

ASP Safety Alert Electrical Safety

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Subject: Ausgrid's Electrical Safety Rules 2021/0 release

Dear ASPs,

Ausgrid's Electricity Safety Rules (ESR) 2021/0 edition has been approved and features some substantial changes.

This edition of the ESR will come into effect on **Monday, 22 November 2021**.

A list of these changes are detailed in the **ESR Amendments Advice** which can be found along with the **ESRs** and **Appendix A – Working on or near exposed low voltage mains and apparatus - Task list** on the Ausgrid website under Technical Documentation on the [ESR – Electrical Safety Rules](#) page.

In addition to the above you will have a narrated ESR2021/0 Key Changes video available to your company which can be used in conjunction with the full ESR Amendments Advice to retrain workers.

A link to this video is provided below:

<https://www.ausgrid.com.au/-/media/Documents/Technical-Documentation/ESR/ESR-2021-Key-Changes-Video.mp4>

A leeway will exist until 1 January 2022 for the application of access authorities/permits for work on low voltage mains and apparatus, and the application of test voltages, where a Network Access Request has already been submitted. In those situations, the work may continue utilising the access authority/permit that was requested on the Network Access Request. After 1 January 2022, the access authority/permit that is required by the 2021 edition of the ESR must be utilised.

ASP company requirements

Ausgrid requires every ASP company to:

1. Update your company's **systems of work** and **safety systems** to align with the Ausgrid's safety management system and the ESR 2021/0 edition
2. **Provide** your workers, including any sub-contractors with copies of the relevant safety management systems, including the ESR 2021/0 edition
3. **Retrain** authorised workers in your company's amended safety management system for undertaking work on or near the Ausgrid network in accordance with the ESR 2021/0 edition

If you have questions regarding the ESR 2021/0, please email electricalsafetyrules@ausgrid.com.au.

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