

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5734, June 21, 1969 ]**

**THE ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING ACT  
OF THE PHILIPPINES**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. *Title of Act.*-This Act shall be known and cited as the "Electronics and Communications Engineering Law of the Philippines."

SEC. 2. *Practice of Electronics and Communications Engineering.*- (a) No person shall offer himself in the Philippines as, or use the title "Electronics and/or Communications Engineer" or any word, letter, figure, or sign whatsoever, tending to convey the impression that he is an electronics and/or communications engineer, or advertise or indicate in any manner that he is qualified to perform the work of an electronics and communications engineer without holding a valid certificate of registration as electronics and communications engineer issued by the Board in accordance with this Act, except as provided under Section eleven hereof.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any firm, company, or corporation, to offer itself to the public as electronics and communications engineer without the certification, supervision and/or guidance of a duly registered electronics and communications engineer.

SEC. 3. *Registration-Certificates of Registration.*-A certificate of registration for electronics and communications engineer shall be issued to any applicant who passes the examination hereinafter provided upon payment of the required fees: *Provided, That,* the first Board may issue within a period not exceeding two years from the composition of the said Board, a certificate of registration as electronics and communications engineer, without the necessity of undergoing the examination herein prescribed to its members and to any applicant who, with his application for registration as electronics and communications engineer, shall present evidence or other proof satisfactory to the Board showing (a) that he has a specific record of at least ten years of active practice in electronics and/or communications engineering, (b) that he is of a responsible character indicating that he may be entrusted to perform or render professional electronics and/or communications engineering service as defined in this Act, and (c) who is a bona fide member of any officially registered association of electronics and communications engineers in the Philippines.

Every certificate of registration shall show the full name of the registrant with a serial number, and shall be signed by the members of the Board, attested to by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners and duly authenticated by the official seal of the Board.

The certificate of registration issued by the Board to the registrant shall be evidence that the person named therein is entitled to the rights and privileges of a registered electronics and communications engineer while said certificate remains in force or unrevoked.

SEC. 4. *Board Examination.*-Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, all applicants for registration as electronics and communications engineer shall undergo the required technical examination in accordance with this Act.

SEC. 5. *Prequalifications for Examination.*-In order to be admitted to the electronics and communications engineering examination, an applicant must, at the time of the filing of his application therefor, establish to the satisfaction of the Board that:

- a. He is at least twenty-one years of age;
- b. He is a citizen of the Philippines or of a foreign country qualified to take the examination under Section twenty-three of this Act;
- c. He is of good moral character;
- d. He is a holder of the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electronics and Communications Engineering, or such equivalent engineering course from any school, institute, college, or university recognized by the Government or the State where it is established, after completing a resident collegiate course of not less than four years: *Provided*, That within three years after the approval of this Act, holders of a certificate of Associate in Electronics and Communications Engineering or any allied engineering course or holder of a valid first class radiotelegraphy or radiotelephony commercial operator license with at least five years active practice in electronics, communications, or allied fields shall be qualified to take the electronics and communications engineering examination.

SEC. 6. *Schedule of Examination.*-Examinations for candidates desiring to practice electronics and communications engineering in the Philippines shall be given by the Board twice a year in the City of Manila or in such other places as may be deemed necessary and expedient by the Board.

SEC. 7. *Scope of Examination.*-The examination for the practice of electronics and communications engineering in the Philippines shall consist of written tests which shall cover such subjects as the Board may prescribe.

SEC. 8. *Ratings in the Examination.*-To pass the examination, a candidate must obtain an average of seventy per cent, with no rating below fifty per cent in any subject: *Provided*, That an applicant who fails to obtain a passing average but who obtained at least seventy per cent in each of at least one-half of the total subjects given in the examination, may be permitted to take within two years from the date of his examination, another examination on the subjects in which he obtained a grade below seventy per cent. Should the examinee fail in the set of subjects repeated in the second examination, he shall be required to take all the subjects in the next examination.

SEC 9. *Report of Results of Examination.*-Within ninety days after the examination, the Board shall report the result thereof to the Commissioner of Civil Service, who shall act thereon within thirty days from receipt thereof.

SEC. 10. *Fees for Examination and Registration.*-Every applicant for examination for electronics and communications engineering shall pay an examination fee of forty-five pesos and a registration fee of ten pesos.

Every applicant for registration without examination shall pay a fee of fifty-five pesos.

The fee for a duplicate certificate shall be ten pesos.

All fees shall be paid to the disbursing officer designated by the Board and such officer shall pay from the receipt thereof all the authorized expenses of the Board, including the compensation of each member.

SEC. 11. *Roster of Electronics and Communications Engineers.*-A roster showing the names, the addresses and places of business of all registered electronics and communications engineer shall be prepared by the Secretary of the Board during the month of July every year, commencing one year after the date the first Board has been constituted. Copies of this roster shall be mailed to each person so registered, and the Secretary of Labor with copies furnished to all department heads, to the mayors of all chartered cities, to the Radio Control Office, to the Public Service Commissioner, to the Collector of Customs, to the Commissioner of Immigration and to such other bureaus or government agencies and provincial, city, and municipal authorities as may be deemed necessary and to the public upon request.

SEC. 12. *Creation and Composition of the Board.*-There is hereby created a Board of Examiners for Electronics and Communications Engineers, hereinafter referred to as the Board. It shall be composed of a Chairman and two members, all to be appointed by the President of the Philippines, with the consent of the Commission on Appointments, from among the registered practicing electronics and communications engineers of recognized standing in the Philippines as certified to by any officially registered association of electronics and communications engineers in the Philippines who possess the qualifications prescribed in this Act. The members of the first Board shall be appointed within two years from the approval of this Act from among those certified as duly qualified by the Institute of Electronics and Communications Engineers of the Philippines, a technical professional association duly organized under the laws of the Philippines.

SEC. 13. *Powers and Duties of the Board.*-The Board is vested with the authority, conformably with the provisions of this Act, to:

- I.
  - a. Administer the provisions of this Act.
  - b. Administer oaths in connection with the administration of this Act.
  - c. Issue, suspend, or revoke certificate of registration for the practice of electronics and communications engineering for justifiable cause
  - d. Study the conditions affecting the electronics and communications engineering profession in the Philippines, and exercise the powers conferred upon it by this and other Acts with a view to the promotion and maintenance of ethical, moral, and professional standards in the practice of electronics and communications engineering.