

PDRS Reference Table

29 August 2025

The *Peak Demand Reduction Scheme (Amendment No.1) Rule 2025* commences on **12 September 2025**. Detailed changes are set out in the table below.

Change	Details and impact	What you need to do
Ban unsolicited doorknocking campaigns – Clause 5.4 (f) and 10 - Definitions	An activity connected with unsolicited doorknocking will not be a Recognised Peak Activity.	Update your training material. Make it clear that third-party marketing contractors must not do any unsolicited doorknocking from 12 September 2025 .
Introduce monthly reporting requirement for all PDRS methods – Clause 6.11	Requires ACPs to report activities done each month by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the 15th of the following month for SASC, HADR, and the end of the following month for RDUE. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop systems and processes to ensure you can meet monthly reporting requirements. Collect implementation data starting in October 2025 Send your reports to IPART by 15 November 2025 for SASC and HADR implementations, or 30 November 2025 for RDUE activities (even if you did not do any activities in October). Where you have activities to report use the PDRS Example Template, save it as CSV file, and send it via email to ess.compliance@ipart.nsw.gov.au, or If you have no activities to report: Submit an email titled "NIL RETURN FOR [Insert Activity Definition] ACTIVITIES [Insert Reporting Month]", to ensure you comply with requirements.
Suspend activities involving WH1 and certain product classes of refrigerated cabinets under RF2 – Clause 6.9.1 and 6.9.2	Installations of integral refrigerated cabinets, product classes 1 to 11, have been suspended. Only remote units of class 12 to 15 will be allowed. Suspension of WH1 activities remains in place until further notice.	Only use eligible refrigerated cabinet product classes from 12 September 2025 .
Refrigerated cabinets with more than 1 display side will not be eligible – Activity Definition RF2 – Equipment Requirements	Units with more than 1 display side are no longer allowed.	Only use eligible refrigerated cabinets with 1 display side from 12 September 2025 .

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Air conditioner activity lifetimes increased from 10 to 12 years – Activity Definitions HVAC1 and HVAC2	Changes the calculation of PRCs for HVAC1 and HVAC2. Increases the number of PRCs that can be calculated from HVAC1 and HVAC2.	Update internal systems and processes to correctly calculate peak demand savings capacity for air conditioner implementations from 12 September 2025 .
Pool pumps – references 'Maximum Tested Input Power' instead of 'Nameplate Input Power' in energy savings formula – Activity Definition SYS2 – Activity Peak Demand Savings Capacity	Changes data used to calculate capacity for pool pumps to use 'Maximum Tested Input Power' from the GEMS Registry instead of 'Nameplate Input Power'.	Update internal systems and processes to correctly calculate peak demand savings capacity from pool pump activities from 12 September 2025 .
'Where required' added to Implementation Requirements for pool pumps #3 – Activity Definition SYS2 – Implementation Requirements	Clarifies that qualified licence holders are required in certain scenarios to comply with the relevant standards and legislation. For instance, if the old pool pump was hardwired but the new one is plugged-in, then a licenced electrician is required to remove the old one.	Make sure you understand when a qualified licence holder is required to remove existing equipment and/or install a new pool pump.
Other administrative changes		
BASIX definition updated in Clause 5.4 (c) and referred to in Clause 10	Updated to clarify jurisdiction references, define an Instrument and refer to the correct Schedule in the regulation.	No action needed
The note for the heat pump product list in Victoria was removed – Clause 6.7.2	This note is not relevant anymore – the product list published by the Victorian Essential Services Commission is not used.	No action needed
Examples updated – Clause 6.8.2	Examples updated to reflect changes in Rule. HVAC2 lifetime increased to 12 years and BESS1 example replaced with BESS2 example.	No action needed
Heading added – Clause 6.10	Heading updated: Ineligibility of Implementations using Activity Definition BESS1.	No action needed
Updating Acts, Instruments and standards references and definitions – Clause 10.2	Clarifies that any reference to a standard (subject to clauses 5.1 (c) that an Act or an Instrument is taken to be a reference to that document as in force from time to time.	Keep track of changes to various standards, Acts, or Instruments that are relevant to your activities.
Transitional arrangements		
ACPs must use the <i>Peak Demand Reduction Scheme (Amendment No.1) Rule 2025</i> for implementations with an implementation date before 12 September 2025 – Clause 11.4	Implementations before 12 September 2025 must use PDRS Rule (Amendment No.1) 2025 to calculate certificates.	Use the previous version of the Rule to calculate PRCs for implementations before 12 September 2025 . Use the new PDRS Rule 2025 to calculate PRCs on or after 12 September 2025 .

Calculation methods – acronyms

RDUE– Reducing Demand Using Efficiency, *SASC* Store and Shift Capacity, *BESS1* - Battery Energy Storage System 1, *BESS2* - Battery Energy Storage System 2, *HADR* - Household Annual Demand Response, *HVAC1* and *HVAC2* - High Efficiency Air Conditioner and *SYS2* - High Efficiency Pool Pumps, *RF2* – Refrigerated Cabinets.