

The table below provides guidance on the frequency of formal inspections of electrical installations as well as routine checks. (Table extracted from BS7671 IET Wiring Regulations 17th Edition).

Type of Installation	Routine check	Maximum period between inspections and testing as necessary
General installation		
Domestic accommodation	-	change of occupancy/10 years
- general	-	change of occupancy/5 years
Domestic accommodation	-	change of occupancy/5 years
- rented houses and flats	-	change of occupancy/5 years
Commercial	1 year	change of occupancy/5 years
Educational establishments	6 months	5 years
Hospitals and medical clinics - general areas Hospitals and medical	1 year	5 years

clinics - medical locations	6 months	1 year
Industrial	1 year	3 years
Residential accommodation (Houses of Multiple Occupation) - halls of residence, nurses accommodation, etc.	1 year	Change of occupancy/5 years
Offices	1 year	5 years
Shops	1 year	5 years
Laboratories	1 year	5 years
Buildings open to the public		
Cinemas	1 year	1-3 years
Church installations	1 year	5 years
Leisure complexes (excluding swimming	1 year	3 years

pools)

Places of public entertainment	1 year	3 years
Restaurants and hotels	1 year	5 years
Theatres	1 year	3 years
Public houses	1 year	5 years
Village halls/Community centres	1 year	5 years
Special and specific installations (for medical locations see above)		
Agricultural and horticultural	1 year	3 years
Swimming pools	4 months	1 year
Caravans Caravan parks	1 year 6 months	3 years 1 year

Highway power supplies as convenient 6-8 years

Marinas 4 months 1 year

Fish farms 4 months 1 year

Emergency lighting daily/monthly 3 years

Fire alarms daily/weekly 1 year

Launderettes monthly 1 year

Petrol filling stations 1 year 1 year

Construction site installations 3 months 3 months