

ASP General Information

Electrical Safety & Compliance

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Subject: ASP/1 Notification of Work to Proceed Form

Dear ASP/1s,

We would like to bring to your attention an upcoming change to live low voltage works planning that will come into effect upon the release of the new Electrical Safety Rules 2020/0 (ESR).

Background

In accordance with the current Ausgrid Electrical Safety Rules 2019/0, Ausgrid's Network Compliance and Authorisations Officers (**Compliance Officer**) issue a Clearance to Work (CTW) to ASP/1s when they are completing live low (LV) voltage work on our network.

However, in the soon to be released 2020/0 version of the ESR, a CTW can only be issued for work on de-energised and isolated LV mains and apparatus, meaning the existing application of issuing a CTW to ASP/1s for live LV work is no longer possible.

As such, Ausgrid has developed the "Notification of Work to Proceed" form for Compliance Officers to issue to ASP/1s in lieu of a CTW. The use of this new form will come into effect when the 2020/0 version of the ESRs are published and will be included in the upcoming ES4 – Accredited Service Provider Authorisation document update.

What hasn't changed

The ASP/1 and Ausgrid Compliance Officer must still complete a Live Low Voltage Planning Assessment a minimum 10 days prior to the outage date. Information on this Live Low Voltage Planning Assessment was communicated to ASP/1s via General Information notice GI07_20 on 25 March 2020.

What is changing

Where it has been assessed that an ASP/1 may complete live LV work as part of a contestable project, the ASP/1 may only perform live work once they have been issued a "Notification of Work to Proceed" form by a Compliance Officer on site prior to the commencement of work on the day the live work is to be completed.

This replaces the current "Clearance to Work" which will no longer be applicable to Live Low Voltage works under the 2020/0 version of the ESR.

Please note:

- A "Notification of Work to Proceed" form must be issued to a person within the workgroup who is trained and authorised to be an Access Permit Recipient on Ausgrid's network.
- A "Notification of Work to Proceed" form is not required where live work is completed as part of disconnection or connection of mains and apparatus associated with an Access Permit or CTW Permit.

For any questions regarding the above, please email ASPAuthorisations@ausgrid.com.au

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