

Electrical Safety

- New wiring rules >

This Information Bulletin has been developed to inform industry, electrical contractors and electricians on the new wiring rules which came into effect on 12 November 2007.

New edition of the Wiring Rules

Standards Australia has released a 2007 edition of the Wiring Rules. This new edition is entitled AS/NZS 3000:2007, and will be applied on a mandatory basis from 12 May 2008.

How to be prepared

All contractors need to be fully conversant with AS/NZS 3000:2007. The major changes to this new standard as compared to the previous standard AS/NZS 3000:2000 are as follows:

- Extended application of Residual Current Devices (RCDs) and testing for correct operation
- Protection against arcing faults
- Requirements for selectivity (discrimination) between circuits
- Strengthening of requirements for the prevention of the spread of fire
- Enhanced requirements for recessed luminaires
- Requirements for sanitisation areas in the food processing industry
- Inclusion of detailed guidance material removed from the 2000 edition
- More intuitive index, additional appendices, illustrations and background information.

For further information visit <http://www.saiglobal.com/publishing/wiringrules/rules.htm>.

The new publication is available from the Territory Construction Association, Cnr Hickman St and Winnellie Road, Winnellie, phone 8922 9666 or from Standards Australia and electrical wholesalers.

The standard AS/NZS 3000:2007 is available in the familiar A5 size with a choice of either the normal soft cover version, premier hard cover edition, or electronic pdf option.

Don't get caught out
COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEW WIRING STANDARD IS MANDATORY

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