

# ASP General Information Network Compliance & Authorisations

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**Subject: ASP1 Access Permit Earth – Mandatory from 01 JULY 2021**

Dear ASP1s

In line with Ausgrid's Australian Energy Regulator 2019-2024 draft determination, services and fees have been reviewed with the aim of providing a more customer centric focus. As such, from 1 July 2021, the function of "installing and removing overhead network earths associated with the provision of an access permit will be the responsibility of the Level 1 Accredited Service Provider (ASP1) where they are undertaking works on the network".

The move to ASP1s performing the installation and removal of overhead access permit earths under the direction of an Ausgrid District Operator, will streamline access to the network and provide ASP1s an increased level of flexibility when scheduling outages.

In preparation, from 2016 Ausgrid provided the required training (TTDO1804C) to ASP1s who expressed interest in performing this service. Unfortunately, since the rollout, training availability has been impacted due to the Live Work Pause and COVID-19 restrictions. With the reduction of these impacts, this training has now been made available again.

To complete this function, ASP1s are required to complete the one-off training course TTDO1804C – Application of Overhead Access Permit and Working Earths. There are a number of prerequisites to allow conduct of this training, please see below the prerequisite requirements under ASP/1 Class 1A only for further details. ASP1s who have already completed the above training will not be required to complete it a second time.

If you do not hold the above training qualification, but would like to, please complete an expression of interest for training via the following link <https://forms.office.com/r/zsWq3831X2>

In the event an ASP1 is unable to provide this service in-house or by means of sub-contracting to another ASP1 company, Ausgrid may provide the service, by request, as a last resort for a fee as outlined in the 2019-2024 Regulatory Determination.

## **What does this mean?**

All projects requiring outages from 1 July 2021, will require ASP1s to install and remove access permit earths for all outages requiring access permit earthing.

## **Training Outline**

### **Prerequisite qualification or training requirements**

- All learners are to be registered with Pegasus (as this is where this course will eventually be housed).

- It has been noted that a lot of ASP's are missing the prerequisites M1809 (Pre-climb safety Inspection) and M1570 (Insulating LV mains). Currently this is scheduled the day before the HV earthing course to assist in this shortfall.
- The pre-requisites to attend the course are outlined in the following link <https://www.ausgrid.com.au/ASPs-and-Contractors/Training/What-training-do-I-need> under Additional Roles.

## **Cost**

The cost of training is set at \$350 per person, per full day of training (8 hours) but this could be subject to change.

## **Time frame of course and possible delivery dates**

The HV earthing course is scheduled to run for 8 hours (a full day) with a maximum of 6 participants. It is currently scheduled as a 2-day course to allow for the prerequisites to also be trained the day before.

## **Possible delivery dates are as follows:**

17th-18th May 2021

2nd-3rd June 2021

16th-17th June 2021

For those that hold all pre-requisites there is also the possibility of the following dates:

24th May 2021

21st June 2021

28th June 2021

## **Location**

Ausgrid Silverwater Learning Centre (currently). Further reviews are underway to potentially make this training available in Wallsend.

## **Required equipment**

An EWP is required to be supplied by the company that has the majority of participants attending. This is to be coordinated with the Ausgrid trainer.

EWP Access is only available via the rear access to the Silverwater Training Centre (Shaft Street - Silverwater).

## **What to do now?**

Please complete the EOI provided for individuals needing to attend training.

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