

# Testing Intervals

The frequency of periodic inspection and testing must be determined taking into account:

- The type of installation
- Its use and operation
- The frequency and quality of maintenance
- The external influences to which it is subjected

The table below provides guidance on the frequency of formal inspections of electrical installations as well as routine checks.

Type of Installation	Routine check	Maximum period between inspections and testing as necessary
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General installation		
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Domestic accommodation - general	-	change of occupancy/10 years
Domestic accommodation - rented houses and flats	-	change of occupancy/5 years
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Commercial	1 year	change of occupancy/5 years
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Educational establishments	6 months	5 years
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Hospitals and medical clinics - general areas	1 year	5 years
Hospitals and medical clinics - medical locations	6 months	1 year
<b>Industrial</b>	1 year	3 years
<b>Residential accommodation (Houses of Multiple Occupation) - halls of residence, nurses accommodation, etc.</b>	1 year	Change of occupancy/5 years
<b>Offices</b>	1 year	5 years
<b>Shops</b>	1 year	5 years
<b>Laboratories</b>	1 year	5 years
<b>Buildings open to the public</b>		
<b>Cinemas</b>	1 year	1-3 years
<b>Church installations</b>	1 year	5 years
<b>Leisure complexes (excluding swimming pools)</b>	1 year	3 years
<b>Places of public entertainment</b>	1 year	3 years
<b>Restaurants and hotels</b>	1 year	5 years
<b>Theatres</b>	1 year	3 years

Public houses	1 year	5 years
Village halls/Community centres	1 year	5 years
Special and specific installations (for medical locations see above)		
Agricultural and horticultural	1 year	3 years
Swimming pools	4 months	1 year
Caravans	1 year	3 years
Caravan parks	6 months	1 year
Highway power supplies	as convenient	6-8 years
Marinas	4 months	1 year
Fish farms	4 months	1 year
Emergency lighting	daily/monthly	3 years
Fire alarms	daily/weekly	1 year
Launderettes	monthly	1 year
Petrol filling stations	1 year	1 year
Construction site installations	3 months	3 months