

Changes to building based lighting upgrade (activity 34) and ABN/ACN evidence requirements



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The VEU Specifications 2018 have been amended to reflect changes to building based lighting upgrade (activity 34).

Changes apply to both J6 and non-J6 building based lighting upgrade activities, effective from 1 April 2021.

We will be updating the VEU registry and the Building Based Lighting Upgrade Activity Guide to reflect these amendments.

We have identified an inconsistency with our requirement around recording of ABN/ACN information for 'business' activities.

We have updated all 'business' activity creation forms to require information be recorded in the 'ABN/ACN' field, effective from 1 April 2021.

We will be updating the evidence requirements in relevant activity guides to include collection of this information.

Changes to building based lighting upgrade (activity 34)

Following stakeholder consultation, the VEU specifications 2018 have been amended to include the following changes to building based lighting upgrade (activity 34) which apply from 1 April 2021.





Activity	Policy change	Activity definition changes:
Activity 34: J6 upgrade	Activities updated to align with the updated National Construction Code (NCC) 2019 (Volume one)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Illumination power density (IPD) values updated (see table 34.7 in VEU specifications)• Space type 'Maintained emergency lighting' removed.• Space type 'Unlisted space type with illuminance between 481 lx and 540 lx' removed.• Space type wording updated to align with the updated NCC.
Activity 34: non-J6 upgrade	High intensity discharge (HID) incentive reduced. A discount factor of 0.6 applied to HID lighting upgrades.	Lamp circuit power (LCP) values adjusted for metal halide, mercury vapour, high pressure sodium light sources to account for the reduced incentive (see table 34.10 in VEU specifications)

The above changes may impact your Victorian energy efficiency certificates (VEEC) calculations for J6 and non-J6 building based lighting upgrades.

We will be publishing an updated [Building Based Lighting Upgrade Activity Guide](#) to reflect the above change on 1 April.



Changes to ABN/ACN evidence requirements

Accredited persons (APs) are required, to the extent applicable, to collect and keep records of a consumers' ABN/ACN for activities undertaken in non-residential and business premises (s 13.1 of the VEET Guidelines). This is supported by evidence requirements outlined in our activity guides.

We have identified some inconsistencies in how we have defined our ABN/ACN requirements for 'non-residential and 'business' activities in the program's activity guides and the VEEC creation forms. Accordingly, we have made the following changes effective 1 April 2021:

- The ABN/ACN field in all 'business' activity creation forms will be made mandatory. APs must record the ABN/ACN information of a consumer where they hold an ABN/ACN. If the consumer does not have an ABN or ACN, APs can record 'N/A' in the field.
- The evidence requirements in our activity guides will be updated as follows from 1 April:
 - For business or non-residential upgrades, the invoice for the upgrade must include:
 - the name and address of the energy consumer
 - the Australian Business Number/Australian Company Number (ABN/ACN) of the energy consumer (where relevant)
 - the installation address (if different to the energy consumer)
 - the name, address and ABN of the installer business

This change aligns evidence requirements for all non-residential and business activities and will assist us in validating these activity creation claims.

Where to get help

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

