

Legislation affecting NSW: What are the requirements in NSW?

Clause 64 of the OHS Regulation requires that inspection, testing and maintenance of electrical equipment be carried out by a 'competent person'.

For construction work (as defined in Clause 3 of the OHS Regulation) the testing and tagging requirements are described in the *Code of Practice: Electrical practices for construction work*.

For electrical equipment that is used in a hostile operating environment (as defined in Clause 64 of the OHS Regulation) the testing and tagging requirements are described in the Australian Standard AS/NZS 3760 In-service safety inspection and testing of electrical equipment (AS/NZS 3760).

Both sets of requirements require the person doing the testing and tagging to use electrical judgement therefore the work can only be carried out by an electrician or a competent person trained in the use of a PAT.

Clause 64 (2),

- all electrical equipment that is used in construction work to be regularly inspected, tested and maintained by a competent person to ensure it is safe for use, and
- all electrical equipment that is used at a place of work where the safe operation of the electrical equipment could be affected by a hostile operating environment is regularly inspected, tested and maintained by a competent person to ensure it is safe for use, and
- all electrical equipment at a place of work that is found to be unsafe is disconnected from the electricity supply and is repaired, replaced or permanently removed from use.

Clause 65 (1),

- that an employer must ensure that a record is made and kept of all inspections and tests made and maintenance carried out on electrical equipment.

[extracted from "COMPETENT PERSON FOR TESTING AND TAGGING ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT" WorkCover publication](#)

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