

Information bulletin – changes to mandatory safety training (MST) requirements

30 April 2018



We are making further changes to our MST requirements. The changes may impact both new and existing installers.



The changes will help to ensure installers have the skills needed to safely undertake prescribed activities in the VEET scheme.



The changes affecting installers new to the program are effective immediately. Existing installers that need to retrain must do so by 30 April 2019.

We have updated our MST requirements further

Overview

We set MST requirements to help ensure installers have the skills and understanding needed to safely carry out prescribed activities in the VEET scheme. Installers meet the MST requirements by completing units of competency offered by registered training organisations (RTOs). We specify units of competency for prescribed activities based on the occupational health and safety (OH&S) risks associated with each activity.

We recently carried out a review of our MST framework. Several recommendations came out of the review. We responded to some of these by publishing a new explanatory note [Explanatory note – safety, risks and training obligations](#) and updating a number of MST requirements. To respond to other, more complex recommendations, we released a consultation document seeking feedback from stakeholders. After considering the submissions received, we have now implemented further changes to our MST requirements, as outlined below.

Who is impacted?

Accredited Persons (APs) that undertake, or intend to undertake, prescribed activities as part of the VEET scheme may be impacted by these changes.

What do APs have to do?

APs must ensure:

1. installers new to the scheme¹ hold current units of competency as required for the prescribed activities they will undertake (effective 1 May 2018). These are specified in Tables 1, 2 and 3 of the [Explanatory note – safety, risks and training obligations](#). Installers new to the scheme will not be approved as VEET installers until they have completed the required current units of competency
2. by 30 April 2019, that all installers hold at least one of the current Group A units of competency specified in Tables 1, 2 and 3 of Explanatory note – safety, risks and training obligations, as appropriate for the prescribed activities listed. In particular, installers that hold the below superseded units will need to complete one of the current units by 30 April 2019:-
 - CPCPCM2023A – Carry out OHS requirements
 - CPCPCM2003A – Carry out OHS requirements
 - CPCCOHS1001A – Work safely in the construction industry.

Additional information about the updates to our MST requirements

The above two action items arise from the below changes to our MST requirements:

1. All installers new to the VEET scheme must have current MST units

Before installers new to the scheme can undertake certain prescribed activities, they must complete current units of competency as specified in Tables 1, 2 and 3 of [Explanatory note – safety, risks and training obligations](#). Installers new to the scheme must complete these units before they will be approved to undertake installations under the VEET scheme.

Previously, installers new to the scheme were allowed to participate in the scheme holding superseded MST units. Requiring all installers new to the scheme to complete current units of competency will better ensure they have the skills needed to safely undertake activities in the scheme.

¹ The meaning of 'installers new to the scheme' in this information bulletin is installers that have not previously been registered by any Accredited Person to undertake work in the VEET scheme. Fully qualified and licensed electricians or plumbers, or registered builders, do not have to complete MST units of competency to participate in the VEET scheme.

2. Installers with certain superseded units must complete replacement units within a fixed transition period

When a unit ceases to be a relevant MST requirement², the commission sets a replacement unit to fulfil the MST requirement – which becomes the current unit. We will determine, for each superseded unit, whether installers must complete the current relevant unit. In making this determination we will consider the differences between the superseded unit and the current unit, and how well each unit meets current industry skill and safety needs and the VEET scheme requirements. If we decide completion of the current unit is required, we will also set a date by which this retraining must occur.

Further to the introduction of this requirement, we completed an assessment of superseded MST units to determine if installers holding these units will need to complete the current units. We determined that installers holding the below superseded units will need to complete at least one of the current units. Installers must complete this retraining within a transition period of 12 months (i.e. current units need to be completed by 30 April 2019).

Superseded units	Current units
CPCPCM2023A – Carry out OHS requirements	VU21858 – Minimise health and safety risk when retrofitting for energy and water efficiency
CPCPCM2003A – Carry out OHS requirements	CPCCOHS2001A – Apply OHS requirements, policies & procedures in the construction industry
CPCCOHS1001A – Work safely in the construction industry	CPCPCM2043A – Carry out WHS requirements

Changes to scheme documents

We have updated [Explanatory note – safety, risks and training obligations](#) to reflect the changes to MST requirements outlined in this information bulletin.

Where to get help

If you have any questions with respect to matters set out in this information bulletin, 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

² This may be as a result of the unit been superseded, or as a result of changing requirements of the VEET scheme.

Regulations). In the event of inconsistency between this document and the Principal Regulations, the content in the Principal Regulations takes precedence.



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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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