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Electrical Installation Regulations, 2009

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1. Definitions

Defines key terms used in the regulations including "accreditation authority," "certificate of compliance," "electrical contractor," "electrical installation," "electrical tester for single phase," "general control," "installation electrician," "installation work," "master installation electrician," "point of consumption," "point of control," "point of outlet," "point of supply," "registered person," "specialised electrical installations," "supplier," and "supply terminals."

2. Responsibility for electrical installations

2(1) The user or lessor of an electrical installation is responsible for the safety, safe use, and maintenance of the installation. 2(2) The user or lessor is responsible for the safety of conductors connecting the electrical installation to the point of supply when the point of supply is not the point of control. 2(3) Where there is a written undertaking between a user or lessor and a lessee transferring responsibility, the lessee assumes responsibility as if they were the user or lessor.

3. Approved inspection authorities for electrical installations

3(1) The chief inspector may approve any person accredited by the accreditation authority as an approved inspection authority for electrical installations. 3(2) Applications must be made to the chief inspector with required documentation and prescribed fee. 3(3) Approved inspection authorities must inform the chief inspector of any changes affecting approval within 14 days.

4. Functions of approved inspection authorities for electrical installations



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4(1) Approved inspection authorities may enter premises and conduct inspections only when contracted by the chief inspector or provincial director, or requested by the user or lessor.

4(2) Approved inspection authorities may not operate as electrical contractors.

5. Design and construction

5(1) No person may authorize, design, install or permit the installation of electrical installations except in accordance with incorporated health and safety standards. 5(2) Components must comply with relevant standards with identifiable proof of compliance. 5(3) Items not covered by incorporated standards must be installed according to supplier regulations. 5(4) A registered person must exercise general control over all electrical installation work. 5(5) For voltages exceeding 1 kV, design must be approved by a competent person as defined in the General Machinery Regulations or a professionally registered person. 5(6) When supplying five or more users from a new point of supply, a competent person must ensure compliance from commencement to commissioning. 5(7) Suppliers may not restrict application of health and safety standards unless their distribution system would be adversely affected.

6. Electrical contractor

6(1) No person may perform electrical installation work as an electrical contractor unless registered. 6(2) Electrical contractors must register annually with the chief inspector or appointed person. 6(3) Applications must include the prescribed fee. 6(4) Registration requirements include having a fixed address and telephone, and employing a registered person full-time or being a registered person.

7. Certificate of compliance

7(1) Every user or lessor must have a valid certificate of compliance accompanied by a test report for their electrical installation. 7(2) Certificates must be produced on request to inspectors, suppliers, or approved inspection authorities. 7(3) Exemptions exist for installations that existed prior to October 23, 1992 with no change of ownership after March 1, 1994, unless additions or alterations are made. 7(4) For altered installations with previous certificates, a new certificate is required at least for the addition or alteration. 7(5) When ownership changes, the certificate must not be older than two years. 7(6) Suppliers may inspect or test installations but may not charge unless requested by the user or lessor. 7(7) New certificates may be required if faults are detected during inspections.

8. Commencement and permission to connect installation work

8(1) Installation work requiring new or increased supply must be notified to the supplier in advance. 8(2) Completed or partially completed installations must be inspected, tested, and certified before connection, except for testing purposes or reconnections after disconnection for non-payment or tenant changes.



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9. Issuing of certificate of compliance

9(1) Only registered persons may issue certificates of compliance. 9(2) Registered persons may issue certificates only after inspection and testing confirm that:

- New installations comply with regulations and were under their control
 - Existing installations comply with general safety principles
 - Extensions or alterations comply with regulations and safety principles 9(3)
- Certificates must not be issued if faults are detected until rectified. 9(4) Persons undertaking electrical installation work must ensure valid certificates are issued. 9(5) No person may amend a certificate of compliance.

10. Disputes

10(1) Disputes over interpretation of safety standards may be appealed to the chief inspector. 10(2-4) Details the process for dispute notifications, responses, and resolution.

11. Application for registration as a registered person

11(1) Applications must be made to the chief inspector with the prescribed fee. 11(2) Applicants must demonstrate sufficient knowledge and practical experience. 11(3) Successful applicants receive certificates and are entered into the national database. 11(4) Registered persons must produce certificates upon request. 11(5) Changes affecting registration must be reported within 14 days.

12. Withdrawal of registration and approval

12(1) The chief inspector may withdraw approvals or registrations if conditions are no longer met or offenses are committed. 12(2-3) Details the process for notification and opportunity to respond before withdrawal. 12(4-6) Details the appeals process for decisions made by the chief inspector.

13. Substitution of lost, damaged or destroyed certificate

13(1) Applications for duplicate certificates must be made to the chief inspector with the prescribed fee. 13(2) Duplicates are marked as such and issued after proof of loss, damage, or destruction.

14. Fees payable

The fee for applications under regulations 3(2), 6(3), 11(1), or 13(1) is R120.00, payable in uncanceled revenue stamps.

15. Offenses and penalties



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Penalties for non-compliance include fines or imprisonment up to 12 months, with additional penalties for continuing offenses.

16. Repeal of regulations

Repeals the Electrical Installation Regulations, 1992.

17. Short title and commencement

17(1) These regulations are called the Electrical Installation Regulations, 2009, effective May 1, 2009. 17(2) Regulation 5(6) comes into effect on April 1, 2010.