

# OHS ALERT

## **STRICTER 'TEST AND TAGGING' REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION SITE TEMPORARY BUILDINGS**

AS/NZS 3012 applies to temporary buildings on construction sites. This includes, for example, office and amenity buildings, toilets and lunch rooms. It only applies to on-site buildings, not off-site buildings or offices.

This means that the more rigorous testing and tagging requirements applied to electrical equipment on construction sites applies to electrical equipment in the on-site offices or buildings, and that items such as domestic rated power boards can no longer be used in these buildings.

This change is as a result of the definition of construction work in the Electrical Safety Regulation 2013 being broadened to align with s289 of the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011. Consequently, administrative or office work carried out in an on-site building on a construction site now falls within the broader definition of construction work. The minimum requirements for the design, construction and testing of electrical installations and in-service testing of electrical equipment included in AS/NZS 3012 therefore applies to the work carried out in these buildings, as well as to toilets, lunch rooms, and any other temporary buildings on site.

A three month transition period from 1 August 2018 is in place to allow PCBUs time to make any changes necessary to on-site buildings.

For further details, or if you have any queries, please contact the CFMEU office or your area organiser.

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