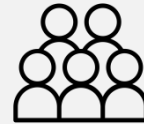


# 2018 Principal Regulations – Proposed changes and timelines

Information for program participants



10 October 2018



New Principal Regulations commence on 10 December 2018

This document provides an overview of our proposed changes to our operational framework and associated timelines for the 10 December regulatory changes.

Program participants must familiarise themselves with changes to the program, including transitional provisions that apply to your business

## Overview

The Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Regulations 2008 expire in December 2018 and needed to be remade. The 2018 Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Regulations (Principal Regulations) will commence on 10 December 2018.

The 2018 Principal Regulations:

- moves the technical content (previously contained in the 2008 Principal Regulations) to a separate technical document to allow greater flexibility
- updates the product requirements and certificate calculation equations for majority of the activities under the Victorian Energy Upgrades program (the program)
- removes four activities from the program (activity 29 - standby power controllers, activity 19 – destruction of pre-1996 refrigerators and freezers, installing gas clothes dryers under activity 26, and activity 35 - installing low-flow trigger nozzles)
- introduces 6 new gas efficiency activities (activities 37 to 42) and ventilation fan motors under activity 33





## Purpose of this document

This document outlines:

- Proposed changes to our operational framework to support the regulatory changes which commence on 10 December 2018
- Proposed timelines for some of these changes leading up to 10 December 2018
- Proposed timelines for the release of information to program participants leading up to 10 December 2018

This document outlines changes to our operational framework to support regulatory changes which commence on 10 December 2018. There are a number of regulatory changes which commence in 2019. Information about these changes will be released in 2019.

For specific details regarding the regulatory changes to the program commencing on 10 December 2018, we encourage you to read the following documents:

- The 2018 Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Regulations
- The Victorian Energy Upgrades Specifications 2018 – Version 0.1
- Victorian Energy Upgrades – Response to Consultation

All these documents are available at the [Engage Victoria website](#).

## Changes to our operational framework

### Our prioritisation approach

We are working hard to deliver the majority of regulatory changes by 10 December 2018. However, given the scale of regulatory changes and the tight timeframes involved to deliver these changes, we may not deliver the IT system changes required to support all activities under the program by the 10 December 2018 commencement date.

We have prioritised delivering IT system changes for all ‘active’ activities (i.e. activities which have had any installations undertaken in 2018) and are confident of delivering these activities by 10 December 2018. We believe this prioritisation approach will mean that no organisations are adversely affected by our change program. We expect to have all remaining IT system changes delivered by January 2019 at the latest.

Activities which may be delivered over December 2018 and January 2019 include:

- Activity 31 (high efficiency motors)
- Activity 33 (refrigeration and ventilation fan motor)





- Activity 23 (space heating and cooling, ducted evaporative cooler)
- Activity 36 (water efficient pre-rinse spray valve).

Please contact us at [veet@esc.vic.gov.au](mailto:veet@esc.vic.gov.au) if the anticipated delay in implementation of the IT system changes for the above activities raises issues for your organisation.

### **Program guidance documents**

We will release updated guidance documents which provide detailed requirements for each of the activities under the program. We appreciate that accredited persons under the program would benefit from being able to review these updated requirements prior to the commencement of the regulations. Therefore we intend to release updated guidance documents to program participants in mid to late November. We will prioritise the release of our guidance documents for activities based on the installation uptake of activities in 2018, which means that activities like lighting, water heating and space heating will be prioritised, followed by other activities which have been carried out in 2018.

As part of the release of our updated guidance documents, we will adopt the Victorian Energy Upgrades program name (and will cease referring to the program as the Victorian Energy Efficiency Target scheme).

### **VEEC creation upload forms**

We will aim to release VEEC creation upload forms for affected activities in November 2018. We have amended many of our upload forms to align with the new requirements of the 2018 Principal Regulations. These new forms must be used for certificate creation claims for installations undertaken from 10 December 2018. As for our guidance documents, we will prioritise the release of VEEC creation upload forms for activities with higher installation uptakes in 2018.

### **VEEC creation assignment forms**

We will aim to release updated VEEC assignment form templates for all affected activities in November 2018. Accredited persons must amend their assignment forms by 10 December 2018. Assignment of rights by consumers for installations undertaken after this date must be made on the updated assignment forms.

You will not be required to submit updated assignment forms to us for approval. However, you must ensure that assignment occurs in the manner and form prescribed by us. Failure to use the correct assignment form for activities undertaken after 10 December 2018 may result in compliance action.





## Website changes

We will be moving our public content pages from our current website ([www.veet.vic.gov.au](http://www.veet.vic.gov.au)) to the Essential Services Commission website. All our guidance documents and website content pages relating to the 2018 regulations will be accessible via the commission website ([www.esc.vic.gov.au/veu](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au/veu)).

We will be changing the URL of our current website from [www.veet.vic.gov.au](http://www.veet.vic.gov.au) to [www.veu-registry.vic.gov.au](http://www.veu-registry.vic.gov.au) to align it with the Victorian Energy Upgrades program name, and to position this website as the online database engine for the program. This website ([www.veu-registry.vic.gov.au](http://www.veu-registry.vic.gov.au)) will be where you log-in to access your VEU account to transact under the program (e.g. to submit applications and create/transfer VEECs), and to access the calculators and the program's various registers. We anticipate these changes in URL will occur in mid-November and we will advise you of the exact date closer to the change date.

## Activity accreditation

The accreditation you hold as an accredited person for a particular activity or activity category will continue under the 2018 regulations (e.g. if you are currently accredited to undertake space heating installations, you will remain accredited to undertake these installations under the 2018 regulations). For the majority of accredited persons, there will be no change to the activities you are able to undertake under the 2018 regulations.

The only exception is if you are currently accredited to undertake non-building based lighting upgrades and/or evaporative air conditioner activities. As the current activity 34 – lighting upgrade has been split into 3 distinct activities under the 2018 regulations (activity 34 – building based lighting upgrade, activity 35 – non-building based lighting upgrade and activity 27 – public lighting upgrade), we have changed current accreditations as detailed in Table 1 below. We have also consolidated accreditation of the evaporative air conditioner activity with the other space heating and cooling activities.

Table 1 below details how your current accreditation for these activities will be treated from 10 December 2018.





**Table 1: Accreditation changes to support 2018 Principal Regulations**

Current accreditation	New accreditation (from 10 December)	Eligible activities (from 10 December)
Evaporative air conditioner	Space heating and cooling	All space heating and cooling activities (5, 7, 9, 10, 23 and 28)
Building based lighting upgrade	Building based lighting upgrade (no change)	34 J6(18) – Building based lighting upgrade 34 non J6(18) – Building based lighting upgrade
Non-building based lighting upgrade	Non-building based lighting upgrade Public lighting upgrade	35(18) – Non-building based lighting upgrade 27(18) – Public lighting upgrade

### **Lighting activity – changes relating to disposal**

The 2018 Principal Regulations require lighting equipment to be disposed of in a waste disposal facility of a class determined by the commission before a certificate can be created. This includes installations undertaken under activities 21A to 21F, 27, 34 and 35. With the introduction of this new provision, accredited persons will need to obtain recycling receipts as evidence of disposal before they can create certificates for an activity.

### **Transitional arrangements**

#### **Register of Products – migration to 2018 register**

Part 4 of the 2018 Principal Regulations provides transition arrangements for products currently listed on our Register of Products.

In accordance with these regulations, we propose to migrate our existing approved products across to the 2018 register (being the register which is live from 10 December 2018) in accordance with table detailed in appendix A.

You should note that under the 2018 Principal Regulations, products are not required to be listed on the Register of Products at the time of installation.





## Moratorium on product applications

We will not accept product applications under the 2008 Principal Regulations after close of business on **9 November 2018**. This moratorium will enable us to streamline our assessment of product applications and migration of products. The 2018 Principal Regulations require us to assess a product application submitted before 10 December, but not determined before 10 December, against the requirements of the 2018 regulations. This moratorium will help us ensure that all applications submitted this year will be assessed before 10 December.

You can submit product applications under the 2018 Principal Regulations from 10 December 2018.

## Victorian Energy Upgrades forum

We will hold a forum on 26 November 2018. Its focus will be to guide you through the key administrative changes from 10 December. We aim to release the majority of our guidance documents and new forms (assignment form templates, application forms, VEEC creation upload forms) to you in the week prior to the forum, and will answer your questions about them at the forum.

We expect to send out invitations to the forum in early November.

## Key dates

- Week beginning 19 November – Release of key guidance documents and forms relating to the 2018 Principal Regulations for your review
- 26 November 2018: Victorian Energy Upgrades forum
- 10 December 2018: First stage of 2018 Principal Regulations commence

## Where to get help

If you have any questions about this information bulletin, please contact VEET Support on (03) 9032 1310 or [veet@esc.vic.gov.au](mailto:veet@esc.vic.gov.au).





## Appendix A

Table 2: Proposed migration plan for products in Register of Products for 10 December 2018 start

Current product schedules	New product schedule	Migration plan
1A, 1B, 1F & 3B, 12, 14, 30, 33, 36	No change	All products migrated to the 2018 register
1E	1C(18) and 1E(18)	All products from current 1E schedule migrated to the 2018 register based on whether the product is a boosted solar water heater (to 1C(18)) or heat pump water heater (to 1D(18))
2, 4, 11, 29, 35	Not applicable	Product schedules revoked
5, 6 & 20	5(18)	All products migrated to the 2018 register
7 & 8	7(18)	All products migrated to the 2018 register except for products with a system size of 18kW or less and with ACOP of less than 3.9. These products will not be eligible to be installed under the program from 10 December.
9	9(18)	All sealed flue products migrated to the 2018 register
10	10(18)	All products migrated to the 2018 register except for products with a system size of 3kW or less and with ACOP of less than 4.2. These products will not be eligible to be installed under the program from 10 December.
13	No change	All products which are also on the WERS register will be migrated to the 2018 register
15	No change	All products migrated to the 2018 register except for chimney balloon under 15G. These products will not be eligible to be installed under the program from 10 December.



Current product schedules	New product schedule	Migration plan
17	No change	All products which are also on the WELS register will be migrated to the 2018 register with an end date of 10 June 2019.
21A	21A(18)	All LED products migrated to the 2018 register. CFL products will not be eligible to be installed under the program from 10 December.
21B and 21D	No change	All LED products migrated to the 2018 register. CFL products will not be eligible to be installed under the program from 10 December.
21C and 21E	No change	All LED products with a minimum beam angle of 55 degrees migrated to the 2018 register. CFL products and LED products with a beam angle of less than 55 degrees will not be eligible to be installed under the program from 10 December.
21F	No change	All LED products with a minimum beam angle of 55 degrees migrated to the 2018 register. CFL products and LED products with a beam angle of less than 40 degrees will not be eligible to be installed under the program from 10 December.
22, 24, 25, 32	No change	Aim is to populate this register with eligible products from the GEMS register for 10 December, or shortly thereafter. <sup>1</sup>
23	No change	Products with an effective energy efficiency ratio of at least 20kW will be migrated to the 2018 register.

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<sup>1</sup> The 2018 Principal Regulations only require that these products be listed on the GEMS register at the time of installation and creation. However, practically speaking, a product needs to be recorded in our IT system (i.e. Register of Products) in order to create certificates for that installed product in our system. Accordingly, the practical solution we have proposed to adopt, to align with the policy intent of minimising red-tape, is to pre-populate our Register of Products on a periodic basis with eligible products from the GEMS register.





Current product schedules	New product schedule	Migration plan
26	No change	Products with a star rating of 7 or higher will be migrated to the 2018 register. Products with a star rating of less than 7 stars will not be eligible to be installed under the program from 10 December.
28	No change	All products migrated to the 2018 register with an end date of 10 June 2019. A process to register new products will be developed in early 2019.
31	No change	All products will be migrated for 10 December.  We will advise on progress in November 2018.
34	27(18)	Eligible products will be migrated from the current schedule 34 for 10 December. These will be current schedule 34 products with category type “NBBL - LED street and public lighting”. <sup>2</sup>
34	34(18)	Eligible products will be migrated to the 2018 register for 10 December.  We will advise on progress in November 2018.
34	35(18)	Eligible products will be migrated from the current schedule 34 for 10 December. These will be current schedule 34 products with category type “NBBL – LED outdoor floodlight”.

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<sup>2</sup> For activity 27, the 2018 Principal Regulations provide for the installation of products which are listed on the AEMO NEM Load table at time of installation and creation. However, practically speaking, a product needs to be recorded in our IT system (i.e. Register of Products) in order to create certificates for that installed product in our system. We will provide information on our process for adding products which are on the AEMO NEM load table to our Register of Products in November 2018.