

National Electricity Rules

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This is the latest electronically available version of the National Electricity Rules as at 31 May 2026.

This consolidated version of the National Electricity Rules was last updated on 31 May 2026 as a result of the commencement of the following amendment:

Schedule 2 of the National Electricity Amendment ([Unlocking CER benefits through flexible trading](#)) Rule 2024 No. 15; and

Schedule 3 of the National Electricity Amendment ([Accelerating smart meter deployment](#)) Rule 2024 No.20.

This consolidated version of the Rules reflects the initial Rules made by the SA Minister under section 90 of the National Electricity Law (NEL) as amended by:

Rules made by the South Australian Minister under sections 90A to 90EF of the NEL; and

Rules made by the Australian Energy Market Commission under Part 7 Division 3 of the NEL.

Application of the National Energy Customer Framework related Rule

On 27 June 2012, the South Australian Minister made Rules relating to the implementation of the National Energy Customer Framework (NECF), including amendments to the National Electricity Rules under section 90D of the NEL in relation to small customer connections (Chapter 5A), Retail Markets including billing and credit support (Chapter 6B) and related provisions (**NECF related rule**).

The NECF related Rule commenced operation as a law of Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and the Commonwealth on 1 July 2012; South Australia on 1 February 2013, New South Wales on 1 July 2013 and Queensland on 1 July 2015.

On 1 July 2016, Victoria adopted the provisions of the NECF related rule that relate to small customer connections (Chapter 5A and related provisions). Victoria has not adopted the Retail Market provisions in Chapter 6B of the Rules.

The NECF related Rule does not apply in Western Australia or the Northern Territory until the National Energy Retail Law set out in the Schedule to the National Energy Retail Law (South Australia) Act 2011 is implemented as a law in that jurisdiction (clause 24, Part 11, Schedule 3 NEL).

The NECF related Rule can be found on the Australian Energy Market Commission's website under the 'National Electricity Rules', 'Rules made by the SA Ministers' tabs.

Provisions in force

All provisions displayed in this consolidated version of the Rules have commenced. As at the date of this consolidation the following Rules have been made under Part 7 of the NEL that have not yet commenced:

Schedule 2 of the National Electricity Amendment ([Amendment of the Market Price Cap, Cumulative Price Threshold and Administered Price Cap](#)) Rule 2023 No. 6 will commence operation on 1 July 2026.

Schedule 2 of the National Electricity Amendment ([Accelerating smart meter deployment](#)) Rule 2024 No.20 will commence operation on 1 July 2026.

Schedule 1 of the National Electricity Amendment ([Shortening the settlement cycle](#)) Rule 2024 No. 22 will commence on 9 August 2026.

Schedule 3,4 and 5 of the National Electricity Amendment ([Unlocking CER benefits through flexible trading](#)) Rule 2024 No. 15 will commence on 1 November 2026.

Schedule 3 of the National Electricity Amendment ([Retailer reliability obligation exemption for scheduled bi-directional units](#)) Rule 2024 No. 19 immediately after the commencement of Schedule 3 of the National Electricity Amendment (Unlocking CER benefits through flexible trading) Rule 2024 No. 15.

Schedule 1 of National Electricity Amendment ([Allowing AEMO to accept cash as credit support](#)) Rule 2025 No 8 will commence on 26 November 2026.

Schedule 1 of the National Electricity Amendment ([Enhancing access for registered participant representatives](#)) Rule 2026 No. 3 will commence on 1 March 2027.

Schedule 1 and 4 of the National Electricity Amendment ([Integrating price-responsive resources into the NEM](#)) Rule 2024 No. 24 will commence on 23 May 2027.

Schedule 2 of the National Electricity Amendment ([Small changes to Integrating Price-Responsive Resources](#)) Rule 2026 No. 5 will commence on 23 May 2027.

Schedule 3 of the National Electricity Amendment ([Amendment of the Market Price Cap, Cumulative Price Threshold and Administered Price Cap](#)) Rule 2023 No. 6 will commence operation on 1 July 2027.

Schedule 1 of the National Electricity Amendment ([Including distribution network resilience in the National Electricity Rules](#)) Rule 2025 No. 5 will commence on 1 July 2027.

Schedule 2 of the National Electricity Amendment ([Enhancing reserve information](#)) Rule 2024 No. 6 will commence on 1 July 2027.

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