

Electricity Safety Act 1998
DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 4
Order in Council

The Governor in Council under Section 4 of the **Electricity Safety Act 1998** (the Act), declares that certain provisions of the Act specified in this Order, do not have effect to the extent specified-

Section 4(1)(a) of the Electricity Safety Act 1998
Electrical contractors and electrical workers

1. Sections 30 and 36 of the Act do not have effect in relation to an **electrical contractor** contracting or undertaking to carry out the disconnection or reconnection of a consumers mains or submains neutral for the purpose of conducting neutral and polarity testing using a Victorian Electricity Supply Industry ("VESI"), Neutral and Supply Tester.
2. Sections 36 and 38(a) of the Act do not have effect in relation to an **electrical installation worker** disconnecting or reconnecting a consumers mains or submains neutral for the purpose of conducting neutral and polarity testing using a VESI Neutral and Supply Tester if the electricity supplier supplying or to supply electricity to the electrical installation has authorised the worker to carry out the testing and has certified that the worker has satisfactorily completed-
 - (a) the VESI Neutral and Supply Tester Course; and
 - (b) a practical assessment in performing the functions of the VESI Neutral and Supply Tester; and
 - (c) training in the safety aspects of the disconnection and reconnection of consumers mains or submains neutrals and of neutral and polarity testing; and
 - (d) a practical assessment in safely disconnecting and reconnecting consumers mains or submains neutrals; and
 - (e) training in the limitations of the work.
3. Sections 45(1) and 45A of the Act do not have effect in relation to a registered electrical contractor or a licensed electrical installations worker who is a responsible person under section 41A of the Act responsible for the carrying out of the disconnection or reconnection of a consumers mains or submains neutral for the purpose of conducting neutral and polarity testing using a VESI Neutral and Supply Tester.

Except where expressions are defined in the Act, expressions used in this Order have the same meaning as they have in the **Electricity Safety (Installations) Regulations 1999**.

This Order is effective from the date on which it is published in the Victoria Government Gazette [7 September 2000]
Dated 5 September 2000.