

National Highways Sector Schemes for Quality Management in Highway Works 8
The Overseeing and / or Installation and / or Maintenance of Highway Electrical equipment and Supporting Works

Update Sheet – Feb / March 2011

The changes include the following, please refer to the Document Control section of each document for a full listing, other than minor editorial changes:

- Scope changed to specify examples of what is included, and what may be excluded – wording taken from clause 7.4.1
- The laying or pulling through of cables now included within the scope of NHSS 8 and HERS
- Clause 6.2.2 amended to clarify that where a nominated individual exists and reduced auditing may apply, that the internal audit must cover all those items that would have been included within the third party biennial audit
- Appendix C – new clause added to further confirm that full compliance with NHSS 12D meets the requirements of training to 302.1 / 302.2
- Appendix G1 – Guidance to Certification Body Assessors and other Auditors amended including specific direction to check for training to 302.1 / 302.2 or full NHSS 12D compliance where applicable
- Appendix K - Amended to re-format scopes and sample certificates in line with Certification Body Group discussions
- Updates to names, addresses as required (e.g. ILE to ILP, HERS information now at www.highwayelectrical.org.uk/hers)
- The HERS Handbook has been modified accordingly, with in addition:
 - HERS Handbook Clause 5.2 added to clarify applicability to Night Time Monitors
 - HERS Handbook Clause 9.4 amended and Clause 11.2 added to clarify that the ECS HE version H&S test has a validity of 2 years, there must be a valid ECS HE version H&S test at the time of applying for or renewing the registration card; and that the ECS HE version H&S test validity can be allowed to lapse in between registration card renewal
 - HERS Handbook Clause 11.4 - Statement added to clarify the position in respect of repeat site assessments and the gaining of CBQ / NVQ qualifications to avoid duplication - “If an employee is registered on a CBQ / NVQ (formerly N/SVQ) and is actively gathering evidence for the qualification, before a five yearly repeating of the site assessments – then this will be deemed to meet the requirements of the repeating of site assessments and recorded oral questions.”
 - Appendix 2 - Full Combined Matrix now included within the HERS handbook
 - ECS HE version H&S test Invigilation Statement changed to allow this to be computer input
 - Clarification that the HERS scheme logo (dark blue background) may only be used by the scheme administrator or with their explicit permission in each and every case (e.g. for scheme publicity purposes), and the organisational HERS logo (white background) which is available for use by registered organisations upon request
 - Changes to on-line forms to update and streamline – Portfolio Guide, Contents-Index-Summary, Signatures Page, Question Sheet, and a number of site assessment forms.

Further information can be obtained at www.highwayelectrical.org.uk/hers