
Information for Owners and Operators of Electrical Installations

(From the Electricity Act 1996 and Electricity (General) Regulations 1997)

Section 60 of the Electricity Act 1996

Responsibility of owner or operator of infrastructure or installation.

- (1) A person who owns or operates electricity infrastructure or an electrical installation must take reasonable steps to ensure that:
- (a) the infrastructure or installation complies with, and is operated in accordance with, technical and safety requirements imposed under the regulations, and
 - (b) the infrastructure or installation is safe and safely operated.

Maximum penalty: \$250 000

- (2) For the purpose of ensuring under this section that an electrical installation complies with the technical and safety requirements and is safe, a person may, subject to the regulations, rely on a Certificate of Compliance issued under this Part in relation to the installation.

Section 61 of the Electricity Act 1996

Electrical installation work

- (1) A person to whom this section applies who carries out work on an electrical installation or proposed electrical installation must ensure that:
- (a) the work is carried out as required under the regulations; and
 - (b) examinations and tests are carried out as required under the regulations; and
 - (c) the requirements of the regulations as to notification and certificates of compliance are complied with.

Maximum penalty: \$5,000

Expiation Fee: \$315

Regulation 18 of the Electricity (General) Regulations 1997

Under the requirements of Regulation 18 of the Electricity (General) Regulations 1997, whenever an electrical worker or electrical contractor performs any work on an electrical installation, that person must ensure that all work done complies with the Safety and Technical Requirements of the Electricity Act 1996, which includes compliance with AS/NZS 3000 (Wiring Rules) and any other relevant Standard.

A Certificate of Compliance listing details of the work done must be completed and signed by the electrical worker and contractor, and furnished to the owner or operator of the electrical installation within 30 days of energisation of the electrical work concerned.

Regulation 18 (1a) of the Electricity (General) Regulations 1997

(1a) If a licensed electrical contractor, licensed building work contractor or registered electrical worker acquires a book of official forms that have been published or produced under the authority of the Technical Regulator for use by that person as certificates of compliance, the contractor or worker must ensure that notice of the contractor's or worker's acquisition of the book of forms is given to the Technical Regulator in accordance with the directions of the Technical Regulator, as set out in the book of forms.

Maximum penalty: \$750

Expiation Fee: \$105

