



New South Wales

Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Electrical Equipment) Regulation 2006

under the

Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000*.

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Minister for Commerce

Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to amend the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 2001* in relation to the testing, inspection and maintenance of electrical installations and electrical articles at places of work. In particular, the amendments provide:

- (a) more precise guidance to employers as to when electrical installations and electrical articles at places of work are to be inspected, tested or maintained to ensure they remain safe for use, and
- (b) that employers are not required to make and keep records of certain inspections and tests made and maintenance carried out on electrical installations.

This Regulation is made under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000*, including section 33 (the general regulation-making power)

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Electrical Equipment) Regulation 2006*.

2 Amendment of Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 2001

The *Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 2001* is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendments

(Clause 2)

[1] Clause 64 Electricity—particular risk control measures

Omit clause 64 (2) (a). Insert instead:

- (a) **Electrical installations at places of work**
all electrical installations at a place of work are inspected and tested, after they are installed and prior to their energising for normal use, by a competent person to ensure they are safe for use, and
- (a1) all electrical installations at a place of work are maintained by a competent person to ensure they remain safe for use, and
- (a2) **Electrical articles used in construction work**
all electrical articles that are used in construction work are regularly inspected, tested and maintained by a competent person to ensure they are safe for use if the articles are supplied with electricity through an electrical outlet socket, and
- (a3) **Electrical articles that may be affected by hostile environment**
all electrical articles that are supplied with electricity through an electrical outlet socket that are at a place of work where the safe operation of the electrical article could be affected by a hostile operating environment are regularly inspected, tested and maintained by a competent person to ensure they are safe for use, and
- (a4) **Electrical installations and articles found to be unsafe**
all electrical installations and electrical articles at a place of work that are found to be unsafe are disconnected from the electricity supply and are repaired, replaced or permanently removed from use, and

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[2] Clause 64 (3)

Insert after clause 64 (2) (but before the maximum penalty amount):

- (3) In this clause, *hostile operating environment* means an operating environment at a place of work where an electrical article is in its normal use subjected to operating conditions that are likely to result in damage to the article, and, for example, includes an operating environment that may:
- (a) cause mechanical damage to the article, or
 - (b) expose the article to moisture, heat, vibration, corrosive substances or dust that is likely to result in damage to the article.

[3] Clause 65 Maintenance of records—electricity

Omit “and electrical installations” from clause 65 (1).

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