

REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATING (ANNUAL) ELECTRICAL PERMIT

This bulletin applies to all new and existing industrial, commercial and multi-dwelling buildings.

Rule 2-300 of the B.C. Electrical Code requires that all operating electrical equipment be kept in a safe and proper working condition and Section 18 of the B.C. Safety Standards Regulation (B.C. Reg. 105/2004) states that a person must have an Operating Permit to operate or maintain a regulated product. In addition, Directive No. D-E3 078017 issued by B.C. Safety Authority, clarifies the requirements for Operating Permit as applied to different types of installations, as follows:

An Operating Permit shall be obtained if:

- 1) The supply is larger than 250 KVA;
- 2) The supply is larger than 750 V when privately owned;
- 3) The installation is for a temporary entertainment site where an installation permit has not been obtained; or
- 4) Required by an Electrical Safety Officer.

Therefore, to comply with the above requirements, an Operating Permit must be applied for to cover all repairs and maintenance performed throughout the year for any building that falls within one of the above categories. The current fee schedule and other relevant documents may be obtained by contacting the Building Department at 604-294-7130.