



AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1996

No. 28 of 1996

An Act to amend the *Electricity Act 1971*, to validate certain licences purportedly issued under that Act and to make provision in relation to the continued operation of certain licences under that Act

[Notified in ACT Gazette S130: 1 July 1996]

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1996*.

Commencement

2. This Act commences on the day on which it is notified in the *Gazette*.

Interpretation

3. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

“former Authority” means the former Australian Capital Territory Electricity and Water Authority established by the *Energy and Water Act 1988*;

“Principal Act” means the *Electricity Act 1971*¹;

“relevant date” means 5 October 1994.

Interpretation

4. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in subsection (1) the following definition:

“ ‘Company’ means ACTEW Corporation Limited;”.

Substitution

5. Section 33 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted:

Inspection, testing and passing of electrical installations before connection to mains

“33. A person shall not, except in such circumstances as may be prescribed, connect to the supply mains of the Company an electrical installation which has been the subject of electrical wiring work until the installation has been inspected, tested and passed by a person appointed by the Chief Executive, by writing, for the purposes of this section.

Penalty: 50 penalty units or imprisonment for 6 months, or both. ”.

Validation

6. Where, during the period commencing on the relevant date and ending at the expiration of 8 November 1994, the former Authority purported to authorise the grant of an electrical contractor’s licence, or an electrician’s licence, Grade A, the licence is, and at all times shall be taken to have been, as valid as if the grant of the licence had been authorised by the Board.

Transitional

7. (1) Subject to Part VI of the Principal Act, a licence in force immediately before the relevant date for a period to expire after the relevant date being—

- (a) a licence granted on an application under subsection 19 (1) of the *Electricity Act 1971* as in force before the relevant date;
- (b) a licence granted on an application under subsection 19 (2) of the *Electricity Act 1971* as in force before the relevant date;
- (c) an electrician’s licence, Grade A; or
- (d) an electrician’s licence, Grade B;

shall continue, and be taken to have continued, in force on and after the relevant date for the unexpired portion of its term as if it had been granted under section 34, 35, 39 or 40 of the Principal Act, as the case may be.

(2) A person authorised by the Chief Executive for the purposes of section 33 of the Principal Act as modified by Subordinate Law No. 24 of 1995 shall be taken to have been appointed under section 33 of the Principal Act as amended by this Act.

Repeal

8. Subordinate Law No. 24 of 1995 is repealed.

NOTES

Principal Act

1. Reprinted as at 31 January 1995. See also Act No. 46, 1995. Modified by Subordinate Law No. 24, 1995.

Penalty units

See section 33AA of the *Interpretation Act 1967*.

[Presentation speech made in Assembly on 18 April 1996]

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