



Australian Capital Territory

Electricity Regulations¹ (Amendment)

Subordinate Law No. 1 of 1998²

The Australian Capital Territory Executive makes the following Regulations under the *Electricity Act 1971*.

Dated 6 January 1998.

TREVOR KAINÉ
Minister

GARY HUMPHRIES
Minister

Commencement

1. These Regulations commence on the day on which they are notified in the *Gazette*.

Principal Regulations

2. In these Regulations, “Principal Regulations” means the Electricity Regulations.

Insertion

3. After regulation 1 of the Principal Regulations the following regulation is inserted:

Interpretation

“1A. In these Regulations—
‘the Act’ means the *Electricity Act 1971*.”.

Insertion

4. After regulation 7 of the Principal Regulations the following regulation is inserted:

Exemption from inspection etc. under section 33

“7A. (1) Subject to this regulation, the circumstances prescribed for the purposes of section 33 of the Act are where the electrical wiring work—

- (a) has been carried out by the Company 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 Company, of a main owned by a person other than the Company;
- (b) consists of the disconnection of an appliance, switch, lighting point or socket outlet;
- (c) consists of the disconnection and reconnection or replacement of an appliance, switch, lighting point or socket outlet where the electrical load is not increased;
- (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;
- (e) consists only of the alteration or repair of an electrical installation and is tested, within a period of 14 days after its completion, in accordance with Australian Standard 3017 as amended from time

to time, by a licensed electrical contractor or electrician and, before the end of that period, the person who carried out the work gives to the Chief Executive and to the owner of the electrical installation a notice in a form approved by the Chief Executive that—

- (i) sets out the location of the work;
- (ii) sets out a description of the work;
- (iii) sets out the results of the test;
- (iv) certifies that the work complies with Australian Standard 3000 as amended from time to time; and
- (v) sets out the name of—
 - (A) the contractor who carried out the work;
 - (B) if the person referred to in sub-subparagraph (A) carried out the work through a sub-contractor or an employee—the sub-contractor or employee; and
 - (C) the person who tested the work;
- (f) is carried out by the Company on electrical service equipment that is owned or operated by the Company; or
- (g) is carried out by the Company 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 Company.

“(2) Paragraphs (1) (a) to (e) (inclusive) do not apply where the electrical wiring work—

- (a) forms part of an installation that is owned by a person other than the Company and is designed for, or is operating at, more than 1000 volts AC or 1500 volts DC;
- (b) is located within a hazardous area within the meaning of Australian Standard 3000 as amended from time to time; or
- (c) not being specified work, is associated with—
 - (i) a consumer main within the meaning of Australian Standard 3000 as amended from time to time; or

(ii) a main switchboard.

“(3) Paragraphs (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 the Company 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 Company, 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) In this regulation—

‘consumer’s overhead line’ means a line that—

- (a) is installed by the Company;
- (b) is owned by a person other than the Company; 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;
- (b) a service cable;
- (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;

‘specified work’ means work that consists of—

- (a) repairs to a commercial or domestic installation, a consumer main or main switchboard; or
- (b) the replacement or relocation of a consumer main or main switchboard in a domestic installation.”.

Articles of electrical equipment to bear registration number

5. Regulation 8 of the Principal Regulations is amended by omitting “32M” and substituting “72”.

NOTES

Principal Regulations

1. Reprinted as at 30 April 1993.

Notification

2. Notified in the ACT Gazette on 16 January 1998.