

Electrical Safety Regulation 2026

Overview of the structure of the new 2026 Regulation compared with sections in the expired 2013 Regulation.

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	Division 2	Installation of approved safety switches in domestic residences	Sections 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86
	Division 3	Roof space work	Sections 120A, 120B, 120C, 120D, 120E, 120F
	Division 4	Installation of ceiling insulation	Sections 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96
	Division 5	Other requirements	Sections 74, 75
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	Division 8	Recognised external certification schemes—Act, section 48j	Section 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180
	Division 9	Regulator may require testing of item of level 1, 2 or 3 in-scope electrical equipment	Sections 181, 182, 183, 184
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	Division 12	Program for issuing certificates of suitability	Section 187
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Part 5		Electrical equipment - general	
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	Division 3	Manufacturing work	Sections 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 100
	Division 4	Service work or office work	Sections 111, 112, 113
	Division 5	Requirements for particular industries	Sections 103, 104, 119, 120, 194
Part 7		Licensing	
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	Division 3	Requirements for issue of electrical work licences	Sections 42, 43, 44, 45, 46
	Division 4	Requirements for issue of electrical contractor licences	Sections 7, 48, 51, 54
	Division 5	Requirements for renewal or reinstatement of electrical licences	Sections 46, 54, 55, 303
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	Division 7	Other matters	Sections 66, 64, 67, 56, 63, 61, 62, 65
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	Division 2	Prescribed matters	Sections 285C, 285B, 284, 282, 285A
	Division 3	Other matters	Sections 270, 281, 278, 280, 283, 285
Part 16		Repeal and transitional provisions	A number of new transitional arrangements are included.

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			Ongoing transitional provisions include: sections 294, 293, 295 and 296
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