

## **ELECTRICAL INSPECTION BULLETIN** *(Effective 2014-01-01)*

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### **Revised Electrical Inspection Fees**

The Electrical Construction Industry is hereby advised that a revised Schedule of Permit Fees for the Installation and Inspection of Electrical Installations as approved by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board will go into effect in all Nova Scotia Power Inc. inspection areas commencing January 01, 2014.

All Wiring Permits requested and issued on or after January 01, 2014 shall be subject to the new schedule of fees.

Adjustments or additional fees added on or after January 01, 2014 to a Wiring Permit that was issued prior to January 01, 2014 shall be subject to the new schedule of fees.

Your attention is directed to the following:

- All regular permit fees will be based on the **installed value** of the electrical installation, including labour, material and sundries. When material is supplied by others it shall be included in the installed value provided by the permit holder. This value must be provided at the time of requesting a Wiring Permit.
- A minimum fee applies to some classifications.
- Number of inspection visits is set by the installed value and applies to commercial/industrial installations as well as residential.
- Late application fees, plans examination fees, permit renewal fees, primary service fees and additional visit fees, are in addition to the regular permit fee.
- An administration fee of \$10.00 shall apply to each permit refunded.

Wiring Permits may be obtained by forwarding a completed N.S. Power Application for Wiring Permit and Inspection form or by phoning the permit information to the Wiring Permit Processing Centre.

All inquiries concerning the new fee schedule or the issuing of Wiring Permits may also be directed to the Wiring Permit Processing Centre at 464-1520 or 1-800-464-1520.

### **Wiring Inspection Fees**

When calculating the installed Value the following project costs need not be included:

1. The costs of individual motors, generators, and power consuming electrical equipment (luminaries, heaters, electric hot water tanks, etc.) however the cost to supply and install the associated control and protective equipment and the control and power cables connecting this equipment to the electrical system would be included.

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2. The cost of switches and controls forming an original and integral part of power consuming electrical equipment.
3. The cost, in excess of \$5,000 of each transformer and each factory assembled unit of switchgear.

In the case of primary services (pad-mounts or vaults) civil costs would be included as the civil works must be inspected.

The cost for additional inspection visits, priority requests, and inspection requests outside of normal working hours shall be calculated in accordance with the per hour rate as set forth in section 7.2.7 (g) of the fee schedule based on the specific inspection type being requested. The minimum rate is set at \$68.00.

Please note that all New Installations are subject to a minimum inspection fee based on the service ampacity regardless of the installed Value.

Predetermined values and Maximum Inspection Calls have been established as follows:

Description	Present Installed Value	Permit Fee	Maximum # Calls
Residential Temporary	\$0,000 to \$2,000	\$69.00	1
Telephone Booths	\$0,000 to \$2,000	\$69.00	1
CATV Power Supplies	\$0,000 to \$2,000	\$69.00	1
Traffic Lights	\$0,000 to \$2,000	\$69.00	1
Residential Repairs	\$0,000 to \$2,000	\$69.00	1
Warning Signs	\$0,000 to \$2,000	\$69.00	1
Mobile Homes	\$0,000 to \$2,000	\$69.00	1
Residential Garage	\$0,000 to \$2,000	\$69.00	1

Permit fees applied to a corresponding Installed Value are based on a provincial average costing to carry out the function and not on an individual per call basis. In advance of an application the maximum number of inspection calls as indicated in the Schedule of Fees may be extended for certain projects.

Plans and specifications shall be submitted as per Electrical Inspection Bulletin B-2-014 for all services over 250 ampere or 250 volts. The cost for plans examination shall be calculated on an as per review basis. Plans returned for rework due to incomplete or inaccurate information, or that are non-code compliant shall be subject to additional fees.

HST will apply to all wiring permit fees.