

Re: Notifications & Plan Reviews Ahead of the Arrival of the 29th OESC

Did You Know?

The 29th edition of the Ontario Electrical Safety Code (OESC) takes effect on May 1, 2025, bringing significant changes to wiring and installation practices. The changes will also impact the timing of Notifications and Plan Review submissions for upcoming and ongoing projects.

Background:

Notifications are submissions made to ESA to inform us of upcoming electrical work, allowing for scheduled inspections to ensure compliance (2-004). Plan Reviews are detailed submissions of electrical plans for larger or more complex projects, which ESA reviews to confirm adherence to OESC requirements before work commences (2-010).

Key Dates & Compliance:

A Notification or Plan Review submission made before May 1, 2025, does not need to comply with the 2024 OESC, but can follow the OESC rules in effect at the time that the Notification was filed, or the plans were submitted to ESA.

Important Exceptions:

- At least one inspection (rough-in, service, trench, etc.) must occur within 12 months of filing or the Notification will expire and must be resubmitted under the new code.
- If a contractor elects to comply with any part of the new or updated requirements of the 2024 OESC — even if the Notification or Plan Review submission was made prior to May 1, 2025 — all work must be done under the new code.

Resources & Training:

- For more information about the 2024 OESC, visit: ESAsafe.com/OESC.
- To order a copy of the OESC, visit: CSAgroup.org/OESC24.
- To register for courses covering 2024 OESC changes, visit: ESAsafe.com/OESCTraining.

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