



## NZIECP 3:2000 - Fittings and Electrical Appliances

On 10 July 2000, the Associate Minister of Energy approved the New Zealand Electrical Code of Practice for Electrical Safety of Fittings and Electrical Appliances 2000 (ECP 3:2000) and the revocation of the New Zealand Electrical Code of Practice for Electrical Safety of Fittings and Electrical Appliances 1998 (ECP 3:1998).

The purpose of NZIECP 3:2000 is to assist appliance suppliers, designers and installers of electrical installations to assess compliance with the safety requirements in the Electricity Regulations 1997 in respect of fittings and electrical appliances.

The 2000 edition is proposed for citation in an amendment to the Electricity Regulations programmed for the end of this year. Until that time, the 1998 edition will remain the official version.

The main changes from NZIECP 3:1998 include:

- Deleting the reference to AS/NZS 4417 (from section 3), as this is now cited in the Electricity Regulations 1997.
- Omitting references to Standards listed in AS/NZS 4417, as these standards are already recognised through AS/NZS 4417.
- Deleting the recognition of AS/NZS 3100 and AS/NZS 3350.1 as 'fall back' Standards where no specific Standard exists. Basic safety can be assessed through AS/NZS 3820, which is now recognised.
- Introducing special requirements for vaporisers.
- Recognising AS/NZS 3820 (in section 3) as an alternative to the standards listed in the First Schedule.
- Updating the list of standards cited under the First Schedule, including recognition of new joint AS/NZS standards.

ECP 3:2000 is intended to be the last edition, as it is expected that the function of ECP 3 will be taken over by AS/NZS 3820 and AS/NZS 4417 in combination.

(NOTE: AS/NZS 3760 is not recognised as being a suitable Standard for the assessment of the safety of a new appliance, or of an appliance that was not compliant with a Standard recognised at the time of its manufacture or sale.)

ECP 3:2000 has been placed on the Energy Safety Service section of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs website <[www.consumer-ministry.govt.nz](http://www.consumer-ministry.govt.nz)>

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