



COMMUNICATIONS KIT

*Electrical Safety and Other Legislation Amendment
Regulation 2024 (ESOLA Regulation)*

Keeping the community safe from the dangers of electricity



ABOUT THE REGULATION

The Electrical Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024 (ESOLA Regulation) implements further recommendations from the Review of Queensland's *Electrical Safety Act 2002*.

The ESOLA Regulation amends the Electrical Safety Regulation 2013 (ES Regulation) and makes minor amendments to the Safety in Recreational Water Activities Regulation 2024 (SRWA Regulation), State Penalties Enforcement Regulation 2014 (SPE Regulation) and the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011 (WHS Regulation).





ABOUT THIS KIT

This communications kit has been created to help you and your workplace understand key changes as a result of the ESOLA Regulation.

In this kit you will find:

- a summary of changes and when they commence
- social media posts for sharing
- helpful links to further resources including two webinars
- frequently asked questions.





WHEN DO CHANGES COMMENCE?

Changes that commenced on 27 September 2024 have:

- clarified testing energised electrical equipment is a form of energised electrical work
- clarified when approved safety switches on general purpose socket-outlets in domestic residences are required
- updated examples of facilities maintained by a person in control of an electrical installation
- clarified Queensland's implementation of the Electrical Equipment Safety System
- clarified circumstances where accredited auditor inspections are not required following the replacement of similar electrical equipment in hazardous area electrical installations
- remedied an incorrect reference relating to records of assessments for safety observers
- prescribed GoldlinQ as a prescribed electricity entity
- prescribed Acts in the ES Regulation, SRWA Regulation and WHS Regulation
- introduced new penalty infringement notice offences (on the spot fines) under the WHS Regulation.

Remaining changes commence in 2025.

1 January 2025

- Requirements for electrical work on energised electrical equipment are extended to apply to electrical work on or near energised electrical equipment.
- New requirements introduced for persons conducting a business or undertaking (PCBUs) and workers carrying out work in or entering domestic roof spaces.
- Timeframes for electrical contractors to notify the Electrical Safety Office of changes to a qualified technical person or qualified business person on their licence are revised to 10 business days.

1 April 2025

- Water equipment is included as prescribed electrical equipment.

1 July 2025

- New infringement notice offence (on the spot fine) where PCBUs fail to meet domestic roof space requirements.

Learn more about the [ESOLA Regulation](#).





CHANGES TO THE

ES Regulation

Why is the ES Regulation changing?

Updates to the Electrical Safety Regulation 2013 implement additional recommendations from the *Review of Queensland's Electrical Safety Act 2002*.

The Review focused on ensuring Queensland's electrical safety laws continue to provide high safety standards for workers and the community. The ESOLA Regulation gives effect to a number of amendments focused on clarifying the operation of the framework, as well as introducing new requirements to respond to identified risks.

Targeted consultation with industry, registered unions, businesses, high voltage and hazardous area accredited auditors, boards and committees and government bodies informed the development of the ESOLA Regulation.

Learn more about the *Electrical Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024*.



New requirements for carrying out work in or entering domestic roof spaces commence 1 January 2025

From 1 January 2025, all PCBUs and workers carrying out work in or entering a domestic roof space must comply with new legislative requirements.

For PCBUs

PCBUs must ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that workers do not carry out work in the roof space; or enter the roof space to carry out work in another part of the building unless the:

- relevant electrical installations in the building are de-energised; or
- if prescribed circumstances apply, comply with additional safety requirements.

Prescribed circumstances mean:

- where it is not reasonably practicable to carry out the work or enter the roof space while the relevant electrical installation is de-energised (i.e. an energised supply cable from a solar installation is running through the roof space); or
- it is necessary for a thing (other than electrical equipment) to be energised in order to test, service or commission the thing (e.g. an extra low voltage data cable).

If a prescribed circumstance applies, a PCBU must comply with the additional safety requirements including ensuring:

- a risk assessment is conducted for the work or entry
- the PCBU must be satisfied that the risks are or can be reduced to as low as reasonably practicable, and the work or entry can be done safely
- a statement for the work or entry (a statement) is prepared
- work or entry is carried out in accordance with the statement
- records of the risk assessment and statement are kept.

A statement must identify the work, specific hazards and risks, the control measures to be implemented, and how the measures are to be implemented, monitored and reviewed.

Electrical work on or near energised electrical equipment in domestic roof spaces are instead subject to the requirements for 'electrical work on or near energised electrical equipment' in Part 3, Division 1 of the Electrical Safety Regulation 2013.

For workers

Workers must also ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the worker does not carry out work in the roof space; or enter the roof space for the carrying out of work in another part of the building unless the:

- relevant electrical installations in the building are de-energised; or
- a prescribed circumstances applies.

Prescribed circumstances mean:

- where it is not reasonably practicable to carry out the work or enter the roof space while the relevant electrical installation is de-energised (i.e. an energised supply cable from a solar installation is running through the roof space); or
- it is necessary for a thing (other than electrical equipment) to be energised in order to test, service or commission the thing (e.g. an extra low voltage data cable).

Learn more

You are encouraged to proactively adopt these work practices before the new requirements commence on 1 January 2025. Learn more about requirements for carrying out work in or entering domestic roof spaces in Part 7, Division 6 of the ESOLA Regulation.

Additional guidance is currently being prepared and will be available soon on our WorkSafe [website](#) and our Electrical safety [website](#). Stay informed on the [Electrical Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024](#).



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When do changes commence from the ESOLA Regulation?

The majority of changes commenced 27 September 2024. Remaining changes commence in 2025 ¹⁷:

1 January 2025

- ▶ New requirements addressing the risk of arc flash.
- ▶ New requirements for carrying out work in or entering domestic roof spaces.
- ▶ When to notify the regulator when a QBP or QTP is no longer eligible on your licence.

1 April 2025

- ▶ Water equipment is included as prescribed electrical equipment.

1 July 2025

- ▶ New on the spot fine where PCBUs fail to meet domestic roof space requirements.

Learn more about how these changes may impact you by visiting our WorkSafe website or viewing our webinar for a summary of the changes <https://bit.ly/3UhThn1>.



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For PCBUs:

- ▶ Ensure workers don't carry out work in or enter roof spaces unless relevant electrical installations are de-energised, or safety measures for prescribed circumstances are followed.
- ▶ Where prescribed circumstances apply – conduct risk assessments, prepare statements of the work or entry, and keep a record of the risk assessment and statement.

For workers:


- ▶ Don't work in or enter roof spaces unless the relevant electrical installations are de-energised or prescribed circumstances apply (and you are working in accordance with the statement for the work or entry).

Learn more about how these changes may impact you by visiting our WorkSafe website or viewing our webinar for more information about the new requirements for carrying out work in or entering domestic roof spaces <https://bit.ly/3UhThn1>.

If you would like to download the social media assets, please email events@oir.qld.gov.au.



HELPFUL LINKS



Find out everything you need to know about the ESOLA Regulation and changes that might impact you:

- [Electrical Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024](#)
- [ESOLA Regulation: Your questions answered](#)

Watch the webinars:

- [The Electrical Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024](#)
- [New requirements for carrying out work in or entering domestic roof spaces commence 1 January 2025](#)



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Find out the answers to frequently asked questions about the ESOLA Regulation on our website.

Visit [ESOLA Regulation: Your questions answered](#) for questions relating to:

- why the electrical safety legislative framework is changing
- when changes commence
- what the changes may mean for you.

If you still have questions...

- phone Workplace Health and Safety Queensland Advisory Services on **1300 362 128**
- submit your query [online](#).