

## **VICTORIAN SERVICE & INSTALLATION RULES**

Electricity



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Information for Registered Electrical Contractors (REC), Wholesalers, Suppliers, Builders, Architects, Developers, Energy Safe Victoria, Body Corporate and Owners Corporations and Electrical Distribution Businesses.

In 2014, the Victorian Service and Installation Rules (VSIR) introduced a new Victorian Power Industry (VPI) lock. The reasons for the introduction were to retain control of the VPI system providing greater security for building owners and tenants and also to allow stakeholders to have dedicated locks and key codes.

This improved system will allow entities such as electricians, builders, and developers etc to purchase and install keyed alike locks, effectively meaning they will be able to have one key coded for their own use for all the VPI locks installed at a particular site or multiple sites. Essentially, a REC could purchase multiple locks all keyed alike for individual or multiple sites and only require 1 key type for all locks.

This system needs to be managed carefully by building owners, builders etc as the registration and allocation of a code means that the lock and key code is 'owned' by the original lock purchaser. A card and number are issued with the lock and this number will need to be quoted when purchasing additional locks or keys. Should, for example, a building change ownership, the card would need to be passed onto the new owner so that they have control over the locks coded for that premises.

It should be noted that all occupants shall have common rights of access to their occupancy's meter equipment, located in a group meter location within a multiple occupancy electrical installation.

For additional information regarding the new VPI locking system, please go to:

[www.lockweb.com.au/vpil](http://www.lockweb.com.au/vpil)