

Information bulletin – updates to our Explanatory note – lodging a product application

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Overview

We have updated our [Explanatory note – lodging a product application](#). This document provides guidance for getting a product listed on the Register of products.

The aim of the update is to make our guidance on product applications clearer and to reduce application requirements based on the advice from consultants and feedback from Victorian Energy Upgrade stakeholders.

Who is impacted by these changes?

The following stakeholders may be impacted:

- VEET account holders who have applied, or intend to apply, for VEET product approval
- VEET account holders who are planning to propose modifications to the Register of products
- Accredited persons (APs) that intend to install products listed on the Register of products under Schedules 21 and 34 – lighting activities.

Amendments to the explanatory note

A summary of the changes to the document are listed below. While these changes have been summarised below, stakeholders should review the explanatory note to ensure they understand requirements.

Introduction of lighting-specific definitions

Lighting-specific definitions are introduced in Section 1.2 to clarify terms and abbreviations specific to Schedules 21 and 34 that appear throughout the document.

Information on how to lodge a request to modify the Register of products

Stakeholders can request to modify or remove approved products from the Register of products by sending an email to VEET support with required information. This process is outlined in Section 4.2.

New lighting-specific product application section

A new chapter has been introduced to the explanatory note: Chapter 5 – lighting-specific product applications. The purpose of this new chapter is to provide general information on lighting product applications and to introduce several simplifications to product testing requirements.

The inclusions in this chapter are:

- lighting applications under project-based activities – Section 5.3
- when an applicant can submit representative test reports for in-situ temperature measurement tests (ISTMT) tests – Section 5.4
- when an applicant can submit representative test reports for IP tests – Section 5.5
- how to get an existing approved Schedule 34 building based lighting (BBL) product approved for a non-building based lighting (NBBL) product – Section 5.6
- performance and safety testing of approved lighting products – Section 5.7.

The simplification of testing requirements of ISTMT and ingress protection (IP) tests allow applicants to produce a representative test report under certain circumstances.

Nominated application processing time

Applications with nominations can take up to six weeks to be processed. The processing time for an application can vary based on a number of factors including commission workload and the quality of information provided by an applicant. For further information on the processing timeframe please see Section 6.6.

Acceptable evidence for ducted evaporative cooler product approvals under Schedule 23

The acceptable evidence for Schedule 23 – ducted evaporative cooler replacing refrigerative air conditioner has been updated. The acceptable evidence is now:

- test report showing compliance with AS 2913-2000
- test report showing all the performance variables (EERFL, EER50%, and EER20%).

For more information, please refer to the acceptable evidence under Schedule 23 in the appendix of the explanatory note.

Evidentiary requirement for establishing the LED chip forward current for lighting product applications under Schedules 21 and 34

A new evidentiary requirement has been established for ISTMT test reports for LED lighting product applications under Schedules 21 and 34. In these test reports, the laboratory must describe the determination of the forward current using the construction of the LEDs within the luminaire such as the parallel LED arrays (strings), number of LED chips in an array, and/or total drive current of the chip on board chip on board (COB). **This requirement is mandatory for all ISTMT test reports produced on or after 1 August 2018.** More information on this can be found under the acceptable evidence of the appendix section (product performance and documentation requirements) of Schedules 21 and 34 (from page 47 of the explanatory note).

Integrated product requirements for Schedule 34 – Non-building based (NBB) flood, street and public lighting

The product requirements for the different product categories under Schedule 34 – NBB lighting have been combined for simplicity.

New product requirements for Schedule 23– Ducted evaporative cooler

We now require a test report showing compliance with AS 2913-2000. This requirement is mandatory for all product applications submitted on or after 1 August 2018.

Changes to scheme documents

- [Explanatory note – lodging a product application](#)

Key dates

There is new evidentiary requirement for ISTMT test reports for Schedules 21 and 34. It is related to the forward drive current of the LED chip and applies to ISTMT test reports submitted with LED lighting applications.

This evidentiary requirement will be mandatory for all ISTMT test reports produced on or after 1 August 2018.

There is new evidentiary requirement for ducted evaporative cooler product applications for Schedule 23. This requirement is mandatory for all product applications submitted on or after 1 August 2018.

What does it mean for stakeholders?

Product applicants should be aware of the changes to the [Explanatory note – lodging a product application](#) when applying for VEET product approval.

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 Principal 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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