

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY.

No. 13 of 1963.

An Ordinance relating to the Installation and Use of Electrical Installations and the doing of Electrical Wiring Work in the Territory, and for related purposes.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Electricity Ordinance* 1963.* Short title.

2. This Ordinance shall come into operation on the day on which the *Australian Capital Territory Electricity Supply Act* 1962 comes into operation.† Commencement.

3. This Ordinance does not apply to the Territory accepted in pursuance of the *Jervis Bay Territory Acceptance Act* 1915-1955. Application of Ordinance.

4.—(1.) In this Ordinance, unless the contrary intention appears— Interpretation.

“ article of electrical equipment ” means a wire, cable, appliance, fitting, meter, insulator, apparatus or material intended for use in, or connexion to, an electrical installation;

“ electrical installation ” means the wires, cables, appliances, fittings, meters, insulators, apparatus and materials placed in, on, under or over, any land or premises for the conveyance over, or transmission to, and use on, that land or those premises of electricity supplied by the Authority, but does not include any wires, appliances, fittings or apparatus connected to and extending beyond an electrical outlet socket at which fixed wiring terminates and that is installed for the purpose of connecting electrical appliances, fittings or apparatus;

“ electrical wiring work ” means the actual physical work of installing an electrical installation;

“ the Act ” means the *Australian Capital Territory Electricity Supply Act* 1962;

* Made on 27th June, 1963; notified in the *Commonwealth Gazette* on 28th June, 1963.

† The date of commencement of the *Australian Capital Territory Electricity Supply Act* 1962 was 1st July, 1963; see *Commonwealth Gazette*, 30th May, 1963, p. 1978.

“ the Authority ” means the Australian Capital Territory Electricity Authority constituted under the Act;

“ the Chairman ” means the Chairman of the Authority and includes an Acting Chairman and the Deputy of the Chairman;

“ wireman’s licence ” means—

(a) a wireman’s licence issued or renewed under the Canberra and Jervis Bay Electric Supply Regulations and in force immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance; or

(b) a wireman’s licence issued or renewed under those Regulations as continued in force by virtue of section five of this Ordinance.

(2.) In this Ordinance, a reference to an electrical installation shall be read as including any addition, alteration or repairs to the electrical installation.

Continuation
in force of
certain
provisions of
the Canberra
and Jervis Bay
Electric Supply
Regulations.

5.—(1.) The provisions of the Canberra and Jervis Bay Electric Supply Regulations as in force immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance relating to the issue and renewal of wiremen’s licences, the cancellation or suspension of those licences and the fees payable for the issue and renewal of those licences shall, subject to this section, be in force by virtue of this Ordinance and may be amended or repealed by regulations made under this Ordinance.

(2.) In the application of the provisions referred to in the last preceding sub-section, a reference to the Electrical Engineer or to an officer shall be read as a reference to the Chairman.

Restrictions on
carrying out
of electrical
wiring work.

6. A person other than—

(a) a person who is the holder of a wireman’s licence that is in force; or

(b) a person working under the direction and supervision of a person who is the holder of a wireman’s licence that is in force,

shall not carry out any electrical wiring work.

Penalty: One hundred pounds.

Prohibition
on sale, &c.,
of electrical
equipment
unless
approved.

7. A person shall not sell, hire, expose for sale or hire, advertise for sale or hire, or connect to, an electrical installation in the Territory an article of electrical equipment—

(a) that has been proclaimed under section twenty-one of the Electricity Development Act, 1945-1957 of the State of New South Wales as an article

of electrical equipment and that has not been stamped or labelled with the approval of The Electricity Authority of the State of New South Wales as prescribed by regulations made under that Act; or

- (b) an article of electrical equipment for sale, hiring, exposing for sale or hire, or advertising for sale or hire of which or the use in, or connexion to, an electrical installation in the Territory has been prohibited by the regulations.

Penalty: One hundred pounds.

8.—(1.) A person authorized by the Authority to act under this section may, at all reasonable times, enter upon any land or premises—

Entry upon
land, &c.

- (a) on which electrical wiring work is being, or has been, carried out; or
(b) on which an article of electrical equipment is being, or has been, installed,

for the purposes of—

- (c) ascertaining whether the electrical wiring work is being, or has been, carried out in accordance with the conditions determined by the Authority under section eighteen of the Act as the conditions upon or subject to which electricity will be supplied by the Authority; or
(d) inspecting an article of electrical equipment.

(2.) A person who enters upon land or premises in pursuance of the last preceding sub-section is not authorized to remain on the land or premises if, on request by the occupier of the land or premises, he does not produce a certificate in writing under the hand of the Chairman that he is authorized by the Authority to act under this section.

(3.) A person shall not, without reasonable excuse, obstruct a person acting in accordance with this section.

Penalty: Fifty pounds.

9.—(1.) Where a person authorized by the Authority to act under the last preceding section finds an article of electrical equipment or an electrical installation, whether fixed or portable, that is in the opinion of the person so authorized likely to be a source of danger, the person so authorized may—

Labelling, &c.,
defective
electrical
equipment.

- (a) in the case of an article of electrical equipment—attach in a conspicuous position to the article of electrical equipment a label indicating that the

article is dangerous and that it shall not be used until it has been repaired or otherwise rendered safe for use;

(b) in the case of an electrical installation—disconnect the installation.

(2.) A person shall not—

(a) use an article of electrical equipment to which a label has been attached under the last preceding sub-section until the article has been repaired or otherwise rendered safe for use; or

(b) without reasonable excuse, remove, destroy, damage or interfere with a label that has been attached to an article of electrical equipment under the last preceding sub-section.

Penalty: One hundred pounds.

Connection not to be made without permission.

10. A person shall not, without the written permission of the Authority or of a person authorized by the Authority, connect or affix an article of electrical equipment to an electrical installation the property of the Authority.

Penalty: One hundred pounds.

Evidence.

11.—(1.) The Chairman may, by writing under his hand, certify—

(a) that a document annexed to the certificate is a true copy of a determination made by the Authority under the Act; and

(b) whether a determination made by the Authority is still in force or, if not, the period during which the determination was in force.

(2.) Unless the contrary is proved, a certificate purporting to have been given under this section is, in all courts, evidence of the facts stated in the certificate and of the determination a copy of which is attached to that certificate.

(3.) Unless the contrary is proved, a certificate purporting to have been given under this section shall, in all courts, be deemed to have been given by the person purporting to give the certificate.

Regulations.

12. The Minister may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Ordinance, prescribing all matters required or permitted by this Ordinance to be prescribed or necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Ordinance.