

Generator registration and connection in the NEM

Victorian licensing requirements

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When is a licence required?

Electricity Industry Act (Vic) 2001

A person must not engage in the generation of electricity for supply or sale or the transmission, distribution, supply or sale of electricity unless the person—

- (a) holds a licence authorising the relevant activity; or**
- (b) is exempted from the requirement to hold a licence**

Licences are granted by the Essential Services Commission

Exemptions are made by Order in Council – applications made to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

Victorian licensing framework

ESC Act / Electricity Industry Act

May grant an application for the issue of a licence for any reason it considers appropriate

Having regard to its objectives

Subject to limitations:
(1) Technical capacity
(2) Financial viability

Guidance notes for applications for licences (2006) / Procedures for licences

Information considered by the Commission

Guidance notes for applications for electricity licences

- **Provide guidance around key matters: technical capacity and financial viability – details information that an applicant ‘must’ provide to demonstrate it meets these requirements**
- **Caveat: all subject to discretion and assessed on case-by-case basis**

Licence application process – overview and timing



Where Vic licensing fits in AEMO context – suggested timing

