

Information bulletin – Eligibility of existing inoperable products for upgrades

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Existing inoperable products are eligible to be replaced under the VEET scheme.

This administrative clarification is important as it may affect the eligibility of upgrade activities.

You should review our position on these matters, which apply immediately.

Overview

In most cases, existing inoperable products are eligible to be replaced under the VEET scheme, provided they are connected to a utility supply and are operable if they remain in situ after the upgrade. The Essential Services Commission would like to clarify for scheme participants which inoperable products are eligible to be replaced under the scheme.

Who is impacted by this clarification

You, if you undertake or intend to undertake the following prescribed activities:

- Lighting activities (Schedules 21 and 34)
- Hot water activities (Schedules 1, 2, 3 and 4)
- Space heating and cooling activities (Schedules 5, 6, 7, 8, 23 and 28)
- Installation of product on single glazed window activity (Schedule 14)
- Shower rose activity (Schedule 17)
- Trigger nozzle activity (Schedule 35)
- Prerinse spray valve activity (Schedule 36)

Which existing inoperable products are eligible?

Inoperable products eligible for upgrade must fit within one of the schedules listed on the previous page, and:

- the existing (or associated) product:
 - must be connected to a utility supply (electricity, gas (mains or bottled) or water)
 - must be operable if it remains in situ after the upgrade
- regardless of whether the existing product is operable or not, it must be decommissioned as part of the activity and the existing documentary requirements for decommissioning still apply.

Which existing inoperable products are not eligible?

Products which do not fit within the schedules listed on the previous page, or do not meet the requirements above, are ineligible.

Pre-1996 refrigerators or freezers under Schedule 19 are also ineligible.

What does this mean for stakeholders

You must ensure that you understand the impacts of these changes on your business. You should review the following updated explanatory notes, available on the VEET website:

- [Explanatory note - creating VEECs from prescribed activities](#)
- [Explanatory note – building based lighting upgrade - part 1: activity guidance](#)

Where to get help

If you have any questions about this information bulletin that are not answered by the explanatory notes linked above, please contact VEET support on (03) 9032 1310 or veet@esc.vic.gov.au.

Legal context for this document

This document should not be relied upon as a substitute for legal advice and should be read in conjunction with the *Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Regulations 2008* (the Principal Regulations). In the event of inconsistency between this document and the Principal Regulations, the content in the Principal Regulations takes precedence.



The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning develops policy for the [Victorian Energy Upgrades](#) program. The program provides incentives for Victorian households and organisations to make energy efficiency improvements that save money on their energy bills and reduce Victoria's greenhouse gas emissions

The Essential Services Commission administers the program as the 'Victorian Energy Efficiency Target scheme' under the *Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007*.

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