

Electrical Regulations Update BS 7671:2018+A2:2022











Summary of Changes

- AFDDs
- SPDs
- RCDs
- Testing and Certification
- Electric Vehicle Charging Installations
- Chapter 82 Prosumer's Low Voltage Electrical Installations







Available for immediate implementation



BS 7671:2018+A1:2020

Remains current

Will be withdrawn on 27th September 2022



Guidance on the language used within BS 7671



Normative element:

e.g. ...not exceeding 30 mA shall be provided for...

Normative annex:

A 729 (Normative) Additional requirements for closed restricted access areas



Informative element:

e.g. requirements using 'should' 'may' 'can' 'might' 'is'

Informative annex:

A 710 (Informative) Medical locations

Note:

Element containing informative text

110.2 - Exclusions from scope

The Regulations do not apply to the following installations:

i. Systems for the distribution of electricity to the public



411.3.3 - Additional requirements for socket-outlets and for the supply of mobile equipment for use outdoors

... additional protection by means of an RCD... not exceeding 30 mA shall be provided for:

i)
socket-outlets with a current rating not
exceeding 32A in locations
where they are liable to
be used by persons of
capability BA1, BA3 or
children (BA2, BA3) ii)

socket-outlets with a current rating not exceeding 32A in other locations iii)

Mobile equipment with a rated current not exceeding 32A for use outdoors



411.3.3 - Additional requirements for socket-outlets and for the supply of mobile equipment for use outdoors

From Appendix 5

BA 1

Ordinary Uninstructed persons

BA 2

Children

Locations intended for presence of children e.g. nurseries, infant schools, etc.

BA 3 Disabled

Persons not in command of all their physical and/or intellectual abilities (sick persons, old persons)

According to the nature of the disability

Application or requirement to consider

'Utilization' - Capability of persons

421.1.7 - Protection against fire caused by electrical equipment

Arc fault detection devices (AFDD) conforming to BS EN 62606 shall be provided for singlephase AC final circuits supplying socket-outlets with a rated current not exceeding 32 A in:

- Higher Risk Residential Buildings (HRRB) (over 18 m or 6 storeys)
- Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO)
- Purpose-built student accommodation
- Care homes







For all other premises, the use of AFDDs conforming to BS EN 62606 is recommended for

single-phase AC final circuits supplying socket-outlets not exceeding 32 A.



422.2 - Protected escape routes



Protected escape route. A route enclosed with specified fireresisting construction designated for escape to a place of safety in the event of an emergency (See also Escape route).

Escape route. Path to follow for access to a safe area in the event of an emergency. (See also Protected escape route)



443.4.1 - Transient overvoltages due to the effects of indirect lightning strokes

Protection against transient overvoltages shall be provided where the consequence... could result in:

i) Serious injury to, or loss of, human life

ii) *Failure of a safety service, as defined in Part 2* **iii)** *Significant financial or data loss*







443.4.1 - Transient overvoltages due to the effects of indirect lightning strokes

For all other cases,



Protection against transient overvoltages shall be provided unless the owner of the installation declares it is not required due to any loss or damage being tolerable and they accept the risk of damage to equipment and any consequential loss.

This should be discussed with the client and a record of the conversation made and attached to the electrical installation certificate if the client declines.



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514 - Identification and notices

The requirements of this regulation need not be applied for domestic (household) premises



531.3.3 - Types of RCD



RCD Type AC shall only be used to serve fixed equipment, where it is known that the load current contains no DC components.





643.7.1 - Protection by automatic disconnection of the supply



NOTE: See Table 3A in Appendix 3.

NOTE: Regardless of RCD Type, effectiveness is deemed to have been verified where an RCD disconnects within the time stated below with an alternating current test at rated residual operating current ($I\Delta n$):

- For general non-delay type, 300 ms maximum
- For delay 'S' type RCD, between 130 ms minimum and 500 ms maximum.



644.1.2 - Additions and/or alterations

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The person responsible for the new work, or a person authorized to act on their behalf, shall record on the Electrical Installation Certificate or the Minor Electrical Installation Works Certificate, any defects found, so far as is reasonably practicable, in the existing installation.



714.411.3.4 - Additional protection

714.411.3.3

Lighting in places such as telephone kiosks, bus shelters, advertising panels and town plans shall be provided with additional protection by an RCD having the characteristics specified in Regulation 415.1.1

Lighting <u>that is accessible to the public</u> shall have additional protection by an RCD having the characteristics specified in Regulation 415.1.1.

Examples include:

- i. gardens, spaces open to the public
- ii. telephone kiosks
- iii. bus shelters
- iv. advertising panels and town plans



722.411.4.1 (i) Deleted by BS 7671:2018+A2:2022

A PME earthing facility <u>shall not</u> be used as the means of earthing for the protective conductor contact of a charge point located outdoors or that might reasonably be expected to be used to charge a vehicle located outdoors unless...



The charging point forms part of a three-phase installation that also supplies loads other than for electric vehicle charging and, because of the characteristics of the load of the installation, the maximum voltage between the main earthing terminal of the installation and Earth in the event of an open-circuit fault in the PEN conductor of the low voltage network supplying the installation does not exceed 70 V rms.



722.411.4.1 - Remaining 'indents'

To aid clarity, the remaining indents for this requirement retain their original numbers:





v '...the use of an alternative device...'



722.531.3.101



Unless supplied by... electrical separation... each charging pointshall be protected individually by an RCD of Type A, Type F or Type B and having a rated residual operating current not exceeding 30 mA.

Except where provided by the EV charging equipment, protection against DC fault currents shall be provided by:

An RCD Type B, or An RCD Type A or Type F in conjunction with a residual direct current detecting device (RDC-DD).





New landscape - Distributed generation

- De-centralised generation
- Mix of energy sources
- Energy flows across system as required
- Smart grid and interoperability











This certificate is not valid if the serial number has been defaced or altered



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ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION CERTIFICATE

Issued in accordance with BS 7671: 2018+A2:2022 - Requirements for Electrical Installations

PART 9A : SCHEDULE OF CIRCUIT DETAILS (GO TO Part 9B 'Schedule of Test Results' to enter test results for the corresponding circuit listed in this part)





Final thoughts

