

Occupational Licensing Act 2005

Occupational Licensing (Electrical Infrastructure and Installation Exemptions) Order 2008

I, Robert Lindsay Pearce, Administrator of Occupational Licensing, make the following Order under section 99 of the *Occupational Licensing Act 2005*.

1. Short title

This Order may be cited as the *Occupational Licensing (Electrical Infrastructure and Installation Exemptions) Order 2008*.

2. Commencement

This Order takes effect on the day fixed for commencement of section 7(1) of the *Occupational Licensing Act 2005*.

3. Interpretation

In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires –

“**Act**” means the *Occupational Licensing Act 2005*;

“**contractor**” means the holder of a contractor’s licence authorising him or her to carry out a contractor’s business of electrical work;

“**contractor’s licence**” means a contractor’s licence for electrical work;

“**electrical work**” has the meaning given by regulation 4 of the *Occupational Licensing (Electrical Work) Regulations 2008*.

4. Application of Acts Interpretation Act 1931

The *Acts Interpretation Act 1931* applies to this Order.

5. Exemption of inspection, erection and staking work of poles and associated structures

- (1) This clause applies to the following electrical work when performed at ground level:
- (a) the visual inspection of cross-arms, insulators, wires and lines, that directly or indirectly support wires for the distribution or transmission of electricity;
 - (b) the inspection and testing of poles and associated structures to identify their suitability for continued use;
 - (c) the placement or replacement of poles and associated structures, but not any other thing that directly or indirectly supports wires for the distribution or transmission of electricity.
 - (d) the reinforcement, or reinstatement, of the structural integrity of wooden poles but not any other thing that directly or indirectly supports wires for the distribution or transmission of electricity.

- (2) A person who carries out any electrical work to which this clause applies is exempt from the requirement of Part 4 of the Act to hold a licence as a practitioner if –
 - (a) he or she is employed by a contractor and the electrical work is performed for and on behalf of the contractor during the course of that employment; and
 - (b) he or she carries out the electrical work, as directed by the contractor, in accordance with documented work practices and procedures that otherwise satisfy the requirements of the Act.

6. Exemption of inspection and erection of towers

- (1) This clause applies to the following electrical work:
 - (a) the visual inspection of cross-arms, insulators, wires and lines, that directly or indirectly support wires for the distribution or transmission of electricity;
 - (b) the inspection and testing of lattice towers or steel towers to identify their suitability for continued use;
 - (c) the construction, placement, repair or replacement of lattice towers or steel towers but not any other thing that directly or indirectly supports wires for the distribution or transmission of electricity.
- (2) A person who carries out any electrical work to which this clause applies is exempt from the requirement of Part 4 of the Act to hold a licence as a practitioner if –
 - (a) he or she is employed by a contractor and the electrical work is performed for and on behalf of the contractor during the course of that employment; and
 - (b) he or she carries out the electrical work, as directed by the contractor, in accordance with documented work practices and procedures that otherwise satisfy the requirements of the Act.

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