

Testing is carried out at regular intervals:

Type of Environment and/or equipment	Interval between inspection and tests				
	Equipment including Class I equipment, Class II equipment, cord sets, cord extension sets and EPODs	Residual current devices (RCDs)			
		Push-button test – by user		Operating time and push-button test	
		Portable	Fixed	Portable	Fixed
Workshops, places of manufacture, assembly, maintenance or fabrication	6 months	Daily, or before every use, whichever is the longer	6 months	12 months	12 months
Environment where the equipment or supply flexible cord is subject to flexing in normal use or is open to abuse or is in a hostile environment* (eg. laboratories, tea rooms, kitchens, healthcare establishments. Also includes laptop computers)	12 months	3 months	6 months	12 months	12 months
Environment (eg. office environment, including fixed desktop computers) where the equipment or supply cord is not subject to flexing in normal use and is not open to abuse and is not in a hostile environment*	5 years	3 months	6 months	2 years	2 years
Residential type areas of: residential institutions, halls, houses, and the like	2 years	6 months	6 months	2 years	2 years
Equipment used for commercial cleaning	6 months	Daily, or before every use, whichever is the longer	N/A	6 months	N/A
Hire equipment:					
Inspection	Prior to hire	Including push-button test by hirer prior to hire		N/A	N/A
Test and tag	3 months	N/A		3 months	12 months
Repaired, serviced and second-hand equipment	After repair or service which could affect electrical safety, or on reintroduction to service, refer to AS/NZS 5762.				
New equipment	Must be inspected for damage before being used, tagged 'New to Service' and tested at next round of testing or at a maximum of 12 months of purchase. Thereafter, it must be tested and tagged according to relevant category above.				
Equipment imported directly from overseas (not through Australian supplier)	Must be inspected, tested and tagged by qualified electrician before it is placed in the workplace. Thereafter, it must be tested and tagged according to relevant category above.				

***hostile environment** – one in which the equipment or appliance is subject to events or operating conditions likely to result in damage to the equipment/appliance, eg. exposure to moisture, heat, vibration, dust, corrosive chemicals, mechanical damage.