Short-Course

Solar PV System Installation and Maintenance NTQF Level III

Learning Guide -18

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LO 6:- Notify completion of installation work - 18











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This learning guide is developed to provide you the necessary information, knowledge, skills and attitude regarding the following content coverage and topics:

- Completing forms related to the conducted job
- · Completing installation activities report
- Documenting as-installed apparatus and associated equipment
- Notifying completion of work by appropriate person
- Using appropriate medium to transfer information
- Informing system operation, routine maintenance and limitations to customer This guide will also assist you to attain the learning outcome stated in the cover page. Specifically, upon completion of this Learning Guide, you will be able to:-
- Complete forms related to the conducted job
- Complete installation activities report
- Document as-installed apparatus and associated equipment
- Notify completion of work by appropriate person
- Use appropriate medium to transfer information
- Inform system operation, routine maintenance and limitations to customer

Learning Instructions:

- 1. Read the specific objectives of this Learning Guide.
- 2. Follow the instructions described below:
- 3. Read the information written in the information Sheet 1 (page: 171), Sheet 2 (page: 173), Sheet 3 (page: 176), Sheet 4 (page: 179), Sheet 5 (page: 182), Sheet 6 (page: 184)
- 4. Accomplish the Self-Check 1 (page: 172), Self-Check 2 (page: 175), Self-Check 3 (page: 178), Self-Check 4 (page: 181), Self-Check 5 (page: 183), Self-Check 6 (page: 191)











LO 6:- Notify Completion of installation work

Information Sheet 1	Completing forms related to the conducted job
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1 Completing forms related to the conducted job

1.1 Introduction

The last step is notifying the completion of the installation and to finalise the paperwork. See Figure 110 for a high level overview of the process that will be followed in Module 10. LO6 (in Yellow) deals with the completion of the installation work including notification and finalising all the paperwork.



Figure 110: Installation Process

1.2 Forms

At the end of the job, there is some paperwork that needs to be done. This includes:

- Completion of the installation activity report; (Information Sheet 2)
- Updating all the drawings and documents to reflect the as-built system.
 (Information Sheet 3);
- Complete the work completion report for the customer (Information Sheet 4).











Self-Check - 11	Written Test
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N°	Questions and answers
1	What should the job card include?

Satisfactory	4 points
Unsatisfactory	Below 2 points

Answer Sheet	Score =
	Rating:
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Information Sheet 2	Completing installation activity report
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2 Completing installation activity report

2.1 Work Completion Report

A spread sheet or other reporting format is used for collecting data, calculating results and reporting purposes. Inputs for such a system may be downloaded from a data collection and monitoring system or combination of systems, or they may be input manually. Regardless of the method, the inputs should be standardized for consistent results.

Reports should include the following elements, at a minimum:

- System name, address/location
- System size, type (fixed, tracking), module, inverter, pitch and azimuth
- Name of person(s) performing the tests and reporting the results
- Test equipment used (monitoring/model, irradiance sensor, temperature sensor, etc.)
- Period of time for measurements
- Number of measurements taken and used
- Irradiance measured
- Temperature measured (and conversion of ambient to module/cell if appropriate)
- Uncertainty of the test results and acceptable tolerance
- Notes on any significant findings or observances
- Summary and narrative of the outcome (lab report).











installation of solar electric			ystem Job r			ır.:
company name:		client na	client name:			
company adress:		client adress:				
installer name:		installat	ion site:			
installation date:						
	tech	nical det	tails			
the solar electric system is designed to:						
solar module specifications:					qty:	
charge controller specifications:					qty:	
battery specifications:					qty:	
inverter specifications:					qty:	
combiner box:					qty:	
battery fuse:					qty:	
surge protective devices:				qty:		
other equipment:					qty:	
other equipment:					qty:	
other equipment:					qty:	
other equipment:					qty:	
documentation handed over						
manual for charge controller			system l	ogbook		
manual for inverter			mainten	maintenance guide		
manual for batteries			troubles	roubleshooting guide		
The installer assures that the system is full		y	date:			
functional according to its intended design		and in				
accordance with the regulations of the Nig		gerian				
electricity regulatory comission :			sign:			
the client confirms that the system is fully			date:			
functional according to its intended design ar						
have received all relevant documentation ar		and				
instructions to operate the system			sign:			
if technical assistance is						
required contact:						

Figure 111: Work Completion Report sample











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Self-Check - 2 Written Test

Questions and answers
What are the work completion report contents?

Satisfactory	10 points
Unsatisfactory	Below 6 points

Answer Sheet	Score =
	Rating:
Name	Date











Information Sheet 3	Documenting as-installed apparatus and associated
	equipment

3 Documenting as-installed apparatus and associated equipment

3.1 Introduction

It is very important to update all documentation to reflect the as-built system. There are often changes that have to be made to the system while installing and it should be reflected in the final documentation.

3.2 Documentation to update

- System Data
- Name plate data –Rated Power, Manufacturers, Models and quantities of PV modules, charge controllers and inverters
- Cover page data- Contact information for the customer, system designer and system installer, Relevant project date
- Wiring diagrams
- Site drawings
- Data sheets
- O & M information
 - Procedure for verifying correct system operation
 - · A checklist of what to in case of system failure
 - Emergency shut down and isolation procedures
 - Maintaining and cleaning recommendations
- Test results and commission data
- PV system documentation is a permanent record associated with a PV installation, including maintenance and testing records. This information is critical for the effective maintenance and evaluation of the system over time. Key components of a PV system documentation package should include the following:
- The system DC and AC power ratings; the manufacturer, model and quantity of PV modules, inverters, batteries, controllers and all other major components, as applicable. The dates of the system installation, commissioning and inspection should also be noted.
- The names, postal addresses, phone numbers and email addresses for the customer/owner, system designer, installation contractor and any other responsible parties or subcontractors.
- A site layout identifying equipment locations on buildings or relative to property lines or easements. In some cases, a shading analysis and performance estimates may be provided with project proposals, and should also be including with the final system documents.











- A single line diagram depicting the overall system design, including the types of modules, total number of modules, modules per string and total number of strings; the types and number of inverters; and any other major components. For larger projects, complete as-built electrical and mechanical drawings are usually required at project close out.
- The types, sizes and ratings for all balance of- system components annotated on the single line diagram, or noted and provided in a separate table, including specifications for all conductors, raceways, junction boxes, source circuit combiner boxes, disconnects, overcurrent protection devices, and grounding equipment, as applicable.
- Data sheets and specifications for PV modules, inverters and other major components, including module mounting systems. For most inverters, installation and user/operator manuals are available and provide important information regarding the safe operation and maintenance of the equipment.
- Operation and maintenance information including procedures for verifying proper system operation and performance, and how to determine if there is a problem and what to do. Procedures for isolating/disconnecting
- Equipment and emergency shutdown procedures should also be provided. A maintenance plan and intervals should be provided for all routine (scheduled) system maintenance, such as array cleaning as required. Operating and maintenance guidelines should differentiate what tasks can be performed by the owner or caretakers, from those that require professional service due to the complexity of the tasks, special equipment needs, or safety concerns. Maintenance agreements, plans and recordkeeping forms or sheets should also be provided to document maintenance activities over time.
- Warranty details on major components indicating the terms and conditions, and how the warranty process is handled and by whom. System warranties should also be addressed, including quality of workmanship, roof weather sealing or performance warranties as applicable.
- Copies of all commissioning test reports and verification data.
- Contracting and financial details are also an important part of system documentation, and may be included with the technical items discussed above or under a separate file. These documents would include construction contracts, invoices and payments for materials and labour, building permits, inspection certificates, interconnection agreements, and applications and approvals from incentive programs, such as rebates and tax forms.











Self-Check - 3	Written Test

N°	Questions and answers
1	Point out some of the documentation to update. (8)

Satisfactory	6 points
Unsatisfactory	Below 5 points

Answer Sheet	Score =
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Notifying completing of work by appropriate person

4 Notifying completing of work by appropriate person

4.1 Work Completion Report

At the end of the work, the customer should be presented with a record of what was done. See Module 13 LO1 for a sample RAL Acceptance Record document. This should include important information pertaining to the following:

- General Information
 - Client Contact details.
 - Location of the installation.
 - Installer contact details.
- Technical Specifications of the installation
 - Type of plant e.g. Grid-connected, Off-grid etc.
 - Nominal power of PV plant.
 - Details of modules, Charge Controller, Inverter, batteries.
 - Protective devices.
 - Critical measurements.
- Visual Checklist (verification against quotation)
 - General mounting check for damages to property e.g. roof etc.
 - Mounting system
 - Cabling and cable path
 - Charge Controller
 - Protective devices
 - Batteries
 - AC Inverter
 - Monitoring system (if installed)
 - Cleanness
 - Installation according to contract/quotation
- Reasonability Check
 - Plant is fully operational?
 - Environmental conditions e.g. temperature, irradiation
 - DC output Power
 - AC output power
- Measurements
 - Open circuit voltages
 - Short circuit currents
 - Battery voltages
- Deficiencies, Rework requirements
- List of documentation provided











- Technical drawings
- For all components operation manuals, installation manuals, data sheets, warranty certificates.
- List of serial numbers.
- Measurement protocols.
- Service contact information.
- Documented customer dialogue.
- Proof of client's instruction (RAL document).
- Any other protocol prepared during planning and installation phase.
- Ensure that the installation strictly adheres to relevant electrical installation codes
- Client Approval
- Client and Installer signatures

4.2 Reporting Performance Results

Ultimately, an owner or O&M provider should be able to generate EPI reports within the data collection and monitoring system, without the need to download monitoring data to another reporting system. This requires incorporating a standard PV energy production model into the monitoring system. This system should also use standardized methods of collecting weather and irradiance data. The data collection and monitoring system will then be capable of producing Predicted Energy from the design model, Expected Energy from real operating conditions, and Measured Energy. If a standardized method of incorporating the model and actual weather and irradiance data is used in any monitoring system, then monitoring results will be consistent across all platforms











Self-Check - 4 Written Test

N°	Questions and answers
1	What should be included in a Completion work notification

Satisfactory	4 points
Unsatisfactory	Below 2 points

Answer Sheet	Score =
	Rating:
Name	Date











Information Sheet 5	Using appropriate medium to transfer information
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5 Using appropriate medium to transfer information

The appropriate medium for transferring information could be done in different ways. This should be explained at the time of project agreement. Mostly the main medium to transfer information used in project activities is writing.

An owner or O&M provider should be able to generate EPI reports within the data collection and monitoring system, without the need to download monitoring data to another reporting system.

The customer should get copies of all documentation relevant to the system either in hard copy format or electronic format.

The installation company should keep a full set of documentation.











Self-Check 5	Written Test
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N°	Questions and answers
1	What is the mostly used medium for transferring information?

Satisfactory	2 points
Unsatisfactory	Below 2 points

Answer Sheet	Score =
	Rating:
Name	Date











Information Sheet 6	Informing system operation, routine maintenance
	and limitations to customer

6 Informing system operation, routine maintenance and limitations to customer

6.1 Introduction

Installers should train the end-user after the solar PV installation in the proper using and maintaining of the system. Because users are interacting with the system every day, they have to have awareness about the installed system. What equipment can be used or plugged to the systems, for how long and dos and don'ts.

Most system owners are paying a lot of money to have PV systems installed, and they have the right to expect the systems to perform for them. An annual site inspection should be considered in the initial sale. If you've installed batteries in a client's system, you need to plan on more than the annual maintenance check for optimal performance.

As long as someone is monitoring the system output on a regular basis, any problems can be detected and dealt with rather quickly. It's when the system isn't being monitored that problems arise. The question then becomes: How long has there been a problem, and who's at fault for not catching it?

Modern systems have monitoring options with the capacity to send an alert via e-mail or text message when a problem occurs. Depending on the monitoring sophistication and options the system owner signs up for, this alert can be a notification of low power production, or it can be an actual error code indicating a problem with the array. Very often, these more advanced features can notify multiple people (including you) when an error occurs. If you can call your client to notify her that you're aware of a system issue before she is, you'll look like a hero (Mayfield, 2010).

In general, clients should be informed about:

- Procedures for verifying correct system operation.
- A check list of what to do in case of system failure.
- Emergency shutdown and isolation procedures.
- Maintenance and cleaning recommendations.
- Using energy sensibly.

6.2 Train the user

The user should be trained on the following aspects of the system:

- Understanding the installed system and components and their function.
 - Solar Module, Charge controller, Battery, inverter, etc.
- How to clean the modules when they are dirty and the advantage of cleaning it.











- Saving energy.
 - Switching off the lights when not in use.
 - Which appliances to use and which ones use too much energy,
 - How to monitor energy usage.
- Proper maintenance of the batteries. (See Module 13 LO3);
- Whom to communicate with when problems arise.
 - Contact details of the installer or technician.

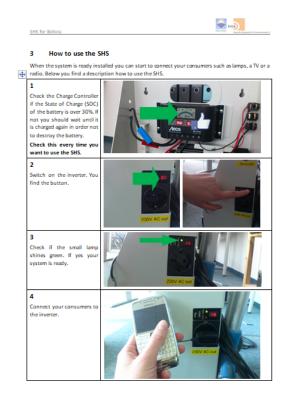




Figure 112: Example system usage instructions











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Name of	Room	Charge mode	PV Generator	1-1:	2.1:	3.1:
inspector	temperature	(float, boost,)	voltage in V	1.2:	2.2:	3.2:
Date, time	Total voltage	State of charge	(at combiner	1.3:	2.3:	3.3:
	battery bank in V	in %	box)			

Cell number	Cell voltage in V	Electrolyte density in kg/l	Electrolyte temperature in °C	Electrolyte level (okay/ n.okay)
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Figure 113: Battery inspection Sheet

6.3 Maintenance

Notes:

A maintenance program should be developed and followed for every photovoltaic power system. The maintenance program should include considerations for structural, Electrical and mechanical components of the system.

Table 11: Sample maintenance schedule

Weekly Maintenance

Observe Battery state of charge

Monthly Maintenance

- · Check and add water to battery electrolyte
- Wipe electrolyte residue from the top of the battery
- Inspect the charge controller for proper indicator light sequence
- Equalize batteries if specific gravity difference between any adjacent cell is greater than 15 points(e.g. 1.250 vs. 1.265)
- Inspect array for broken panels
- Wash array

Annual maintenance

- Check array wiring for physical damage and wind chafing
- Check array mounting hardware for tightness











- Inspect inverter. Remove dust or dirt
- Inspect system wiring for poor connections. Look for signs of excessive heating
- Inspect battery terminals for corrosion. Clean and apply anti-oxidant petroleum jelly as necessary
- Inspect controller for proper operation
- Verify output from the array (Isc and Voc and if possible Imp and Vmp)











Self-Check - 6	Written Test
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N°	Questions and answers
1	What do you check on Annual check?
2	When do you Inspect battery terminals for corrosion
	When do you inspect battery terminals for corrosion

Satisfactory	10 points
Unsatisfactory	Below 6 points

Answer Sheet	Score =
	Rating:
Name	Date











Information Sheet 7	Completing appropriate documentation
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6.4 Completing appropriate documentation

A system description with circuit diagrams, an operation and maintenance plan, should be presented to the user. The designer or installer should read through the operation / maintenance plan with the client, and perhaps have them sign a copy asserting that they have read the instructions. A copy of the operation and maintenance plan should be left with the client. All major components and switch gear should be labelled and be easily accessible for service.













Acceptance Record in accordance with the Requirements of the RALP3 GZ 966 for Photovoltaic Installations English Version 0 ctober 2012

Customer Briefing

Minimum requirements for a Customer Instruction according to the RAL Quality Label *Photovoltaic Installations* RAL GZ 966, Adapted by DGS Thuringia for South Africa

The	following was discussed with the customer			
	Functionality and operation of the entire system have been explained to the customer.			
	The customer has been informed about the basic functionality of the main components (modules, inverter, cabling, main DC insulator/switch, protection equipment, meters etc.).			
	The customer has been informed about the location of the main components of the installation (modules, inverter, cabling, main DC switch, protection equipment, meters etc.).			
	U ser manuals have been delivered to the customer (especially for inverter and modules).			
If appli	If applicable:			
	$The \ customer has been \ informed \ about \ the \ location \ of the \ monitoring \ systems \ and \ informed \ about \ its \ function.$			
Service contact details				
	Service contact details at visible to cations on critical components, e.g. inverter, data recorder, battery bank, etc.			
Rel	evant operations and necessary actions were explained			
	Normal operation: The plant is working (producing energy and feeding in) with sufficient radiation, respective display on the inverter.			
	Sufficient radiation, but the inverter does not work, showing malfunction reports or switching on and off or indicating errors etc.			
	In case of mail function the customers hould:			
	 Switch offthe PV plant (DC insulator/switch, fuses). Inspect for obvious faults such as loose connections, brittle cables or physical damage to any component. Contact the installer (see service phone number). 			
Svs	tem tests and inspections			
	estallation contractor shall be responsible for annual inspection of the installation. All maintenance activities listed in the			
user's	manual shall be adhered to.			
It is recommended to check plant yield and report at least on a monthly basis (if not constantly monitored).				
	Where possible, dirt (leaves, bird droppings etc.) shall be removed from PV-modules by washing.			
	The following annual inspections should be performed:			
	 Changes to the configuration or set-up of plant / PV array / roo f (e.g. after thunderstorms etc.) Functional testing for the integrity of all protective equipment (eg. earthing, lightning protectors, etc.) Visual in spection of all components for physical damage, including panels, cables, connectors, mounting brackets, etc. 			
Mor	nitoring system (if applicable)			
	The monitoring system is installed and working.			
\equiv	The customer was informed howto use the monitoring system.			
The operating manual was handed to the customer.				
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Figure 114: RAL Customer Briefing









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Self-Check - 7	Written Test

N°	Questions and answers	
1	What should the installer present at the time of work completion?	

Satisfactory	5 points
Unsatisfactory	Below 3 points

Answer Sheet	Score =
	Rating:
Name	Date











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