

# Update to residential lighting product safety requirements in the VEU program

Information for VEU program participants



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New requirements for sale of electrical equipment in Victoria under The Electrical Equipment Safety System (EESS) Regulations becomes mandatory from 1 October 2019

From 1 October, applicants must submit evidence of product registration under the Electrical Equipment Safety System (EESS) for incandescent lighting products (product category 21)

All supplier and installers of incandescent lighting products under the program are also required to ensure product compliance with the EESS requirements

## New residential lighting requirements

The Electrical Equipment Safety System (EESS) requirements for the sale of electrical equipment in Victoria becomes mandatory from 1 October 2019.

All self-ballasted LED lighting equipment and drivers (control and conditioning devices) are affected by the changes and must be registered on the national Electrical Regulatory Council's (ERAC) database.

These requirements are not limited to the VEU program. It is a national safety requirement which was implemented in Victorian legislation on 1 April 2019 and allowed for a transition period of six months. At the end of the transition period on 1 October, these requirements become mandatory.

For more information on the EESS changes, see

<https://esv.vic.gov.au/technical-information/electrical-appliances-and-equipment/eess-legislation-and-regulations/>





<https://www.eess.gov.au/equipment/selling-electrical-equipment-in-australia/>

## Who is affected?

- Product applicants for incandescent lighting (product category 21)
- Product suppliers for incandescent lighting (product category 21)
- Accredited Persons and installers undertaking incandescent lighting upgrades (activity 21)

All suppliers, accredited persons and installers of (pre 1 October 2019) approved residential lighting products are advised to check the eligibility of these products under these new requirements with the product supplier.

## New product evidentiary requirements

Many product suppliers have already registered on the ERAC database.

From 1 October 2019, applicants must provide evidence to us that their products are registered in the ERAC database when submitting new applications for incandescent lighting products under the VEU program, except for product category 21C. The evidence required is a screen shot of the ERAC database showing the brand and model of the product which is being applied for.

## Lighting application guide

We will publish an update to the Lighting Product Application Guide by 1 October 2019 to reflect these changes. This document is available at [www.esc.vic.gov.au/veu-product-applicants](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au/veu-product-applicants)

## Where to get help

If you have any questions with respect to the new Electrical Equipment Safety System requirements in this program update, please contact Energy Safe Victoria on (03) 9203 9700 or [electricalequipmentsafetyenquiries@energysafe.vic.gov.au](mailto:electricalequipmentsafetyenquiries@energysafe.vic.gov.au)

If you have any questions with respect to the program changes set out in this program update, please contact VEU Support on (03) 9032 1310 or [veu@esc.vic.gov.au](mailto:veu@esc.vic.gov.au).

