

National Highways Sector Schemes
for Quality Management in Highway Works - 8 9B and 10
The Installation and Maintenance of Highway Electrical and / or Highway Electronic equipment and / or Associated Highway Works

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The following key points should be noted (all notes refer to Issue 9 of NHSS 8, 9B & 10 and issue 12 of the HERS Handbook):

- The scope of NHSS 8, 9B & 10 is specified in Appendix K and with all areas being implemented other than bus shelters and advertising equipment (note that Temporary /Portable Traffic Signals which are connected to items of highway electrical equipment or which require employees to access highway electrical equipment (e.g. to switch off permanent signals) are now included in NHSS 8 9B and 10)
- There is a new requirement for all staff to be audited on site by the organisation within a 24 month period, to ensure they are carrying cards and acting within their stated competency
- The commencement of the time period for gaining an N/SVQ has been moved to 1 October 2009
- A new Appendix G1 - Guidance for Assessors and other Auditors – has been added
- Appendix L – Guidance has been split across Appendices L and M. Appendix L has a new clause 1 – Guidance for Clients which refers to the client role in enforcing NHSS 8 9B and 10 and the Highway Electrical Registration Scheme and refers them to the CDM2007 Regulations and the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007
- Appendix M refers to the relationship between NHSS 8 9B and 10 and other NHSS's which may have an impact on, or be impacted by, NHSS 8 9B and 10
- The Highway Electrical Industry Scheme for the Registration of Authorised Persons has been re-titled as the Highway Electrical Registration Scheme (HERS)
- The Highway Electrical Registration Scheme (HERS) now requires organisations to hold a HERS certificate showing their scope of registration. This certificate is required to be renewed annually
- The agreed Audit action plan escalation procedure has been incorporated in the HERS Handbook
- Registered organisations are permitted to apply to use the HERS logo, providing they meet the requirements set out in the HERS handbook, thus giving a further visible indication of quality
- The HERS Handbook has been substantially updated, including a flow chart showing an overview of the process, information on ECS Authorised Invigilators and data protection.
- Further information can be obtained from www.highwayelectrical.org.uk/HEA