

## **Electrical Equipment in Hazardous Areas (EEHA) Standards**

### **Competent Person**

Standard Australia International (SAI)  
Standards New Zealand (SNZ)  
Electrotechnology Industry Training Organisation (ETITO)  
EE-OZ Training Standards

### **Joint Organisational Standards Announcement**

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Standard Australia International (SAI), EE-Oz Training Standards, Standards New Zealand (SNZ) and Electrotechnology Industry Training Organisation (ETITO) are pleased to announce that revised competency standards for Electrical Equipment in Hazardous Areas (EEHA) are now published and available to EEHA practitioners, industry and the community. The new AS/NZS 4761:2003 Parts 1 and 2 replace the previously available interim standard AS/NZS 4761(Int):2000 Parts 1 to 4 and equivalent units in the related Training Package and Unit Standards in Australia and New Zealand respectively. The revised standards do not change the content and outcome of the previously advised standards.

These revisions are now to be reflected by EE-Oz Training Standards in the ANTA<sup>1</sup> endorsed Electrotechnology Training Package competency standards, and by ETITO in the corresponding New Zealand unit standards registered with NZQA<sup>2</sup>. However, the associated editing, enhancement, endorsement and approval processes to amend the existing Electrotechnology Training Package competency standards and ETITO corresponding New Zealand unit standards take time. Training organisations are therefore encouraged, as an interim measure to utilise the revised AS/NZS 4761 competency standards, where they differ, from the endorsed/registered EE-Oz Training Standards/ANTA and NZQA versions respectively to assure currency.

The recommendation to publish the EEHA competency standards in AS/NZS 4761 follows an agreement between the various organisations to accept, in relation to the specialised area of EEHA, the use of joint and concurrent mirror technical/competency standards in respective publications. The agreement ratifies an understanding that technical maintenance of EEHA competency standards is effected jointly by SAI, NZS, EE-Oz, and ETITO through a specially established joint 'EEHA Competency Standards Advisory Panel' known as SAI Committee P-012.

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<sup>1</sup> ANTA - Australian National Training Authority

<sup>2</sup> NZQA - New Zealand Qualifications Authority


Further information can be obtained from EE-OZ Training Standards in Australia or Electrotechnology Industry Training Organisation (ETITO) in New Zealand (61) 02 9290 2533/(64) 09 525 2590 Ext 719 respectively or, Standard Australia International (SAI)/Standards New Zealand.

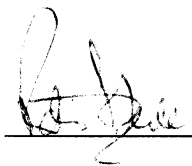
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