

Title	Demonstrate and apply knowledge of cable coding, colours, characters, applications, and capacity		
Level	4	Credits	2

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is intended for the training and assessment of people engaged in the manufacture of electric switchboards and covers knowledge of electric switchboard circuits.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – describe the construction, specifications, colour coding, and application of various types of cords and cables; – select cables for mains and submains circuits using AS/NZS 3000 and AS/NZS 3008; and – select cables for final subcircuits using AS/NZS 3000 and AS/NZS 3008.
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Classification	Electrical Engineering > Core Electrical
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 This unit standard has been developed for learning and assessment off-job.
- 2 This unit standard and unit standards 2016, 29419, and 29469 meet the requirements of ERAC's CEPC 21.
 This unit standard and unit standards 29419, and 29469 together meet the requirements of ERAC's CEPC 22.
 This unit standard and unit standards 15870, 29419, and 29480 together meet the requirements of ERAC's CEPC 27.
 This unit standard and unit standards 15844, and 29469 together meet the requirements of ERAC's CEPC 32.
 This unit standard and unit standards 15844, 29427, and 29469 together meet the requirements of ERAC's CEPC 33.
 This unit standard and unit standards 29419, 29469, and 29474 together meet the requirements of ERAC's CEPC 35.
- 3 **Definitions**
a.c. – alternating current.
CEPC – Critical Essential Performance Capabilities.
ERAC – Electrical Regulatory Authorities Council.
EWRB – Electrical Workers Registration Board.
Industry practice – those practices that competent practitioners within the industry recognise as current industry best practice.

Safe and sound practice – as it relates to the installation of electrical equipment is defined in AS/NZS 3000:2007, *Electrical Installations (known as the Australian/New Zealand Wiring Rules)*.

4 References

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AS/NZS 3008.1.2:2010, *Electrical installations - Selection of cables - Part 1.2: Cables for alternating voltages up to and including 0.6/1 kV - Typical New Zealand conditions*.

Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010.

and all subsequent amendments and replacements.

5 Range

a Candidates may refer to current legislation and Standards during assessment.

b Demonstration of safe working practices and installation in accordance with *safe and sound practice* are essential components of assessment of this unit standard.

c All activities and evidence presented for all outcomes and performance criteria in this unit standard must be in accordance with:

i legislation;

ii policies and procedures;

iii ethical codes;

iv Standards – may include but are not limited to those listed in Schedule 2 of the Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010;

v applicable site, enterprise, and industry practice; and,

vi where appropriate, manufacturers' instructions, specifications, and data sheets.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe the construction, specifications, colour coding, and application of various types of cords and cables.

Performance criteria

1.1 Describe conductor material, stranding, colour coding, sheathing types, and other construction parameters of cords and cables.

1.2 Explain permitted cable core colours of active and neutral conductors for installation wiring and give reasons.

1.3 Explain colour codes required to identify protective earthing and equipotential bonding conductors and give reasons.

1.4 Explain conductor colours permitted for active and neutral conductors in flexible core and equipment wiring and give reasons.

- 1.5 Identify the relationship between AS/NZS colours and European cable identification colours.
- 1.6 Define the application of cables based on their properties of their insulation, sheathing, armouring, and/or screening.
- 1.7 Describe typical applications of the various cable types and interpret cable manufacturers' data.
- Range insulation properties, sheathing, armouring, screening.

Outcome 2

Select cables for mains and submains circuits using AS/NZS 3000 and AS/NZS 3008.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Select cables for single-phase and three-phase mains installations including multiple installations.
- Range current carrying capacity, short circuit capacity, maximum demand, voltage drop, environment.
- 2.2 Select cables for single-phase and three-phase submains installations including multiple installations.
- Range current carrying capacity, short circuit capacity, maximum demand, voltage drop, environment.
- 2.3 Select cables for mains and submains circuits based on maximum demand expectations, voltage drop limits, and cable supplier data tables.
- 2.4 Select the most appropriate cable installation route and installation method to meet the requirements of a given specification and calculate the fault loop impedance.
- 2.5 Describe the effects of harmonic current on cable current-carrying capacity.
- 2.6 Describe conditions where short-circuit performance may need to be considered and explain methods to mitigate issues.

Outcome 3

Select cables for final subcircuits using AS/NZS 3000 and AS/NZS 3008.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Calculate current requirements using maximum demand methods to ensure voltage drop is within specification.

Range current carrying capacity, short circuit capacity, maximum demand, voltage drop, environment, earth-fault impedance limitations.

This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.

Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	21 July 2016	31 December 2025
Review	2	24 March 2022	31 December 2025

Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.