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ELECTRICIANS REGISTRATION.

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A BILL INTITLED

AN ACT to provide for Registration of Electricians.

Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Electricians Registration Act, 1921, and shall come into operation on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and *twenty-two*.

Short Title and commencement.

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,—

Interpretation.

10 “Board” means the Electricians Registration Board constituted under this Act:

15 “Electrician” means any person who is and has for at least five years at any time been engaged in the trade of the erection, installation, and repair of electric lighting, electric machinery, and electric constructional work, or any branch of such work, and who is a journeyman qualified to hold a first-grade license or a second-grade license:

20 (i.) First-grade fitters’ work includes all or any of the following matters in connection with the supply of

electricity—the complete erection, installation, and repairs of electric generators, motors, controllers, switchboards, transformers, electric lifts, boosters, storage-batteries, electric-lighting installations, heaters, all electric-traction machinery, and all electric machinery for use or work at any voltage; 5

(ii.) A first-grade fitter means a person competent to carry out first-grade fitters' work;

(iii.) Second-grade fitters' work means and includes all or any of the following matters in connection with the supply of electricity—the complete installation of electric lighting, heating, and motors on low-pressure supply; and 10

(iv.) A second-grade fitter is a person competent to carry out second-grade fitters' work:

“Registered electrician” means a person registered under this Act: 15

“Registration” and “registered” respectively mean registration under this Act and registered under this Act.

Constitution of
Electricians
Registration Board.

3. (1.) There is hereby established a Board, to be called the Electricians Registration Board of New Zealand, which shall consist of the following members:— 20

(a.) The Chief Electrical Engineer of the Dominion of New Zealand for the time being, who shall be Chairman of the Board:

(b.) The chief electrical inspector of the Council of the Fire Underwriters' Association of New Zealand: 25

(c.) A person for the time being holding in New Zealand the position of electrical engineer to a local authority:

(d.) A person appointed by the Association of Electrical Contractors in New Zealand, and who shall be president or vice-president of their association: 30

(e.) A person appointed by the Union or Amalgamated Unions of Electricians, and who shall be a registered electrician.

(2.) With respect to members appointed or elected under paragraphs (c) and (d) of the *last preceding* subsection the following provisions shall apply:— 35

(a.) Appointments shall be made and elections held in the manner prescribed by regulations:

(b.) The names of the persons from time to time appointed or elected shall be gazetted: 40

(c.) The members so appointed or elected shall hold office for a term of three years from the date of publication of the *Gazette* notifying their appointment or election:

(d.) If any member dies, or by writing addressed to the Chairman resigns his office, or fails without the consent of the Board to attend four consecutive meetings of the Board, his office shall be vacant, and the Governor-General may appoint some other qualified person in his stead, who shall hold office for the residue of the period which the vacating member would have held had the vacancy not occurred. 50

4. (1.) The Board shall meet for the conduct of its business at such times and places as may from time to time be fixed by the Board by rules to be made by it in that behalf. Meetings of Board.
- 5 (2.) Notice of the time and place of every such meeting, signed by the Chairman, shall be sent to every member of the Board at least fourteen clear days before the time appointed for such meeting.
- (3.) The Board may regulate its own procedure in such manner as it thinks fit.
- 10 5. If at any meeting of the Board the Chairman is not present, the Board shall appoint some member present to act as Chairman in respect of that meeting, and the person so appointed shall have and may exercise all the powers and functions of the Chairman for the purpose of that meeting. In absence of Chairman Board may appoint Chairman.
- 15 6. (1.) At any meeting of the Board three shall form a quorum. (2.) Every question before the Board shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the members present at the meeting of the Board. Quorum.
- (3.) The Chairman of the Board shall have a casting-vote only.
- 20 7. Every person shall be entitled to registration as an electrician under this Act who satisfies the Board— Qualifications of persons who may be registered as electricians.
- (a.) That he is a holder of a certificate that he has passed such examinations in electrical work, practical and theoretical, as might be approved by the Board or prescribed by the regulations; or
- 25 (b.) That he is at the time of commencement of this Act the holder of a certificate or license as electrician issued by a local authority in New Zealand:
- Provided that application for registration under this section shall be made within ~~six~~ months after the coming into operation of this Act.
- 30 8. The Board shall, on making entries in the Register of Electricians hereinafter referred to, distinguish between the persons registered under paragraphs (a) and (b) of the *last preceding* section. Qualifications to be shown on register.
- 35 9. (1.) The Board shall, on being satisfied that any person is entitled to registration under this Act, cause the name of that person to be entered in a book to be kept by the Secretary to the Board at his office and called the "Register of Electricians of New Zealand."
- (2.) Such register shall at all reasonable hours be open to inspection by the public. Register of Electricians.
- 40 10. The Secretary shall, on application on that behalf made to him at any time by any registered electrician, issue to such person a certificate of registration. Secretary to issue certificate to registered electrician.
- 45 11. The Secretary shall, in the month of January next succeeding the coming into operation of this Act, cause a list of registered electricians, arranged in the alphabetical order of their surnames, to be published in the *Gazette*. List of registered electricians to be gazetted.
- 50 12. Prior to the month of January in every succeeding year the Secretary to the Board shall forward to every person whose name appears in the register a copy of the form set forth in the Schedule hereto, and shall cause to be published a list of these registered Annual list to be prepared and gazetted.

persons who signify on such form a desire to have their names published in the *Gazette* as registered electricians.

Gazette to be evidence.

13. A copy of the *Gazette* or any such list shall be evidence that the persons therein named are registered under this Act, and the absence of the name of any person from such list shall be evidence that he is not registered : 5

Provided that a certificate under the hand of the Secretary of the Board of the entry of the name of any person in the register shall be evidence that the said person is registered under this Act.

Gazette notice to be kept in office of local authority.

14. A copy of the last list published as aforesaid shall be sent to and kept at the office of every local authority having jurisdiction within such districts as may from time to time be prescribed by regulations made under the provisions of this Act, and shall be open to inspection by any person during office hours. 10

Appeals from refusal of Board to register.

15. Any person aggrieved by any decision of the Board refusing to cause his name to be entered in the register, or by any decision of the Board removing his name from the register, may, within three months after such removal or refusal, appeal in the prescribed manner to a Magistrate and two assessors, who shall make such order as they think just, and such order shall have effect accordingly. One of the assessors shall be appointed by the Board and the other shall be appointed by the appellaut's union. 15 20

Registered electricians not to be required to pass examination prescribed by local authority.

16. No registered electrician shall be required to pass any examination or pay any license fee to any local authority.

Inspectors to be registered. Regulations.

17. All electrical inspectors shall be registered under this Act. 25

18. The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, make regulations prescribing—

- (a.) The subjects in which candidates for examination under this Act may be examined ;
- (b.) The form of certificate of having passed any examination under this Act, and the form of certificate of registration ; 30
- (c.) The manner of conducting appeals from decisions of the Board under this Act ; and
- (d.) Generally, for any other matter which is deemed by the Board necessary or expedient to give effect to this Act. 35

Fees.

19. A fee of *two* shillings and *sixpence* will be charged for first registration, or for any certificate of registration. No further fee to be charged for any subsequent registration, and a fee of *one* pound to be charged for examination or re-examination.

Examinations.

20. With respect to examination prescribed by regulations under this Act, the following shall apply :— 40

- (a.) The Board shall direct and control all such examinations. It may appoint a Government official or officials to hold examinations in any centre it deems necessary, and may be conducted on the lines of the Marine Engineers' Examination, and may grant or refuse such certificates as having passed such examination. 45
- (b.) No such certificate shall be granted unless the candidate produces evidence that he has served an apprenticeship of at least five years or has been engaged in electrical work as defined by section *two* for not less than five years. 50

(c.) A candidate taking the examination for first-grade electrical fitter must be at least twenty-one years of age.

(d.) A candidate taking the examination for second-grade electrical fitter must be at least nineteen years of age.

6 21. All moneys recovered or received by or on behalf of the Board in the administration of this Act shall be paid into the Public Account as part of the Consolidated Fund. Moneys received under Act to be paid into Public Account.

10 22. All expenses incurred by or on behalf of the Board shall be payable out of moneys from time to time appropriated by Parliament for that purpose. Expenses of Board.

15 23. Any person making use of a certificate of registration granted under this Act, and not being himself the person therein named, and any registered electrician allowing his certificate to be used by any other person, whether such last-named person be registered under this Act or not, shall be guilty of an offence under this Act and shall be liable to have his registration suspended or cancelled. Both shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *ten* pounds. Illegal use of certificate, and penalties for breaches of Act.

20 24. If, in the opinion of the Board, any work done by a registered electrician is so defective as to indicate incompetency or culpable negligence, the Board shall notify such person to produce his certificate for endorsement and may endorse thereon a like record. Board may endorse certificate.

25 25. All endorsements made on a certificate in any one year shall continue on that certificate for the next following twelve months, but shall not continue after that period. Period of endorsement.

26. If at any time there shall be three endorsements in force upon any such certificate, the Board may suspend or cancel such certificate as it deems fit. Board may suspend or cancel certificate.

30 27. All electricity-supply authorities shall cause their inspectors to keep a record of all work inspected, and, in cases where defective work is detected sufficient to call for endorsement, such work shall be inspected by the electrician's employer and the electrical engineer of the supply authority. If such defective work is confirmed, a report of same shall be supplied to the Board within three days of such detection, and on a form as prescribed by regulation. Defective workmanship.

35 28. (1.) Every person who does, or knowingly employs or permits any person to do, any electrical work in breach of this Act, or of any regulation thereunder, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding *ten* pounds. Penalty for employing unregistered electricians.

40 (2.) Every person is liable to a fine not exceeding *twenty* pounds who, not being registered, engages in any electrical work as defined by section *two* of this Act or any regulations made thereunder, or exhibits the name, or title, or description of a registered electrician either alone or in combination with any other word or words, or any name, or title, or sign calculated to induce the belief that he is registered. Right to endorse or cancel certificates reserved to Board.

45 29. The right to endorse or cancel any registration shall be reserved to the Board, which, on receipt of any notice from any supply authority that an endorsement or cancellation is recommended, may thereupon, on its discretion, cause such endorsement or cancellation to be made and the name of that person to be removed from the register for such time as it thinks fit.

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

ELECTRICIANS REGISTRATION ACT, 1921.

Notice of Desire to have Name published in Gazette.

To the Secretary, Electricians Registration Board of New Zealand, Wellington.

I, [*Name in full*], a person registered under the Electricians Registration Act, 1921, hereby give you notice of desire to have my name published in the *Gazette* as a registered electrician.

I hereby declare as follows:—

1. My registered number is
 2. My postal address is
 3. I intend to work in the vicinity of [*Name of locality*].
 4. I was first registered on the day of , 19 , and have since worked as a registered electrician at [*Name of locality*].
- Dated at [*the above address*], this day of , 19 .

A. B.

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