

INFORMATION BULLETIN – Changes to Explanatory Note – Creating VEECs from Prescribed Activities

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The Victorian Energy Efficiency Target (VEET) scheme is a Victorian Government initiative promoted as the *Energy Saver Incentive*.

1 OVERVIEW

The Essential Services Commission (ESC) wishes to notify VEET scheme stakeholders of the completion of a general formatting and content review of the *Explanatory Note – Creating VEECs from Prescribed Activities*. This review also included clarification of the decommissioning requirements for Schedules 6 and 8 of the *Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Regulations 2008* (the Regulations).

2 WHO IS IMPACTED BY THIS NOTICE

All accredited persons (APs) involved in the VEET scheme who use the *Explanatory Note – Creating VEECs from Prescribed Activities* as a reference and resource, and in particular APs who undertake, or intend to undertake, the following prescribed activities:

- Schedule 6 – High efficiency ducted gas heater replacing a central electric resistance heater
- Schedule 8 – High efficiency ducted air to air heat pump replacing central electric resistance heater

3 RESULTS OF THE GENERAL FORMATTING AND CONTENT REVIEW

The ESC periodically undertakes general reviews of all its documentation. In this instance, the *Explanatory Note – Creating VEECs from Prescribed Activities* underwent a significant formatting change in its appendices with the summary tables changing from a landscape to portrait orientation. In addition, changes were made to language, row names (formerly column names) and the presentation of abatement and regional factors for consistency and clarity across all appendices.

Note: there has been no material change to the content within these appendices, with the exception of the clarification of decommissioning requirements in Schedules 6 and 8 (see below).

4 CLARIFICATION OF THE DECOMMISSIONING REQUIREMENT

The ESC has modified the activity requirements for Schedules 6 and 8 to specify that the decommissioned product should be an underfloor slab heating system. If an AP has identified an additional system that may be deemed a central electric resistance heater in accordance with the Regulations, they are encouraged to contact the ESC for guidance.

This clarification follows queries from stakeholders suggesting that there is uncertainty regarding the ESC's position on eligible central electric resistance heating systems.

Note: this is not a change to the activity requirement, but rather amended guidance to remove ambiguity in the identification of eligible central electric resistance heating systems.

5 ACTIONS YOU SHOULD TAKE

APs should familiarise themselves with the formatting changes and clarified decommissioning requirements as included in the following updated document:

- *Explanatory Note – Creating VEECs from Prescribed Activities*

6 WHERE TO GET HELP

If you have any questions in respect of matters set out in this information bulletin, please contact VEET Support on (03) 9032 1310 or veet@esc.vic.gov.au.

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