

Occupational Licensing Act 2005

Occupational Licensing (Electrical Work – Trade’s Assistant - Licensing Exemption) Order 2012

I, Kerrie Davidia Crowder, Administrator of Occupational Licensing, hereby make the following Order under section 99 of the *Occupational Licensing Act 2005*.

1. Short title

This Order may be cited as the *Occupational Licensing (Electrical Work - Trade’s Assistant – Licensing Exemption) Order 2012*.

2. Commencement

This Order takes effect on 1 April 2012.

3. Exemption to perform certain electrical work

A trade’s assistant who carries out any electrical work to which Clause 4 applies, is exempt from the requirement of the Act to hold a practitioner’s licence, if the conditions of Clause 5 are met.

4. Electrical work that may be performed by a trade’s assistant under this Order

A trade’s assistant who complies with clause 5 of this Order may assist a practitioner to perform the following work:

- 1) the excavation of a trench that is intended to have an electrical wiring enclosure placed in it but the trade’s assistant may not decide what depth that trench is to be;
- 2) the placing or laying out of an electrical wiring enclosure in a trench, but not the connection or bonding of the lengths of the electrical wiring enclosure;
- 3) the installation of a cable support system;
- 4) the placing or laying out of cables on or into a cable support system or into a trench;
- 5) the back filling of a trench that contains cables or an electrical wiring enclosure within that trench;
- 6) the installation of marker tape or mechanical protection barriers during the back filling of a trench that contains cables or an electrical wiring enclosure: and
- 7) the application of a protective coating to a cable support system or electrical wiring enclosure.

5. Conditions to perform and allow certain electrical work under this Order

- (a) A contractor or practitioner must ensure a trade’s assistant performing work to which this exemption applies:
 - 1) carries out the work as required by the Act;
 - 2) is issued, and complies, with any instructions, including any instruction relevant to safe approach distances to live electrical equipment, necessary to ensure the work is carried out safely and as required by the Act; and
 - 3) is subject to supervision by a practitioner.

- (b) A trade's assistant assisting a practitioner to perform work to which this exemption applies must –
- 1) comply with the instructions given to him or her by a contractor or practitioner; and
 - 2) be subject to supervision by a practitioner.

6. Application of Acts Interpretation Act 1931

The *Acts Interpretation Act 1931* applies to this Order.

7. Interpretation

In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires –

“**Act**” means the *Occupational Licensing Act 2005*;

“**AS 3000**” means AS/NZS 3000 Electrical Installations (Known as Australia/New Zealand Wiring Rules) issued by Standards Australia and distributed by SAI Global Limited (ACN 050 611 642), as amended from time to time;

“**cable**” has the meaning given it by AS 3000;

“**cable support system**” means supporting mechanical or protective structures or barriers relating to electrical conductive equipment including brackets, mountings and the like;

“**contractor**” means:

- i. the holder of a contractor's licence that authorises the contractor to perform electrical work; and
- ii. a person who has the management or control of a trade's assistant or practitioner;

“**electrical equipment**” has the meaning given it by AS 3000;

“**electrical wiring enclosure**” has the meaning given it by AS 3000;

“**electrical work**” has the meaning as in regulation 4 of the *Occupational Licensing (Electrical Work) Regulations 2008*;

“**live**” means connected to any source of electrical energy or subject to hazardous induced or capacitive voltages.

“**practitioner**” means the holder of a practitioner's licence granted under the Act that authorises the practitioner to perform electrical work;

“**safe approach distance**” means the minimum separation distance in air from exposed live electrical equipment that shall be maintained by a person, or any object held by or in contact with that person. (The Explanatory Note gives a reference of assistance.)

“**trade's assistant**” means a person who is not:

- i. a practitioner; nor
- ii. undergoing an approved course of training; nor
- iii. permitted to perform electrical work under section 36 (4) and (5) of the Act;

Kerrie Davidia Crowder
Administrator of Occupational Licensing

27th day of March 2012

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

(these notes are not part of the Order)

- This order replaces the document, Guidelines for Electrical Work – Assistance to licence holders wanting to use an assistant – February 2009
- Guidelines on Safe Approach Distances can be found in the Energy Networks Australia document ENA NENS 04 – National Guidelines for Safe Approach Distances to Electrical and Mechanical Apparatus.

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