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Electricity Act 1945

## **Electricity Amendment Regulations 2012**

Made by the Governor in Executive Council.

**1. Citation**

These regulations are the *Electricity Amendment Regulations 2012*.

**2. Commencement**

These regulations come into operation as follows —

- (a) regulations 1 and 2 — on the day on which these regulations are published in the *Gazette*;
- (b) the rest of the regulations — on the day after that day.

**3. Regulations amended**

These regulations amend the *Electricity Regulations 1947*.

**4. Regulation 13 amended**

In regulation 13(b) and (c) before “the premises” insert:

some or all of

**5. Part V inserted**

After Part IV insert:

**Part V — Interfering with electrical installations****19. Interfering with electrical installations**

- (1) A person must not alter or interfere with an electrical installation unless the person is authorised to do so under a written law.
- (2) A person must not, in relation to premises to which electricity is or is likely to be supplied, install or otherwise place thermal insulation so that a part of the electrical installation —
  - (a) is unsafe; or
  - (b) is likely to become unsafe; or
  - (c) does not comply with the electrical work requirements applicable at the time electrical work was last carried out on that part of the electrical installation.
- (3) The reference in subregulation (2)(c) to electrical work requirements is a reference to the requirements referred to in the *Electricity (Licensing) Regulations 1991* section 49 or, where relevant, to similar requirements applicable before the commencement of the *Electricity (Licensing) Regulations 1991*.
- (4) In subregulation (1), interference includes harmonic frequency interference but does not include electromagnetic interference.

**6. Regulation 243 inserted**

After regulation 242 insert:

**243. Voltage on the neutral**

- (1) The voltage on the neutral of a consumer's installation must be below 6 volts AC.
- (2) The voltage on the neutral is to be measured in accordance with AS 4741-2010 Appendix A.
- (3) If a network operator becomes aware that the voltage on the neutral of a consumer's installation is not below 6 volts AC, the network operator must —
  - (a) if the cause, or one of the causes, is a fault in, or a condition of, the network operator's distribution works — remedy the fault or

- condition, or, to the extent that that is not practicable, make the consumer's installation safe and reduce any discomfort to the consumer;
- (b) if the cause, or one of the causes, is a fault in, or a condition of, the consumer's installation, or apparatus connected to the consumer's installation — give a notice to the consumer requiring the consumer to remedy the fault or condition;
- (c) if the cause, or one of the causes, is a fault in, or a condition of, another consumer's installation, or apparatus connected to that consumer's installation — give a notice to that consumer requiring that consumer to remedy the fault or condition.
- (4) A notice given under subregulation (3)(b) or (c) —
- (a) must include a statement to the effect that there is a fault in, or condition of, the consumer's installation, or apparatus connected to the consumer's installation, that is causing, or contributing to, a voltage on the neutral of the, or another, consumer's installation (which is not below 6 volts AC); and
- (b) must include a statement to the effect that if the consumer does not remedy the fault or condition the network operator may disconnect the consumer's installation from the network operator's distribution works; and
- (c) must specify the period, of at least 7 days, within which the consumer must remedy the fault; and
- (d) may include any other relevant matter.
- (5) If a consumer given a notice does not comply with it within the time specified, or any extension granted by the network operator, the network operator may disconnect the consumer's installation from the network operator's distribution works.

## 7. Schedule 1 amended

- (1) In Schedule 1 Table 2:
- (a) after the item relating to regulation 10 insert:

r. 13	Owner of residential premises failing to ensure that at least 2 residual current devices are installed before certain events specified in the regulation occur	\$1 000	\$4 000
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r. 14	Owner of residential premises failing to ensure that at least 2 residual current devices are installed	\$1 000	\$4 000
r. 15A	New owner of residential premises failing to ensure that at least 2 residual current devices are installed	\$1 000	\$4 000

- (b) delete the item relating to regulation 242(1)(b) and insert:

r. 242(1) & 340	Supplying electricity without receiving a notice of completion where one is required		\$10 000
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- (2) In Schedule 1 Table 3:

- (a) in the item relating to regulation 52(1) delete “give” and insert:

deliver

- (b) after the item relating to regulation 52(1a) insert:

r. 52(2AC)	Failing to ensure that records of notifiable work comply with paragraph (a)	\$500	\$2 000
r. 52(2AC)	Failing to ensure that records of notifiable work are kept as required by paragraph (b)	\$100	\$400

- (c) delete the item relating to regulation 52A(5) and insert:

r. 52A(6)	Delivering a preliminary notice for proposed work in contravention of paragraph (a)	\$1 250	\$5 000
r. 52A(6)	Delivering a notice of completion for notifiable work in contravention of paragraph (b)	\$1 250	\$5 000

- (d) in the item relating to regulation 52B(1) and the item relating to regulation 52B(2) delete “certificate of compliance” and insert:

electrical safety certificate

(e) delete the item relating to regulation 52B(7) and insert:

r. 52B(4C)	Failing to ensure that records of electrical installing work comply with paragraph (a)	\$500	\$2 000
r. 52B(4C)	Failing to ensure that records of electrical installing work are kept as required by paragraph (b)	\$100	\$400

By Command of the Governor,

G. MOORE, Clerk of the Executive Council.

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