amendment) 1998 No 1**

notified 16 January 1998 (Gaz 1998 No S40)  
commenced 16 January 1998 (reg 1)

**Electricity Regulations Amendment 1999 No 4**

notified 14 April 1999 (Gaz 1999 No 15)  
commenced 14 April 1999 (reg 1 and see Gaz 1999 No 15)

**Utilities (Consequential Provisions) Act 2000 No 66 sch 2 pt 4**

notified 20 December 2000 (Gaz 2000 No S68)  
s 1, s 2 commenced 20 December 2000 (IA s 10B)  
sch 2 pt 4 commenced 1 January 2001 (Gaz 2000 No S69)

**Electricity Amendment Act 2000 No 69 sch 2**

notified 20 December 2000 (Gaz 2000 No S68)  
sch 2 commenced 20 December 2000 (s 2)

**Legislation (Consequential Amendments) Act 2001 No 44 pt 123**

notified 26 July 2001 (Gaz 2001 No 30)  
s 1, s 2 commenced 26 July 2001 (IA s 10B)  
pt 123 commenced 12 September 2001 (s 2 and see Gaz 2001  
No S65)

**Electricity Safety Amendment Regulations 2002 (No 1) No 26**

notified LR 27 September 2002  
reg 1, reg 2 commenced 27 September 2002 (LA s 75)  
remainder commenced 28 September 2002 (reg 2)

**Vocational Education and Training Act 2003 A2003-37 sch 2  
pt 2.4**

notified LR 8 September 2003  
s 1, s 2 commenced 8 September 2003 (LA s 75 (1))  
sch 2 pt 2.4 commenced 1 November 2003 (s 2)

## Endnotes

### 4 Amendment history

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### Name of regulations

reg 1 sub Act 2000 No 66 sch 2 pt 4

### Definitions for regulations

reg 2 orig reg 2 am 1980 No 3 sch; 1990 No 14 reg 1  
om 1999 No 4 reg 4  
(prev reg 1A) ins 1998 No 1 reg 3  
renum 1999 No 4 reg 8  
am Act 2000 No 69 sch 2 pt 4  
def **consumer's overhead line** ins 1999 No 4 reg 3  
def **lineworker** ins 1999 No 4 reg 3  
def **service equipment** ins 1999 No 4 reg 3  
def **the Act** ins 1998 No 1 reg 3  
am Act 2000 No 66 sch 2 pt 4  
om Act 2001 No 44 amdt 1.1452

### Exemption from inspection etc under the Act, s 33

reg 3 orig reg 3 am 1980 No 3 sch; 1990 No 14 reg 2  
om 1999 No 4 reg 4  
(prev reg 7A) ins 1998 No 1 reg 4  
am 1999 No 4 reg 5  
renum 1999 No 4 reg 8  
am Act 2000 No 69 sch 2; A2003-37 amdt 2.8

### Exemption from Australian Standard 3000

reg 4 orig reg 4 am 1980 No 3 sch  
om 1999 No 4 reg 4  
(prev reg 7B) ins 1999 No 4 reg 6  
renum 1999 No 4 reg 8

### Exemption from the Act, s 33 and s 34

reg 5 orig reg 5 om 1999 No 4 reg 4  
(prev s 7C) ins 1999 No 4 reg 6  
renum 1999 No 4 reg 8  
am Act 2000 No 69 sch 2; A2003-37 amdt 2.9

### Articles of electrical equipment to bear registration number

reg 6 orig reg 6 om 1999 No 4 reg 4  
(prev reg 8) ins 1985 No 23  
am 1998 No 1 reg 5  
renum 1999 No 4 reg 8

### Energy efficiency standards—Act s 81 (5) (a) and (7)

reg 7 om 1999 No 4 reg 4  
ins 2002 No 26 s 4

### Articles of electrical equipment—labelling

reg 8 ins 2002 No 26 s 4



**Schedule**

sch am 1980 No 3 sch 3; 1988 No 9  
om 1999 No 4 reg 7

**5 Earlier republications**

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

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<b>Republication No</b>	<b>Amendments to</b>	<b>Republication date</b>
1	SL 1990 No 14	30 April 1993
2	Act 2001 No 44	12 September 2001
3	SL2002-26	28 September 2002

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