

ACP NEWS

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ACP CONTRACTOR NEWSLETTER

Greetings....

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself – Joan Tracey. Effective February 1st, I assumed the responsibilities of the ACP Program Coordinator. During the past ten years, I have had the pleasure of working directly with many of you in my position as Senior Inspection Representative at the Customer Service Centre. I look forward to our continued working relationship. If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or ideas with respect to the ACP Program, please do not hesitate to contact me at 905-712-5372.

Exciting news for ACP contractors... ESA has improved our Contractor finder page!

ESA has responded to contractor feedback to improve our web page where consumers can find a contractor on-line. We have combined our Licensed Electrical Contractor and Authorized Contractor lists into one, powerful, flexible and user-friendly search. The new contractor finder web page will still be accessed at all the following sites: www.esasafe.com, www.esaecra.info and www.pluginsafely.ca.

The new search tool allows consumers to search by location proximity, by municipality, and by specific contractor criteria (such as business name, licence number, phone number, etc). Download speed is optimized by limiting search results and proximity radius.

Other new features include:

- ✓ A map that pinpoints the contractors' location.
- ✓ "Help" buttons that explain what it means to be licensed, and what it means if a contractor is a member of the Authorized Contractor Program.
- ✓ The ability to search by specific work types, i.e. Residential, Commercial, HVAC, etc., so consumers can find the right contractor to suit their needs.

Visit the new site today and check it out!

MTCU Ruling Affects PV Installations

The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities announced the following position in regards to photovoltaic (PV) modules in December 2010.

1. The mounting of PV modules, ground-mounted or mounted on the building and/or roof, does not require the work to be performed by an electrician.
2. Electrical connections must be performed by an electrician (herein known as a holder of a valid 309A (309D) / 309C Certificate of Qualification or registered apprentice). For clarification, electrical connections include combiner boxes, panel boards, inverters, utility switches (lock out) and meter bases.
3. Where the PV module is pre-assembled with factory installed connectors (plug and play, touch safe and factory-inspected quick-connect), making the connections to modules does not require the work to be performed by an electrician.

Note: Electrical connections do not include connection to the utility grid: power transmission or power distribution. (Connection to the utility grid is within the scope of work of the trade Powerline Technician.)

For more information visit www.esasafe.com Green Energy Act & Renewable Energy Code Requirements

Have you changed your contact information?

Please ensure that the ACP Department has your current mailing address, contact person's name, telephone #, fax # and e-mail address.

Thank you.

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**Change to the Commercial/Industrial Vertical
Pre-authorization of Specific Service Maintenance and Alterations > 400 amps**

Service Type	Parameters	Pre-Authorized Connections	Fee Discounts
Service Maintenance and Alterations as per "Specific Maintenance and Alteration" Work List (see below)	Up to and including 600V, 401-4000 amp	Yes	None
Specific Maintenance and Alteration Work List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torquing (tightening) connections in main switch • Repair switch mechanism • Megger service conductors • Repair parts related to main switch 		

Note: 100% inspections are done on ALL C/I Service Work

If you are filing your application on-line for the above work, select:

Location Type: Commercial ACP Service Work
Item: ACP C/I LV Service Maintenance

Contractors must be members of the ACP C/I Vertical to receive a pre-authorized reconnection for LV Service Maintenance work.

For LV Service Maintenance that does not fall within the parameters outlined on the Specific Maintenance & Alterations List:

Location Type: Commercial Renovation or Industrial Renovation
Item: Low Voltage Service Maintenance

Reminders:

Pre-Authorized Connections

As per Section 3, sub-section 3.2 of the ACP Manual... **Pre-authorized connections can only be used on the date they are issued for;** connections occurring prior to the scheduled date, will be viewed as working without a permit.

ESA requires 24 hours advanced notice of the power outage date. The Contractor is responsible for notifying ESA of any cancellations or postponements.

Filing 1:10 Small Job Applications

Applications are to be filed:

- ✓ When the Small Jobs Application form is filled, or
- ✓ On the 1st and on the 15th of **each month**

A Contractor may file more frequently but in no case should an application be filed more than 2 weeks after doing the job.

Please ensure that you are using the current form with **four applications per page**.

Rule 2-0005: an application for inspection not required

Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 2-004, an application for inspection is not required (a) in an **owner-occupied single dwelling** for the installation of replacement equipment... parameters detailed in the OESC, 24th edition/2009, page 16.

This exemption does not apply to installations done at an apartment building larger than a quadruplex, rental units or "commercial" facilities such as group homes or Time Share units.

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