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To: All SJIB and SELECT Members

Dear Sir/Madam,

BS 7671 Amendment 4 – Implementation within the FICA and ACA

Amendment 4 to BS 7671:2018 (IET Wiring Regulations) was published on 15 April 2026 and will become the recognised UK national standard for electrical installations from 15 October 2026.

From 19 October 2026, all Final Integrated Competence Assessments (FICA) and Advanced Competence Assessments (ACA) will be delivered and marked in accordance with BS 7671:2018+A4:2026.

Amendment 4 introduces several significant updates to the Wiring Regulations, including:

- A new chapter covering stationary secondary batteries used for the storage and supply of electrical energy.
- A new section covering functional earthing and functional equipotential bonding for information and communication technology (ICT) equipment and systems.
- New requirements relating to Power over Ethernet (PoE).
- Revised requirements for medical locations.
- Consolidation of Amendment 3:2024 into the main body of the standard.

The FICA and ACA have been updated to reflect Amendment 4, with changes principally affecting the underpinning knowledge elements of both assessments.

Employers should ensure that Apprentices and Adult Trainees preparing for a FICA or ACA assessment have access to BS 7671:2018+A4:2026 and are given sufficient opportunity to familiarise themselves with the amended requirements prior to assessment.

Any employer requiring further information regarding the implementation of Amendment 4 within the FICA or ACA should contact david.henderson@sectt.org.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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