

Reference number(s)	021 - Obsolete Sticker Removal
Relevant clause(s)	<p>Clause 16 of Schedule 10.7 – Recertification of category 1 metering installations by statistical sampling</p> <p>Clause 41 of Schedule 10.7 – Certification stickers</p>
Problem definition	<p>Clause 41(1) of Schedule 10.7 requires an ATH that has certified a metering installation under Part 10 to confirm the certification by attaching a metering installation certification sticker. The sticker must be attached as physically close as practicable to (including, if practicable, on) the meter, while maintaining reasonable visibility of the certification sticker and the meter.</p> <p>There are two exceptions to the obligation under clause 41(1) of Schedule 10.7.</p> <p>First, under clause 41(4), if attaching a metering installation certification sticker is not practicable, an ATH must—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) devise and use an alternative means of documenting, providing, and maintaining information in a manner at least equivalent in its effect to that required under clause 41(1) of Schedule 10.7 b) keep any metering component certification sticker with this information. <p>Second, under clause 16(6) of Schedule 10.7, an ATH who recertifies a group of metering installations using a statistical sampling process is not required to apply a certification sticker to a metering installation in the group that was not part of the sample.</p> <p>The Code does not require invalid certification stickers to be removed. This is causing untrained persons, especially consumers, to incorrectly believe some metering installations are uncertified and therefore potentially inaccurate or unsafe.</p> <p>These people are imposing a cost on retailers and the Authority from phoning with queries or complaints.</p>
Proposal	<p>The Authority proposes to amend the Code to require an ATH affixing a new certification sticker to a metering installation to, as part of the same site visit, remove or obscure any invalid or expired certification stickers.</p> <p>We note there are a relatively small number of metering installations in New Zealand (being category 1 metering installations) recertified using statistical sampling. In such cases, the stickers will not be altered but the metering installation will have current certification - this problem will continue to exist until someone goes out to site to physically change the sticker.</p>
Proposed Code amendment	<p>Schedule 10.7</p> <p>...</p> <p>41 Certification stickers</p> <p>(1) An ATH must, except as provided for in clause 16(6) and subclause (4), if it has certified a metering installation under this Part, confirm the certification by attaching a metering installation certification sticker as physically close as practicable to (including,</p>

	<p>if practicable, on) the meter while maintaining reasonable visibility of the certification sticker and the meter.</p> <p>...</p> <p><u>(5) An ATH must, when attaching a metering installation certification sticker under subclause (1), remove or obscure any invalid or expired certification stickers.</u></p>
Assessment of proposed Code amendment against section 32(1) of the Act	<p>The proposed Code amendment is consistent with the Authority's objective, and section 32(1) of the Act, because it would contribute to the efficient operation of the electricity industry.</p> <p>It would do this by reducing confusion for consumers about whether their metering installation is certified, and therefore is accurately recording electricity quantities. This would reduce the number of consumer queries that retailers and the Authority receive. This will save consumers, retailers and the Authority time and effort.</p> <p>The proposed amendment is expected to have no effect on competition or reliability of supply.</p>
Assessment against Code amendment principles	The Authority is satisfied the proposed Code amendment is consistent with the Code amendment principles, to the extent they are relevant.
Principle 1: Lawfulness.	The proposed Code amendment is consistent with the Act, as discussed above in relation to the Authority's statutory objective and the requirements set out in section 32(1) of the Act.
Principle 2: Clearly Identified Efficiency Gain or Market or Regulatory Failure	The proposed Code amendment is consistent with principle 2 because it addresses an identified efficiency gain, which requires a Code amendment to resolve.
Principle 3: Quantitative Assessment	Please refer to the assessment of costs and benefits in section 3 of the consultation paper.
Regulatory statement	
Objectives of the proposed amendment	<p>The objectives of the proposal are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to remove confusion for consumers as to whether their metering installation is certified; and b) to increase consumer confidence in meter readings.
Evaluation of the costs and benefits of the proposed amendment	Please refer to the assessment of costs and benefits in section 3 of the consultation paper.
Evaluation of alternative means of achieving the objectives of the proposed amendment	The Authority has not identified an alternative means of achieving the objectives of the proposed amendment.