

ELECTRICITY

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**ELECTRICITY ACT 1945
ELECTRICITY AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 1996**

Made by the Lieutenant-Governor and deputy of the Governor in Executive Council.

Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the *Electricity Amendment Regulations 1996*.

Commencement

2. These regulations come into operation on the day that is 3 months after the day on which they are published in the *Gazette*.

Regulation 316A of *Electricity Act Regulations 1947* inserted

3. After regulation 316 of the *Electricity Act Regulations 1947** the following regulation is inserted —

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Vegetation control work near overhead power lines

316A. (1) A person performing vegetation control work for reward shall not do so within the danger zone of overhead power lines unless exempted by subregulation (4).

(2) The danger zone of an overhead power line is anywhere that —

- (a) is at the same height as, higher than, or not more than the specified distance lower than, the power line conductors; and

- (b) is directly above or below, or not more than the specified distance to either side of, the power line conductors.
- (3) The specified distance is —
- (a) 3 metres for an overhead power line carrying electricity at a nominal voltage of not more than 33 000 volts; and
 - (b) 6 metres for an overhead power line carrying electricity at a nominal voltage of more than 33 000 volts.
- (4) A person is exempt from subregulation (1) if —
- (a) the person —
 - (i) has been trained in electrical linework to the satisfaction of the Director; or
 - (ii) has been trained in vegetation control work by a person or training authority approved by the Director by notice published in the *Gazette*; and
 - (b) the work is carried out in accordance with —
 - (i) the electrical safety requirements described in the *Code of Practice for Personnel Electrical Safety for Vegetation Control Work Near Live Powerlines* issued by the Director (as from time to time amended and for the time being in force); or
 - (ii) such other safety requirements as the Director has approved in writing.
- (5) For the purposes of this regulation —
- (a) **“overhead power lines”** means overhead lines for the transmission of electrical energy;
“conductors” includes active or neutral conductors (whether bare, insulated or double insulated), catenary supported conductors, neutral screened conductors, and aerial bundled cable;
 - (b) a reference to performing work includes a reference to assisting to perform work;
 - (c) performing work in the course of employment is to be regarded as being for reward; and
 - (d) vegetation control work is performed within a danger zone if any part of —
 - (i) the vegetation; or
 - (ii) the body of, or any tool, vehicle, or other equipment used by, a person performing the work,comes within the danger zone at any time while the work is being performed.

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For amendments to 29 May 1996 see 1995 Index to Legislation of
Western Australia, Table 4, pp. 67-9.]

By Command of the Lieutenant-Governor and deputy of the Governor,

J. PRITCHARD, Clerk of the Council.