

VEDN Bulletin

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Safe Systems of Work

NBN Rollout

The NBN Rollout is much more than VEDN requirements. NBN contractors and their IMS Auditors should check with the relevant network for the local network NBN installation and metering requirements as part of their Safe Systems of Work.

It is a requirement for NBN and all crews as part of their Safe Systems of Work to have copies of DBYD information on site. If you have trouble reading or understanding the information provided by a DBYD member please call them to discuss.

It is a requirement to positively identify electrical assets prior to starting excavation works.

The current standards for the installation of underground electrical infrastructure requires marker tape, unless the conduits were installed using HDD.

There are other reasons that marker tape may not be present above the cable/conduit, such as:

- The crew did not place the tape in the trench.
- When backfilling the trench the excavator dumped the soil in and the tape was pushed to the side of the trench.
- Other 3rd Parties have removed the tape
- Road works have disturbed the marker tape

Training

The VEDN website will be updated shortly to show the Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) that have signed agreements in 2016 to deliver VEDN Training Modules:

Module 1

Installation of Underground Electrical Infrastructure

Module 4

Auditing of Underground Electrical Infrastructure

Module 5

Cable Hauling Auditing

Module 6

Cable Hauling for Civil Contractors

1st of July 2016

All people involved in the installation of Underground Electrical Infrastructure must have completed Module 1.

This includes people who:

- # Undertake trenching or backfilling activities
- # Undertake installation of conduits & tape
- # Undertake installation of poles & pits
- # Undertake the preparation of substation sites
- # Undertake Cable Hauling

Are your employees or contractors trained??

1st of July 2016

Crews involved in Cable Hauling must have completed Module 6 Cable Hauling training: "Lay ESI Cables UETTDRCJ21A".

In 2016 WorkSafe may also change the regulations to require people involved in cable hauling to undertake additional training.

Cable Hauling Audits

The Cable Hauling Auditing trial program will expire on the 1st Jul 2016. During the trial period all non-conformances were treated as observations. From the 1st Jul 2016 the auditors will record non-conformance and comments. A copy of all Cable Hauling Audits will be sent to the VEDN.

The VEDN will review non-conformances and will consider requesting action plans from the company or network involved.

All VEDN auditor categories are valid for 3 years and to be recredited auditors must provide evidence of audit reports + photographs.

VEDN Website

You will soon notice changes to the format of the VEDN Website and the way it functions.

The website will take the first steps towards automation.

- New applications will be able to be completed online.
- Automated reminders will be sent out months prior to audit dates
- Contractors will be able to update their business details
- Companies that go past their audit dates will be automatically removed from the website, and therefore are not entitled to undertake underground electrical infrastructure work