



# PV Industry Alert

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## 9 October deadline for some Form As

A quick reminder that the transition period from AS 4777.2:2005 to AS/NZS 4777.2:2015 ends this Sunday 9 October 2016.

Thanks to previous communications we know that most of you are familiar with this deadline, however here's some more detail around the new Standard's implications:

- If you have accepted a connection offer from us for an inverter that will not be certified under AS/NZS 4777.2:2015 after 9 October 2016, you must install it and lodge your Form A by 11.59 pm Sunday 9 October to meet this deadline.
- This applies to all systems up to 30 kVA, and also has relevance to systems above 30 kVA. If you have installations above 30 kVA in progress and with inverters that will no longer be certified, please email details to [majorconnections@ergon.com.au](mailto:majorconnections@ergon.com.au) and we will contact you.
- If we find that an inverter was not certified when installed, it will be disconnected and we will issue a Form B for non-compliance. We will then require a new application for a certified inverter, or another Form A if and when the inverter is recertified after a period of time and – importantly - appears in our Electrical Partners Portal. Please note, there may be a short delay in these recertified inverters appearing on our portal following their recertification.
- If you are waiting for an inverter to be recertified, be aware that the connection agreement will automatically terminate if we do not receive another Form A, or a request for extension, within 65 business days from the date of the initial connection offer.
- Please note that if the new application has to be assessed, the latest assessment will override the previous one. This means there's a small risk it may not pass, so the connection service applied for may have to be negotiated for an inverter replacement under warranty.

As defined by Standards Australia, inverters not recertified to AS/NZS 4777.2:2015 can only be installed as replacements under warranty. We still need an application to be lodged for the replacement inverter with us to update our records and schedule the compliance inspection.

Because the non-certified inverters will be removed from the CEC list you won't be able to find them on the Portal. This means these applications will need to be lodged by email or fax using our [PDF application form](#). A Form A will also need to be lodged to trigger a compliance inspection.

## No STCs on array upgrades on non-certified inverters

While not related to the connection to the network, there's another aspect of the AS/NZS 4777.2:2015 introduction you may not be aware of. After 9 October 2016, array upgrades will only qualify for Small-scale Technology Certificates (STCs) if all inverters in the generating system are certified to the new Australian Standard. The inverters are deemed to be part of the same system if they have any shared components (including wiring).

Please contact the Clean Energy Regulator if you require further information.

## Clarification: email confirmations to premises owner

In our last PV Industry Alert in early September, we advised that we were increasingly emailing updates on the status of applications to premises owners as well as applicants. However, due to some problems with the Electrical Partners Portal, we have had to suspend this service. We will let you know when it resumes.

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