

The CPRs regulate the cabling industry and ensure that minimum cabling requirements are in place to promote safety and maintain network integrity.

CPRs major requirements:

- > all customer cabling work in the telecommunications, fire, security and data industries must be performed by a registered cabler
- > depending on the cabling work performed, cablers must obtain either an Open, Restricted or Lift registration that meets the ACMA's training competency requirements
- > cabling work must comply with the Wiring Rules, which detail the minimum requirements for cabling installations to ensure that network integrity and the health and safety of end users, other cablers and carrier personnel is protected
- > telecommunications cabling is adequately separated or segregated from electrical cabling to avoid creating a dangerous situation
- > cablers are required to install only cabling product (including cable) and customer equipment that complies with the requirements of the labelling notice
- > cablers must, at the completion of each cabling task, give the client a job sign-off form such as a telecommunications cabling advice (TCA1) form, which is available on the ACMA website
- > registered cablers must directly supervise an unqualified cabler's cabling work
- > a qualified cabler must accept full responsibility for the work done by an unqualified cabler and ensure that it fully complies with the wiring rules, including signing the TCA1 form
- > cablers must provide all reasonable cooperation and assistance to ACMA inspectors and cabling auditors, and can be subject to fines if they do not abide by their registration conditions
- > cablers are required to notify their registrar of any change of contact details within 21 days.

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Attention specialised cablers

The rules have
changed—
are your skills
up to date?

There are new regulatory requirements for cabling providers. If you're a cabler who installs specialised cabling in customer premises, make sure your qualifications satisfy the cabling provider rules.

What are the cabling provider rules?

The ACMA's cabling provider rules (CPRs) regulate the installation and maintenance of cabling in customer premises. Under the CPRs, cabling providers must be registered by ACMA-appointed registrars. To be registered, you must meet certain competencies that the ACMA has set. These competencies form the basis for training programs developed by industry skills councils (ISCs).

The ACMA has amended the cabling arrangements to ensure all cabling providers have the necessary skills to perform specialised cabling work for the current and emerging customer cabling environment.

What's changing?

Cabling providers undertaking broadband, structured, optical-fibre or co-axial cabling work must have the training competencies relevant to this specialised cabling work. The new competencies only apply to you if you're undertaking relevant specialised cabling work within customer premises.

The new competency requirements will apply from **1 July 2012**. Existing cabling providers who install those specialised cables, but who have not already attained the additional competencies, will have a **two-year transition period** to attain those competencies.

Cabling ISCs will ensure that training offered by Registered Training Organisations will include the additional competencies. The new competencies will be reflected in a revised Industry Pathways document available on acma.gov.au.

Does it affect me?

If you have **previously attained endorsements** for Cat 5, Fibre or Co-ax, you won't need any additional training. These endorsements are equivalent to the new structured, optical fibre and coaxial cabling competencies respectively.

Open registered cabling providers

You must attain additional competencies by **30 June 2014** for structured, optical fibre and co-axial cabling if you perform that type of cabling work.

Restricted registered cabling providers

You must attain an additional competency by **30 June 2014** for broadband cabling work if you perform that type of cabling work.

Where can I get more information?

- > You can find a list of approved training providers in each state at titab.webfactional.com/training-assessors/training-organisations.
- > For more information on the new arrangements, please contact the ACMA at comply.label@acma.gov.au.
- > Visit engage.acma.gov.au and subscribe to our e-newsletter to get the latest media and communications news from the ACMA.