

Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) General Information



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Dear ASPs,

This notice serves as a reminder of the upcoming mandatory requirement for an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) under Ausgrid's Electrical Safety Rules (ESR).

From 1 January 2026, an AED must be readily accessible for work on or near Ausgrid's live exposed low-voltage (LV) network, including service cables, where a safety observer is in place.

This requirement aligns with Clause 9.5.4 of Ausgrid's Electrical Safety Rules, which defines the minimum safety controls that must be applied when working on or near the Ausgrid electricity network.

The current exemption allowing ASPs to operate without an AED, where it is not reasonably practicable to have one on site, will expire on 31 December 2025. From 1 January 2026, all Accredited Service Providers (ASPs) must ensure full compliance with this requirement.

Action Required:

- Ensure an AED is available and readily accessible at all work sites involving live LV work where a safety observer is present.
- Review and update your company safety management systems and work procedures to reflect this change before the exemption period ends.
- Confirm all personnel understand the location and operation of the AED in the event of an emergency.



For details and reference, please refer to the latest edition of Ausgrid's Electrical Safety Rules available on our website:

 www.ausgrid.com.au/esr

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

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