



Electricity Amendment Regulations 2003

Silvia Cartwright, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 8th day of December 2003

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

Pursuant to section 169 of the Electricity Act 1992, Her Excellency the Governor-General, acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council, makes the following regulations.

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Regulations

- 1 Title**
- (1) These regulations are the Electricity Amendment Regulations 2003.

- (2) In these regulations, the Electricity Regulations 1997¹ are called “the principal regulations”.

¹ SR 1997/60

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on the 28th day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

3 Interpretation

- (1) Regulation 2(4) is amended by revoking the definitions of **AS/NZS 2500**, **AS/NZS 3000**, **AS/NZS 3003**, **AS/NZS 3012**, **AS/NZS 3016**, and **AS/NZS 3551**, and substituting, in their appropriate order, the following definitions:

“**AS/NZS 2500** means the Joint Australian/New Zealand Standard known as AS/NZS 2500:1995 (Guide to the safe use of electricity in patient care); and includes the amendment to that standard known as Amendment A: 2003

“**AS/NZS 3000** means the Joint Australian/New Zealand Standard known as AS/NZS 3000:2000 (Australia/New Zealand Wiring Rules); and includes the amendment to that standard known as Amendment 3: 2003

“**AS/NZS 3003** means the Joint Australian/New Zealand Standard known as AS/NZS 3003:2003 (Electrical installations – Patient treatment areas of hospitals and medical and dental practices)

“**AS/NZS 3012** means the Joint Australian/New Zealand Standard known as AS/NZS 3012:2003 (Electrical installations – Construction and demolition sites)

“**AS/NZS 3016** means the Joint Australian/New Zealand Standard known as AS/NZS 3016:2002 (Electrical installations – Electric security fences)

“**AS/NZS 3551** means the Joint Australian/New Zealand Standard known as AS/NZS 3551:1996 (Technical management programmes for medical devices); and includes the amendment to that standard known as Amendment A: 2003.”

- (2) Regulation 2(4) of the principal regulations is amended by inserting, after the definition of **AS/NZS 3012**, the following definition:

“**AS/NZS 3014** means the Joint Australian/New Zealand Standard known as AS/NZS 3014:2003 (Electrical installations – Electric fences)”.

- (3) Regulation 2(4) of the principal regulations is amended by inserting, after the definition of **NZS 1989**, the following definition:

“**NZS 3003.1** means the New Zealand Standard known as NZS 3003.1:2003 (Electrical installations – Patient treatment areas of hospitals and dental practices)”.

4 Certification of prescribed electrical work

Regulation 39(2) of the principal regulations is amended by adding the following paragraph:

“(d) the installation of revenue meters and associated load control fittings of mains.”

5 Inspection of prescribed electrical work

Regulation 41(2) of the principal regulations is amended by inserting, after the expression “2381.1”, the words “or NZS 3003.1”.

6 Safety checks for particular electrical installations and electrical appliances

Regulation 46(2)(c) of the principal regulations is amended by inserting, after the expression “3003”, the expression “or NZS 3003.1”.

7 Compliance with regulation 69(1)

Regulation 69B(a) of the principal regulations is amended by omitting the words “and AS/NZS 3551”, and substituting the words “AS/NZS 3551, and NZS 3003.1”.

8 Compliance with design, construction, and installation requirements of regulation 69(1)

Regulation 69C of the principal regulation is amended by inserting, after paragraph (b), the following paragraph:

“(ba) AS/NZS 3014, in the case of electrical installations of electric fences:”.

9 Regulation 90 substituted

The principal regulations are amended by revoking regulation 90, and substituting the following regulation:

“90 Damp situations

Works, electrical installations, and electrical appliances, when located in damp situations, are deemed not to be electrically safe for the purpose of regulation 69 where—

- “(a) they do not offer protection from the ingress of moisture which could result in a hazard of electric shock; or
- “(b) in the case of electrical appliances, they are proposed to be supplied with electricity from socket outlets in areas that are to be immersed in or splashed with water, and those outlets do not have personal electrical protection, such as an RCD, or such as being supplied by an individual isolating transformer, or being supplied at extra-low voltage from an individual transformer; or
- “(c) unprotected switchboards are located in damp situations.”

Diane Morcom,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations come into force on the 28th day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*. They update the Electricity Regulations 1997 following a number of new electricity standards or amendments to existing standards, and make some minor, miscellaneous amendments.

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These regulations are administered in the Ministry of Economic Development.
