



THE ELECTRICITY REGULATIONS 1993, AMENDMENT NO. 1

CATHERINE A. TIZARD, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 20th day of December 1993

Present:

HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Electricity Act 1992, Her Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, and, in respect of regulation 3 of these regulations, on the advice of the Minister of Energy tendered on the recommendation of the Electrical Workers Registration Board, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Electricity Regulations 1993, Amendment No. 1, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Electricity Regulations 1993* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 28th day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

2. Practising licences—Regulation 12 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after subclause (1), the following subclause:

- “(1A) Every application for a practising licence shall specify—
- “(a) Whether the applicant is, at the date of the application, actively engaged in the class or classes of work in respect of which the applicant is registered; and
- “(b) Whether the applicant has fulfilled those conditions specified in the Tenth Schedule to these regulations that are relevant to the applicant; and
- “(c) Where, at the date of the application, the applicant is not actively engaged in the class or classes of work in respect of which he or she is registered,—
- “(i) The date when the applicant last carried out prescribed electrical work; and
- “(ii) The type of prescribed electrical work that the applicant last carried out.”

3. Conditions for issue of practising licence—The principal regulations are hereby amended by inserting, after regulation 12, the following regulation:

“12A. (1) Before a practising licence may be issued to applicants for a practising licence, the applicants must fulfil those conditions specified in the Tenth Schedule to these regulations that are relevant to them.

“(2) The condition specified in clause 1 of the Tenth Schedule to these regulations shall apply only in respect of applications for a practising licence by persons who are first registered on or after the 1st day of April 1994.

“(3) The conditions specified in clauses 2 and 3 of the Tenth Schedule to these regulations shall apply only in respect of applications for practising licences that are to come into force on or after the 1st day of April 1995.”

4. Certification of the installation of fixed wiring and connected fittings—Regulation 35 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by adding the following subclause:

“(7) Where, in accordance with subclause (3) (b) of this regulation, a person certifying work not carried out under an employer licence retains a copy of the certificate of compliance, that person shall, within 20 working days of any written request in that behalf by the Board, supply a copy of that certificate to the Board.”

5. Inspection of prescribed electrical work—Regulation 36 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by adding the following subclause:

“(8) Where, in accordance with subclause (5) of this regulation, a person inspecting work not carried out under an employer licence retains a copy of the certificate of compliance, that person shall, within 20 working days of any written request in that behalf by the Board, supply a copy of that certificate to the Board.”

6. Systems in general—Regulation 45 (6) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting the expression “1994”, and substituting the expression “1995”.

7. Fees—Regulation 99 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by adding the following subclause:

“(3) The Board may, if it thinks fit, in any of the following circumstances, waive, refund, or remit the whole or part of any fee

prescribed by these regulations that would otherwise be payable to the Board by any person:

- “(a) Where, in any period beginning on the 1st day of April in any year and ending with the close of the 31st day of March in the following year, any person makes—
 - “(i) An application for registration; or
 - “(ii) An application for a practising licence; or
 - “(iii) An application for a written examination; or
 - “(iv) An application for a practical examination,—and that person has, in that period, already made an application of that same kind:
- “(b) Where, in the case of an applicant for a practising licence, the cost to the Board of carrying out the Board’s obligations under section 149 (d) of the Act in respect of the class of work (or a particular category of the class of work) in respect of which the applicant is registered does not justify the charging of the full fee in respect of that application:
- “(c) Where a practising licence is issued for any period less than 1 year:
- “(d) Where any fee is overpaid or is paid in error.”

8. Ninth Schedule amended—The Ninth Schedule to the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting, from the final item of that schedule, the expression “Part II or Part III”, and substituting the expression “Part III or Part IV”.

9. New Tenth Schedule added—The principal regulations are hereby amended by adding, as the Tenth Schedule, the Tenth Schedule set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

SCHEDULE

Reg. 9

NEW TENTH SCHEDULE TO PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

Reg. 12A

"TENTH SCHEDULE

CONDITIONS TO BE FULFILLED BY APPLICANTS FOR PRACTISING LICENCES

1. An applicant for a practising licence who has not previously held such a licence must have attended courses of instruction in the following matters:

- (a) Safe working practices that are appropriate to work of the class or classes in respect of which the applicant is registered;
- (b) Testing to ensure safety prior to commencing work of the class or classes in respect of which the applicant is registered, and to ensure safety during and after the completion of such work;
- (c) Basic first aid;
- (d) Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

2. An applicant for a practising licence (being a registered electrical service technician, a registered electrician, or a registered electrical inspector) who has previously held a practising licence must have attended courses of instruction in the following matters within the period of 2 years immediately before the date of the application:

- (a) Safe working practices that are appropriate to work of the class or classes in respect of which the applicant is registered;
- (b) Testing to ensure safety prior to commencing work of the class or classes in respect of which the applicant is registered, and to ensure safety during and after the completion of such work;
- (c) Basic first aid;
- (d) Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

3. An applicant for a practising licence (being a line mechanic) who has previously held a practising licence must have attended courses of instruction as follows:

- (a) Within the period of 2 years immediately before the date of the application, courses or refresher courses in the following matters:
 - (i) Safe working practices that are appropriate to the work undertaken by a line mechanic;
 - (ii) Testing to ensure safety prior to commencing such work, and to ensure safety during and after the completion of such work; and
- (b) Within the period of 14 months immediately before the date of the application, a course or refresher course in basic first aid; and
- (c) Within the period of 7 months immediately before the date of the application, a course or refresher course in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation."

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations make a number of unrelated amendments to the Electricity Regulations 1993.

Regulation 2 amends regulation 12 of the principal regulations. The effect of the amendment is to specify certain additional information that must be supplied by applicants for a practising licence.

Regulation 3 inserts a new regulation 12A into the principal regulations. The new regulation sets out certain conditions, relating to courses of instruction, that must be fulfilled by certain applicants for a practising licence.

Regulations 4 and 5 amend regulations 35 and 36 respectively of the principal regulations. The effect of the amendments is that where a person certifies or inspects prescribed electrical work not carried out under an employer licence, and that person retains the copy of the certificate of compliance rather than returning it to the Board, that person may be required to supply that copy to the Board on request.

Regulation 6 amends regulation 45 (6) of the principal regulations, which permits the total system neutral impedance in an MEN system to exceed 10 ohms prior to 1 April 1994. The amendment alters that date to 1 April 1995.

Regulation 7 specifies certain circumstances in which the Board may waive, refund, or remit the whole or part of any fee prescribed by the principal regulations.

Regulation 8 corrects an incorrect reference in the Ninth Schedule to the principal regulations.

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These regulations are administered in the Ministry of Commerce.