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Dear M Class Licensed Electrical Inspector

INSTALLATION OF DENTAL CHAIRS IN PATIENT AREAS

ESV has reviewed its position regarding the electrical safety installation requirements applicable to the installation of dental chairs in dental surgeries.

The reviewed position removes the requirement for the installed dental chair to be inspected by an M Class electrical inspector provided the chair is a plug-in type that is installed by a competent technician.

The reviewed position does not remove any other requirements of the *Electricity Safety Act 1998*, regulations or relevant standards.

It remains a requirement that the introduction of medical electrical equipment (the dental chair) within a patient area will **trigger patient areas to be wired/upgraded to comply with AS/NZS 3003:2011** if the patient area is not already compliant to the standard.

The reviewed position provides ESV and relevant stakeholders time to review current requirements for plug-in electrical equipment and the implications of different interpretations that exist across the industry.

ESV will update you if the position changes.

Yours sincerely



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