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# ELECTRICAL WORKERS AND CONTRACTORS LICENSING ACT (CHAPTER 89)

# ELECTRICAL WORKERS AND CONTRACTORS LICENSING REGULATIONS 1997

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 13 of the Electrical Workers and Contractors Licensing Act, the Public Utilities Board, with the approval of the Minister for Trade and Industry, hereby makes the following Regulations:

#### PART I

#### PRELIMINARY

#### **Citation and commencement**

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Electrical Workers and Contractors Licensing Regulations 1997 and shall come into operation on 1st March 1997.

#### Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

- "authorised officer" means an officer of the Board authorised by the Board to act on its behalf;
- "electrical installation" has the same meaning as in the Public Utilities Act (Cap. 261);

- "electricity supplier" means a private electricity supplier or a public electricity supplier, as the case may be;
- "holder of a licence" means a holder of a valid licence granted under Part II or III;
- "private electricity supplier" has the same meaning as in section 49(4) of the Public Utilities Act;
- "public electricity supplier" has the same meaning as in the Public Utilities Act;
- "Register" means the Electrical Workers' Register or the Electrical Contractors' Register, as the case may be.

## PART II

## ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

### Licensing of electrical contractors

**3.** Subject to these Regulations, the Board may license a person as an electrical contractor and may renew the licence of an electrical contractor, on such terms and conditions as the Board thinks fit and upon payment of the appropriate fee set out in the Schedule.

## Conditions for licensing as electrical contractor

**4.** No person shall be licensed as an electrical contractor, and the licence of a person as an electrical contractor shall not be renewed, unless —

- (*a*) either he holds or, in the case of a firm, one of the partners holds or, in the case of a corporation, one of the directors holds, an electrical worker's licence or he has in his sole and continuous employment a person who holds an electrical worker's licence and who is registered with the Board as his employee;
- (b) he has the necessary and adequate electrical testing devices and the devices are maintained in good working order; and
- (c) he has taken out a valid insurance policy covering the business against any liability under the Workmen's Compensation Act (Cap. 354).

## Electrical worker registered as employee of electrical contractor not to be licensed as electrical contractor, etc.

5.—(1) No person who holds an electrical worker's licence and who is registered by

the Board as an employee of an electrical contractor shall be licensed as an electrical contractor, and if he has been registered as an electrical contractor before he is registered by the Board as such employee, he shall be treated as having ceased to be licensed as an electrical contractor on being so registered as such employee.

(2) No electrical worker shall be registered as an employee of an electrical contractor unless he consents in writing thereto in such form as provided by the Board.

(3) Where an electrical worker ceases to be in the sole and continuous employment of an electrical contractor, he shall notify the Board which shall then record on the Register that he is no longer so employed, and he shall thereupon cease to be so registered.

#### **Application for licence or renewal of licence**

**6.**—(1) An application for a licence or renewal of a licence shall be made to the Board in such form as may be provided by the Board together with the payment of the appropriate fee set out in the Schedule.

(2) An application for a licence or renewal of a licence shall be forwarded with such testimonials or other evidence of experience, character and competence as the Board may, either generally or in any particular case, require.

(3) Every fact and document stated or submitted in, or in support of, an application for a licence or renewal of a licence, and every expression of opinion so stated shall, if required by the Board, be verified by a statutory declaration made by the applicant or, in the case of a firm or corporation, by one of the partners or directors, respectively.

(4) An application for the renewal of a licence shall be submitted to the Board not later than one month prior to the date of expiry of the licence.

(5) The Board may, in its discretion, refuse to grant a licence to any person whose licence has previously been cancelled or suspended.

#### Fee not refundable

7. Where an application for a licence or renewal of a licence as an electrical contractor is not approved, the fee paid shall not be refunded to the applicant.

#### Licence to be signed by authorised officer, etc.

**8.**—(1) A licence granted under this Part shall be —

- (a) signed by an authorised officer;
- (b) valid for such period as the Board may determine unless cancelled or suspended in accordance with these Regulations; and