

ASP General Information

Contract Delivery

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Subject: Pole Safety Inspection Awareness Course

Dear ASPs,

Ausgrid has conducted a review of the requirements for ASPs to work on or near Ausgrid's network poles. This review was undertaken in consideration of Industry Safety Steering Committee Guide 29 (ISSC29), Ausgrid's Network Standard (NS146) 'Inspection Procedure for Working on Poles' and recent incidents on Ausgrid's network.

Pole Safety Inspection Awareness Course

As a result of this review, Ausgrid has developed a new 'Pole Safety Inspection Awareness' course which will be available to ASPs via the ASP Authorisation Management System (Pegasus). The training will be delivered by an online 'e-learning' module. Training will need to be refreshed annually to maintain compliance.

Training Go-Live and Transition Period

From **7 February 2022**, the 'Pole Safety Inspection Awareness' course will be made available to all ASP/1 & ASP/2 classes.

Due to the ongoing transition of ASP authorisations into the Pegasus system, this training will be non-mandatory for all authorisations for a period of six months.

From **7 July 2022**, the 'Pole Safety Inspection Awareness' course will become a **mandatory requirement** for the ASP authorisations listed below.

As of **7 July 2022**, any individual who has not completed the mandated 'Pole Safety Inspection Awareness' course will be non-compliant for their ASP authorisation and will not be able to work on or near Ausgrid's network.

Mandated ASP classes include:

- ASP - Class 1A - Line Worker
- ASP - Class 1Xf – Telecommunications Worker
- ASP - Class 1Xg (L) – Apprentice Line Worker
- ASP - Class 2C - Overhead Services
- ASP - Class 2Xf - Telecommunications Worker

For all other classes of ASP authorisation, Ausgrid will continue to make the training available beyond 7 July 2022. It is anticipated individuals will undertake the training to improve their awareness of the risks associated when working on or near network poles.

For more information, please contact Ausgrid via ASPAuthorisations@Ausgrid.com.au.

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