

VEDN Bulletin

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This Bulletin is issued by the Victorian Electricity Distribution Networks (VEDN) to disseminate the latest information regarding VEDN processes for contractors undertaking civil works.

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VEDN Website

In 2014 you may have heard about changes to the VEDN website as we prepare for the future. In 2015 the Victorian Electricity Supply Industry will

be upgrading the entire website, which will include the VEDN portal. The changes to the website will improve the overall experience, improved search facilities, and allow access for the application process. It is important your details are accurate

Management System Audits

The VEDN management system requirements were implemented in 2010 due to non-conformances experienced in the industry caused by civil contractors. The VEDN Management System requirements are **based** on the following:

- # AS 4801:2001 (Safety of people + Workers)
- # ISO 9001:2000 (Quality: information & work)
- # ISO 14001:2004 (Environment),
- # The VEDN Special Requirements

In applying for VEDN accreditation companies have committed to meeting and maintaining standards, continuous improvement, and customer satisfaction.

The auditor is the key to providing evidence via audit reports to the VEDN that

companies are compliant and improving their processes and practices.

In 2015 the VEDN will begin a review of:

- # The quality of IMS audit reports
- # Auditor Qualifications, Training, and Association membership

Cable Hauling

The VEDN and WorkSafe in 2014 have experienced issues with cable hauling.

WorkSafe has advised the VEDN that organisations must provide evidence that employees are competent in cable hauling.

Competency can be demonstrated by:
 Training, Knowledge, Skills
 Experience, and
 Documented systems and procedures.

The VEDN has organised Federation TAFE to run a pilot course in 2015 for civil contractors to obtain a "Statement of Attainment" for laying ESI electrical cables (UETTDRJ21A).

This is a nationally recognised training course and will be one of the requirements for companies wishing to be accredited for VEDN cable hauling (Mechanical).

Next Bulletin Topic – No Go Zone

The next VEDN bulletin will focus on No Go Zone requirements.

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