

Electrical Safety Rules Changes

General Information



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Dear ASPs,

We are writing to inform you that Ausgrid's Electrical Safety Rules (ESR) 2024/0 edition has been released and features some changes to be aware of. This new edition will come into effect on 3 February 2025. A summary of the changes is detailed in the ESR Amendments Advice 2024/0 which can be found along with the ESRs and a narrated ESR Key Changes Videos on the Ausgrid website,

What This Means for You:

Ausgrid requires **every ASP/Contractor company** to:

1. Update your company's systems of work and safety systems to align with the Ausgrid's safety management system and the ESR 2024/0 edition
2. Provide your workers with a hard copy, digital copy, or a link to the ESR 2024/0 edition..
3. Retrain authorised workers in your company's amended safety management system for undertaking work on or near the Ausgrid network in accordance with the ESR 2024/0 edition.
4. Have workers watch the changes to ESR videos located here www.ausgrid.com.au/esr

Important Safety Equipment Notes:

- Workers are required to wear an arc-rated face shield, compliant with clause 6.2.5 of Ausgrid's ESR, for all work, including testing, performed underground or at ground level on or near exposed live low-voltage conductors of 6mm² or greater that are part of Ausgrid's distribution network (including service cables).
- Tool lanyards, used to manage the risk of tools falling from heights, are now prohibited from use on or near live exposed conductors that are part of Ausgrid's distribution network (including service cables).
- An Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) is now mandatory for work on or near Ausgrid's live exposed LV network (including service cables) where a safety observer is in place. The AED must be readily accessible on site.



Exemption:

An exemption has been granted from the requirement to have an AED on-site where it is not reasonably practicable for an Accredited Service Provider (ASP). This exemption will expire on 31 December 2025, after which all ASPs must ensure an AED is readily available on-site in compliance with clause 9.5.4 of Ausgrid's Electrical Safety Rules (ESR).

Thank you for your cooperation and continued commitment to safety and efficiency in our network operations.