
PIR Testing

What is a PIR Test?

A PIR is intended to identify the condition of an electrical installation, be it good or bad.

Registered Electrical Contractors (RECs) shall carry out periodic inspection and testing in line with the National Rules for Electrical Installations.

What is tested?

All electrical outlets (sockets) and light fittings/switches and fuse boards.

What is not tested?

Electrical items owned and operated by members including appliances, TV's etc.

How long will the test last?

It is estimated that the test will last half a day (4 or 5 hours) for a standard size (2 bed) apartment and 1 full day (8 hours) for a standard size house (2 bed, 1 bath).

What preparations will be required?

Please ensure that all electrical outlets and light fittings are accessible. This may mean moving furniture so the electrician can gain access. Access to the fuse board will also be required.

What impact (if any) will the test have?

Non-compliant member installed items may need to be removed and replaced. Please note that if a member installed item is deemed non-compliant the cost may be recharged to the member. Please note: Your electrical supply will be turned on and off during the period of testing.

How often do the tests need to be carried out?

PIR Testing is recommended every 5 years. Co-Operative Housing Ireland will ensure that each vacant unit supplied to new tenants has had a full PIR Test and are compliant with the standards required.

Cyclical testing in line with the 5 year recommendation will be incorporated into the Co-Operative Housing planned maintenance program.