

ASA PTY LTD APPLICATION TO BE A RECS ACCREDITED CERTIFIER REFUSED

Bulletin

Dear Members

We would like to bring to your attention that the certifying organisation, ASA Pty Ltd (<http://www.australiansafetyapproval.com/>) have had their application to become a Queensland recognised external certification scheme (RECS) certifier refused by the Queensland Electrical Safety Office (ESO). This is due to ASA not meeting the requirements of the Electrical Equipment Safety System (EESS) certification system (i.e. the EESS Recognised External Certification Scheme – RECS).

This means that ASA will no longer have access to upload new certificates, modify, renew or amend their existing certificates, on the EESS certification database.

Any existing ASA certificates on the EESS database will remain valid until the certificate (or registration) expires and can be used to register the equipment related to that certificate (unless a safety issue is identified in which case the certificate will be removed by regulators).

As ASA do not have access to the EESS certification database, if you wish to add extra models or modify those you have registered on the EESS you will have to go to another certifier and have the equipment fully re-certified, with documents and compliance to the relevant standard as required at the time of re-certification. This would also require a new separate registration to list the new models.

Other RECS certifiers cannot modify existing ASA certificates or re-certify equipment based on ASA certificates. RECS certifiers will have to issue a compete new certificate and require full documentation to do so.

It is important to note even if a responsible supplier has a certificate issued by a certifier, the responsible supplier is still responsible to ensure all equipment supplied is electrically safe and meets the relevant safety standard. Responsible suppliers declare that all equipment they import or manufacture in Australia or New Zealand is electrically safe and meets the relevant safety standard. While not mandatory under electrical safety regulations, Lighting Council Australia recommend Members implement quality assurance processes to verify the equipment they are supplying matches the equipment certified and tested.

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