# Electrical Installation Standard: SANS 10142-1-2

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Standard and Regulations for SSEG

Implication for the industry

Take home messages

SANS10142-1-2 Background

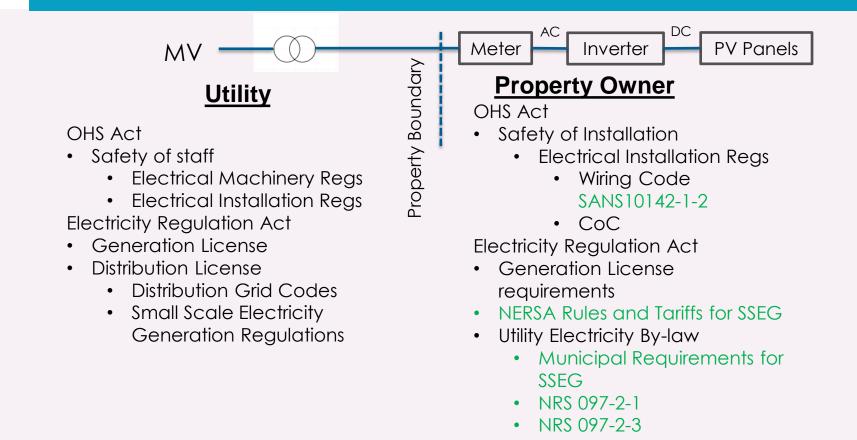
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Status quo and Next steps



## 1. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION



#### O1 GRID-TIED FEED IN PV SYSTEMS

Grid-tied feed in PV systems have PV panels that are connected directly to an inverter. The electricity it generates is used locally on the property or fed back into the electricity grid, when excess electricity is generated.

> City of Cape Town electricity grid

*Source:* City of Cape Town PV installation Guideline

During peak consumption periods and at night, electricity is imported from the grid NRS097-2-3 (Simplified connection criteria) Solar panels com into clean DC en SANS10142-1-2 (LV wiring - draft)

#### NRS097-2-1 (Utility Interface)

inverter converts DC electricity into useable AC electricity

New City-approved bi-directional electricity meter

Exported electricity:

When the solar system generates more electricity than your building uses the excess electricity goes back into the grid and the City will credit you for it at a set feed in tariff.



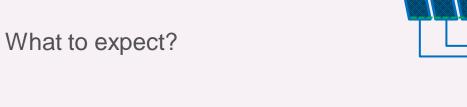
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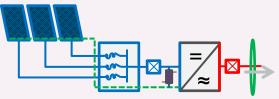
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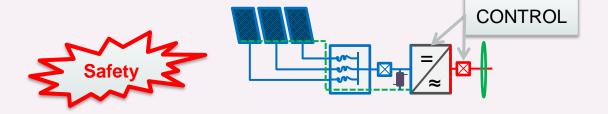




What is allowed?



What to do?



#### **3. NRS097-2-1:Approved Inverter list example**



ELECTRICITY SERVICES

#### TYPE TESTED INVERTERS/EQUIPMENT IN TERMS OF NRS 097-2-1

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			Certificate			Certificate of Compliance	
Make	Model	Test House	date	Valid until	Report number	number	Comments
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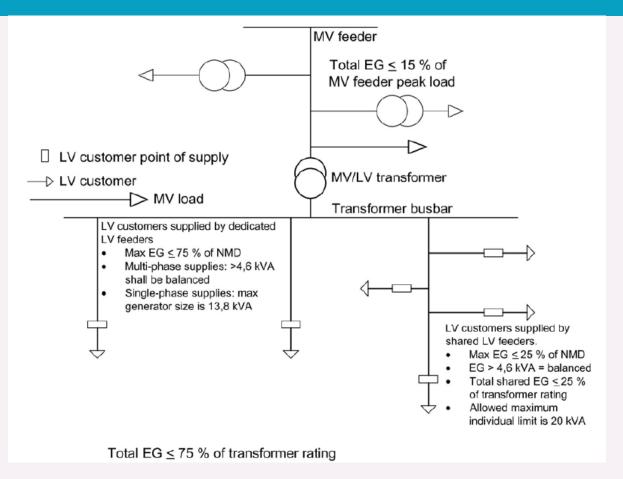
Simplified Connection Criteria

Flowchart

Basic checks

If not met – Detailed Grid Studies

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- The SANS 10142-1: Wiring of premises; LV Installations
- Requirements for embedded generation or parallel (co-generation)
  NOT included; SANS 10142-1-2 (Requirements for LV SSEG
  installations) was created .
- Focus on small scale (<1000kVA) grid connected embedded (EG) or distributed generation; with emphasis on solar PV.
- Document >5 years in the making



- Provide clarity on "Gray" or unknown areas including; protective equipment, conductor selection and sizing, labelling, earthing, test reports, lightning protection, etc.
- It will increase the safety of installations and help level the playing field for installers
- Removes the need for a Pr. Person to sign off on the electrical installation itself.
- Not all aspects addressed in detail; Hybrid, storage and new technologies to be expanded on in future



- The draft SANS 10142-1-2 has been circulated for public comment for a second time with closing date early June 2021
- Work group to convene end of June 2021 to start processing comments
- Once comments are addressed, document will go out for publication.
- Possible timeline (opinion)
  Comments processed by end of 2021
  Published by mid 2022





- SANS 10142-1-2: Additional Special requirements for low voltage small scale embedded generation installations connected to THE GRID
- Applies to the installation of:
  - Solar PV installations
  - Energy Storage systems
  - Inverter-based generation
  - Synchronous generators
  - Asynchronous /induction generators
  - Any combination of the above connected to a single point of supply





- SANS 10142-1-2: Additional Special requirements for low voltage small scale embedded generation installations connected to THE GRID
- Not applicable
  - Stand Alone of Off Grid electrical generation systems like solar PV or wind turbines as this is covered in clause 7.12 of the SANS 10142-1.
  - Structural requirements covered by the SANS 10400 series



- Applicable Standards for solar PV components:
  - Distribution boards SANS 61439-2 and SANS 60670 relevant part
  - DC circuit breakers SANS 60947-2
  - DC fuses SANS 60269-6
  - PV Connectors IEC 62852
  - Surge Protection Devices (AC) SANS 61643-11
  - Surge Protection Devices (DC) IEC 61643-31



- Distribution Boards and Wireways
  - AC and DC to be mechanically separated if same DB
  - Class II assembly is required for DC installation above Vmax =60V
  - Assembly insulation according to SANS 61439-1 and SANS 1973-1
- Specific labelling requirements apply
- Earthing the same size as DC cable size; for
  - bonding
  - reduction of static and
  - monitoring



- DC: Overcurrent vs reverse current protection for PV
  - To be used for installations with 3 or more PV strings in parrallel
  - Rated at 1.56 x lsc
  - Must be DC rated (gPV)
  - Both positive and Negative
- Separate DC Switch disconnector to be installed
- SPDs
- (Opinion) Installation and placement of DBs





#### A few points to remember

- 1. The SANS 10142-1-2 compliments the base document.
- 2. Will increase safety and level the playing field for installers
- 3. Should be updated and expanded further



## Thank you

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# **Questions?**





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