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Regulations by ACA

Review of Cabling Provider Rules

The ACA is seeking comment on its *Review of Cabling Provider Rules* discussion paper. The ACA is undertaking a review of the cabling provider rules to ensure that the rules keep pace with changes in industry conditions and to explore opportunities for extending self-regulation. The rules are based on an industry-managed national cabling registration scheme and apply to individuals performing cabling work.

The rules were introduced in October 2000 and were jointly developed by the industry and the ACA.

Further information about the review can be obtained from Rob Pruyzers, Project Manager, Customer Cabling Team on (03) 9963 6823. Copies of the discussion paper can be found on the ACA website at www.aca.gov.au. The closing date for comment is **Tuesday 30 November 2004**.

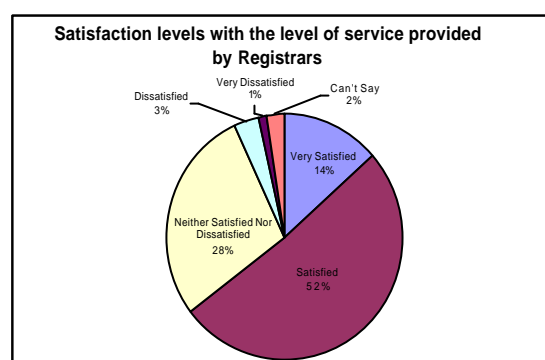
Cabler satisfaction with industry registrar services

The ACA's first survey of cabler satisfaction with registrar services found that two-thirds of registered cablers were either satisfied or very satisfied with the level of service provided by their registrar. The level of dissatisfaction was very low at four per cent (see figure 1.1).

These results suggest that the interests of cablers are being adequately protected under the industry-managed registration scheme. The survey was conducted in June 2004. A sample of 643 cablers was selected at random from the databases of each of the five ACA-accredited registrars.

The ACA would like to thank all those registered cablers who participated in the survey.

Figure 1.1: Satisfaction levels with the service provided by Registrars

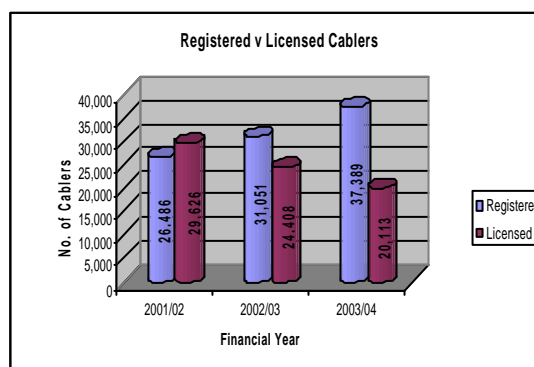


The transfer of ACA licensed cablers to the new industry-managed cabling registration scheme is happening smoothly. The switch to the new scheme will be completed when the last ACA licences expire in October 2005.

The number of cablers registered under the cabling registration scheme is increasing, and exceeds those holding ACA cabling licences.

At 30 June 2004 there were 37,389 registered and 20,113 licensed cablers (see Figure 1.2).

Figure 1.2: Changes in the number of cabling registration and ACA licences between 30 June 2001 and 30 June 2004





Australian Communications Industry Forum

ACIF Revision of the Cabling Standards

As reported in the April edition of ACRS, the Australian Communications Industry Forum has established the CECRP/WC18 Cabling Standards Working Committee to revise AS/ACIF S008:2001 Requirements for authorised cabling products and AS/ACIF S009:2001 Installation requirements for customer cabling (Wiring Rules).

The CECRP/WC18 Working Committee has strong participation from the industry and includes representatives from the ACA, major carriers, equipment and cable suppliers, corporate consumers, Standards Australia, testing laboratories, trainers, cablers and industry cabler associations. The addition of representatives from FPAA and ASIAL has significantly enhanced the Working Committee's ability to consider matters related to the fire and security segments of the industry.

The Working Committee has approximately 150 issues (still growing) to consider in the revision of AS/ACIF S009 and approximately 75 to consider for AS/ACIF S008. The consideration of the AS/ACIF S009 issues are well progressed and when complete the Working Committee will focus its attention on the AS/ACIF S008 issues.

The ACIF project plan schedules the release of the two standards for Public Comment in April 2005 with and at the time of writing it appears that schedule will be achieved.

Technical
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In single residential dwellings and small business premises, Telstra owns and maintains the Telstra Lead-in cabling up to

and including the first socket, which is the network boundary.

Until now only Telstra Staff and Telstra Contractors could alter or relocate the lead-in or first socket. Telstra has decided to change its approach to alterations to internal house wiring by authorising cabling providers to also make basic changes in certain situations.

In single dwellings, these changes will simplify the process for alterations to Telstra's lead-in, making it far more cost effective, efficient and convenient for the customer and the cabling provider.

To assist Registered Cablers, Telstra has developed a specification which can be downloaded from its' web site at www.telstrasmartcommunity.com under "Building Information".

Whilst at face value the specification seems simple enough to comply with, consideration should be given to the various conditions specified, such as... "Where these activities damage Telstra's Network or disrupt Telstra Services, the cost of rectification will be recovered". In other words, if there is a problem and it can be attributed to the Cabler they will pursue him for the costs.

The specification you must comply with is **Telstra Specification 012 882, "Alteration of Telstra Facilities in Residential Buildings – Information for Cabling Providers"** this is a 74 page document.

A Telstra accredited, four hour training course has been developed for installers wanting to take advantage of the "Authority" and ensuring they fully understand the specification and also to provide confidence to their clients.

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