

TABLE 3.2 Recommended Initial Frequencies of Inspection of Electrical Installations

Type of installation 1	Routine check sub-clause 3.5 2	Maximum period between inspections and testing as necessary 3	Reference (see notes below) 4
<i>General installation</i>			
Domestic	----	Change of occupancy/10 years	
Commercial	1 year	Change of occupancy/ 5 years	1, 2
Educational establishments	4 months	5 years	1, 2
Hospitals	1 year	5 years	1, 2
Industrial	1 year	3 years	1, 2
Residential accommodation	at change of occupancy/1 year	5 years	1
Offices	1 year	5 years	1, 2
Shops	1 year	5 years	1, 2
Laboratories	1 year	5 years	1, 2
<i>Buildings open to the public</i>			
Cinemas	1 year	3 years	2, 6, 7
Church installations	1 year	5 years	2
Leisure complexes (excluding swimming pools)	1 year	3 years	1,2,6
Places of public entertainment	1 year	3 years	1, 2, 6
Restaurants and hotels	1 year	5 years	1,2,6
Theatres	1 year	3 years	2, 6, 7
Public houses	1 year	5 years	1,2, 6
Village halls/Community centres	1 year	5 years	1, 2
<i>Special installations</i>			
Agricultural and horticultural	1 year	3 years	1, 2
Caravans	1 year	3 years	
Caravan Parks	6 months	1 year	1, 2, 6
Highway power supplies	as convenient	6 years	
Marinas	4 months	1 year	1, 2
Fish farms	4 months	1 year	1, 2
Swimming pools	4 months	1 year	1, 2, 6
Emergency lighting	Daily/monthly	3 years	2, 3, 4
Fire alarms	Daily/weekly/monthly	1 year	2, 4,5
Launderettes	1 year	1 year	1, 2, 6
Petrol filling stations	1 year	1 year	1, 2, 6
Construction site installations	3 months	3 months	1, 2

Reference Key

1. Particular attention must be taken to comply with SI 1988 No 1057. The Electricity Supply Regulations 1988 (as amended).
2. SI 1989 No 635. The Electricity at Work Regulations 1989 (Regulation 4 & Memorandum).
3. See BS 5266: Part 1: 1988 Code of practice for the emergency lighting of premises other than cinemas and certain other specified premises used for entertainment.
4. Other intervals are recommended for testing operation of batteries and generators.
5. See BS 5839: Part 1: 1988 Code of practice for system design installation and servicing (Fire detection and alarm systems for buildings).
6. Local Authority Conditions of Licence.
7. SI 1995 No 1129 (Clause 27) The Cinematograph (Safety) Regulations.