

Type of Installation	Routine Check	Maximum Period between Inspections and testing as necessary(note 8)	Notes
Domestic accommodation - general	-	Change of occupancy /10 years	
Domestic accommodation - rented houses and flats	1 year	Change of occupancy /5 years	1,2,10
Residential (Houses of Multiple Occupation)- halls of residence, nurses accommodation, etc	1 year	Change of occupancy /5 years	1,2,10,11
Commercial	1 Year	Change of occupancy /5 years	1,2,3,4
Educational Establishments	6 Months	5 years	1,2,6
Industrial	1 Year	3 years	1,2
Offices	1 Year	5 years	1,2
Shops	1 Year	5 years	1,2
Laboratories	1 Year	5 years	1,2

Notes

- Particular attention must be taken to comply with SI 2002 No.2665 - Electricity, Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations 2002 (as amended)
- Electricity at Work Regulations 1989, Regulation and Memorandum of Guidance (HRS25) Published by the HSE
- See BS 5266: Part 1: 2005 Code of practice for the emergency lighting of premises.
- Other intervals are recommended for testing operation of batteries and generators
- See BS 5839 - Part 1: 2002 + A2:2008 Fire detection and alarm systems for buildings. Code of practice for design, installation, commissioning and maintenance).
- Local Authority Conditions of License
- It is recommended that a caravan is inspected and tested every three years, reduced to every year if it is used Frequently (see Regulation 721.514.1 and Fig 721 Instructions for electricity supply)
- The person carrying out subsequent inspections may recommend that the interval between future inspections be increased or decreased as a result of findings of their inspection.
- Medical locations shall have their isolating transformer equipment inspected and tested for functionality as well as alarms etc; every third year the output leakage current of the IT isolating equipment shall be measured.
- The Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 requires that properties under the Act have their services maintained. Periodic inspection and testing is the IET recognised method of demonstrating this.
- The Management of Houses in Multiple Occupation Regulation (England and Wales).
Source - Guidance Note 3 Inspection & Testing - Section 3.7