

Certificate Approval Statement

Training Course in Vegetation Management Work

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Introduction

ESV is the independent technical regulator responsible for electricity, gas and pipeline safety in Victoria. It has objectives, functions and responsibilities under the *Electricity Safety Act 1998* (the Act). This includes the administration of Electricity Safety (General) Regulations 2019 (the General Regulations).

Background

A person, other than a **qualified person**, must not carry out vegetation management work if the vegetation is closer to a protected aerial line than the distances prescribed by the General Regulations.

A **qualified person** in the context of this Certificate Approval Statement means a person—

- a) who carries out Vegetation Management Work that is defined in regulation 105 of the General Regulations; and
- b) holds a current certificate that is listed in this statement.

Approved training certificate

For the purposes of the definition of **qualified person** in regulations 614, 616 and 617 of the General Regulations, the training certificate ESV approves is a certificate that specifies satisfactory completion of the National UET20319 Certificate II in ESI Powerline Vegetation Control. The certificate must be issued by a registered training organisation as defined in the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*.

Additional requirements

Regulation 616(2) of the General Regulations requires that a **qualified person** carrying out Vegetation Management Work in the vicinity of a protected aerial line must comply with—

- a) the [Electrical Safety Rules for Vegetation Management Work Near Overhead Powerlines by Non-Electrical Workers](#), as published or amended from time to time by ESV; and
- b) the [Blue Book](#) when working on or near high voltage electrical equipment; and
- c) the [Orange Book](#) when working on or near a railway or tram network supply.

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