



Electrical newsletter spring 2009

Electrical inspection fees

New work

On 1 August 2009 a new range of electrical inspection fees was introduced.

To establish the fee that applies to the work a start of work notice is now required for all new electrical installations. This fee needs to be paid before the electrical installation can be tested by one of ACTPLA's electrical inspectors.

Further information can be found at www.actpla.act.gov.au under 'industry information'.

Additions and alterations

From 9 November 2009 there will be a \$20 fee for submitting a Certificate of Electrical Safety (CES) form for additions and alterations to an electrical installation. ACTPLA has produced a set of guidelines to outline the difference between additions/alterations and new work. The guidelines are available on our web site under industry information.

If you submit a CES form via the internet using our smart-form the fee is discounted to \$18. The smart-form can be found under forms on our web site www.actpla.act.gov.au

Demerit points

For breaches of the *Electricity Safety Act 1971* and *Construction Occupations Licensing Act 2004* ACTPLA can issue a licensee demerit points against their licence. Points are valid for three years and if fifteen demerit points are accumulated the Registrar can suspend or cancel the licence.

Certificates of Electrical Safety – CES

All licensees are reminded that under Section 6 the *Electricity Safety Act 1971*, you are required to submit a Certificate of Electrical Safety form within 14 days from completion of the electrical work. Failure to do so could result in disciplinary action by the Registrar or the matter being prosecuted through the ACT Courts.

All licensees are required to complete a CES form correctly or it will be sent back to you. ACTPLA received several forms with incorrect block or section numbers and no project number.

ACTMAPi enables you to establish block and section numbers for any location in the ACT. Visit our website www.actpla.act.gov.au and select the ACTMAPi button. Under *Frequently asked questions* you can find a guide to using ACTMAPi.



Newsletters, mailing and licensee Information

To help the environment, we will now be delivering our news and licensing information electronically.

This means licensee renewals and newsletters will no longer be mailed out. You will receive an email or SMS advising that your licence needs to be renewed or that a newsletter is available on our website.

To do this we need your correct email address and mobile phone number. Your details can be updated using CL4 form which is available from our web site under 'Forms'

ACTPLA also has an industry newsletter called *The Zone*. We recommend you subscribe to this to get advance warning of any changes to the electrical and building industries. You can subscribe on our website.

AS/NZS3000:2007 – Amendment 1

The amendments to AS/NZS 3000:2007 and FAQ to the wiring rules are now available on the Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand websites. Please follow this link for more information
www.wiringrules.com.au/Documents/Wiring_Rules_FAQs_August_2009.pdf

More information

If you have any questions on wiring rules, questions on our interpretation of the wiring rules or for any other matter regarding electrical licensing our contact details are:

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