

*Amended by  
Order 39/45*



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 17—1945.

I ASSENT,

[L.S.]

A. B. WRIGHT,  
*Acting Governor.*

29th June, 1945.

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the licensing of persons who carry out the electric wiring of buildings, the regulation of such operations, and generally the prevention or minimising of danger to persons or property which may arise from the electric wiring of buildings.

[5th July, 1945.]

Commence-  
ment.

ENACTED by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Electric Installations (Buildings) Ordinance, 1945.* Short title.

Interpretation. 2. (1) In this Ordinance—

Ch. 22. No. 1.

“Board” means the Board of Industrial Training constituted under the Industrial Training Ordinance ;

“licensed wireman” means a person who is the holder of a valid licence as such issued to him under the provisions of this Ordinance ;

“licence” includes duplicate licence.

(2) For the purposes of this Ordinance a person shall be deemed to act as a wireman who, on any occasion, installs, fixes, repairs, alters, replaces, connects, disconnects or removes the whole or any part of the electric wiring of any building, not being the wiring of any telephone or radio-diffusion service or a lightning conductor or the wiring (including the earthing) of any wireless aerial: Provided that a person shall not be deemed to act as a wireman by reason only of the fact that he manipulates a switch, or connects or disconnects a plug, or replaces or installs a lamp in a socket, or replaces a fuse so long as such replacement is in conformity with the relevant provisions of any regulations in force by virtue of section 11 of this Ordinance.

Rescinding of existing regulations.

3. On the coming into force of this Ordinance the regulations made under the San Fernando Electric Works Ordinance and published at page 717 of the *Royal Gazette* of the 18th November, 1926, and the Wiremen's Licences Regulations, 1930, shall be revoked, but any licence issued or deemed to have been issued thereunder shall remain valid until the 31st day of December next ensuing such coming into force, and during such period the holder thereof shall be deemed to be a licensed wireman as if he were the holder of a licence granted under this Ordinance.

Appointment of Licensing Authority.

4. (1) The Governor may, by notification published in the *Royal Gazette*, appoint one or more persons to be Licensing Authorities for the purposes of this Ordinance and the Director of Public Works shall be deemed to have been so appointed.

(2) Any of the powers and duties conferred or imposed on “the Licensing Authority” by this Ordinance may be exercised by any person appointed (so long as the appointment subsists) or deemed to have been appointed under the preceding subsection.

5. (1) It shall be lawful for the Licensing Authority to grant a licence to act as a wireman to any person who— Licences.

- (a) makes application therefor in the prescribed manner to the Licensing Authority; and
- (b) satisfies the Licensing Authority that he is qualified as hereafter provided to receive such licence; and
- (c) is not less than 18 years of age; and
- (d) pays the prescribed fee.

(2) Every such licence to act as a wireman shall be in the prescribed form and shall expire on the 31st day of December of the year in respect of which it is granted unless sooner cancelled as hereafter provided.

(3) If, within fifteen days after the expiry of any such licence, the holder thereof makes application in the prescribed manner for a new licence, he shall be deemed to be still a licensed wireman until he is served with a notice to the effect that a new licence has been refused by the Licensing Authority.

6. Any person shall be qualified to receive a licence to act as a wireman who— Qualifications  
for licences.

- (a) has qualified for a certificate of efficiency as a wireman under the provisions of the Industrial Training Ordinance prior to the 1st of January, 1950, and is in possession of such a certificate; or Ch. 22. No. 1.
- (b) has qualified for such a certificate of efficiency after the 1st of January, 1950, and is in possession of such a certificate, and, in addition is in possession of a certificate issued by or on behalf of the Board (for which certificate the Board may in its discretion demand the prescribed fee) to the effect that he has been apprenticed as a wireman under the said Ordinance with the approval of the Board and has served such apprenticeship to the satisfaction of the Board; or
- (c) is in possession of a certificate issued by or on behalf of the Board (for the issue of which the applicant shall pay to the Board the prescribed fee) to the effect that he has received outside the Colony training which, in the opinion of an electrical engineer recognized by the Board, qualifies him to act as a wireman; or

(d) has previously held a licence to act as a wireman issued under this Ordinance.

Licensing Authority may replace licences lost or destroyed.

7. The Licensing Authority may, on payment of the prescribed fee, issue a duplicate of any licence as a wireman which is proved to his satisfaction to have been lost or destroyed and which has not been cancelled.

Power of Licensing Authority to refuse or cancel licences.

8. (1) It shall be lawful for the Licensing Authority to refuse to issue a licence under this Ordinance, or to cancel a licence held by a licensed wireman, if it is established to his satisfaction, after giving the applicant or licensee an opportunity of being heard, that the applicant or licensee—

- (a) is prevented from acting efficiently as a wireman by infirmity of mind or body ; or
- (b) has been convicted of an offence involving dishonesty which he committed in the course of acting as a wireman ; or
- (c) has been convicted of any offence against this Ordinance or the rules thereunder ; or
- (d) has been guilty of gross negligence or inefficiency in the course of acting as a wireman ; or
- (e) has previously been refused a licence under this Ordinance, or has previously had his licence cancelled, on any grounds specified in this subsection.

(2) Whenever the Licensing Authority refuses to issue a licence or cancels a licence he shall cause notice of such refusal or cancellation to be served on the applicant or licensee, as the case may be, either personally or by letter addressed to him at his usual or last known place of abode.

(3) Whenever notice of cancellation of a licence shall have been served in accordance with subsection (2) of this section, it shall be the duty of the licensee forthwith to surrender his licence to the Licensing Authority and, if any licensee shall fail in this obligation, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of twenty-five dollars.

(4) A refusal of a Licensing Authority to issue a licence and the cancellation of a licence by the Licensing Authority shall be subject to appeal to the Governor in Council whose decision shall be final.

9. (1) Any person shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance who— Offences

- (a) in any application for a licence under this Ordinance, makes any statement which is materially false, or tenders in support of any such application any certificate or licence which does not relate to him or which is false in any material particular ; or
- (b) not being a licensed wireman or a person working under the direct and continuous supervision of a licensed wireman, acts as a wireman or offers directly or indirectly so to act ; or
- (c) employs to act as a wireman any person who is not a licensed wireman and who does not work under the direct and continuous supervision of a licensed wireman and whom he either knows not to be a licensed wireman or has no reason to believe to be a licensed wireman ; or
- (d) being a licensed wireman, lends his licence, or makes the use of his licence available, to any other person ; or
- (e) borrows, or uses as his own, a licence not granted to him under this Ordinance.

(2) Any person guilty of an offence by virtue of this section shall be liable on summary conviction therefor to a fine of forty-eight dollars, and on a second or subsequent conviction to a fine of ninety-six dollars or to imprisonment for three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

10. Any person who refuses to produce his licence as a wireman for inspection on demand by the Licensing Authority, or by a constable, or by a person to whom he has offered or is giving his services as a wireman, or by a person by whom he is employed or is about to be employed as a wireman, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of twenty-five dollars. Duty to produce licence.

Power to  
make rules.

11. (1) The Governor in Council may make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Ordinance and, in particular and without prejudice to the generality of this power, such rules may make provision for—

- (a) prescribing any matters authorised by this Ordinance to be prescribed ; and
- (b) regulating the performance of their duties by persons acting as wiremen ; and
- (c) prescribing the measures to be taken to prevent or minimise danger to persons or property which may arise from the electric wiring of buildings or the manner of installing, fixing, wiring, repairing, altering, replacing, connecting, disconnecting or removing the same ; and
- (d) prescribing a penalty not exceeding a fine of ninety-six dollars and imprisonment for three months for breaches or contraventions of any such rule.

(2) Rules made under this section shall not have effect until confirmed by resolution of the Legislative Council.

(3) The rules in the Schedule hereto shall be deemed to have been made and confirmed in accordance with this section.

(4) Rules under paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of subsection (1) of this section may be made to apply throughout the Colony or to specified areas of the Colony, and shall have effect notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any law.

Exceptions  
may be  
provided for.

12. This Ordinance shall have effect subject to such exceptions, whether conditional or otherwise, as may be provided for by order of the Governor in Council.

#### THE SCHEDULE.

1. These Rules may be cited as the Electric Installations (Wiremen's Licences and Fees) Rules, 1945.

2. In these rules the expression "the Ordinance" means the Electric Installations (Buildings) Ordinance, 1945.

3. Applications for licences under the Ordinance shall be in the appropriate form in Schedule A hereto and shall be accompanied by the certificates or previous licence (unless surrendered on cancellation) on which the applicant bases his claim to be qualified under section 6 of the Ordinance. Such certificate shall be returned by the Licensing Authority to the applicant when or before the licence is granted or refused, as the case may be, and such previous licence shall be so returned if it has not expired.

4. Licences under the Ordinance shall be in the appropriate form in Schedule A hereto.

5. The fees to be taken for things done under the Ordinance shall be in accordance with Schedule B hereto.

SCHEDULE A.

FORM I.

The Electric Installations (Buildings) Ordinance, 1945.

APPLICATION FOR LICENCE BY AN APPLICANT NOT PREVIOUSLY LICENSED.

I, *(a)*.....of *(b)*.....  
hereby apply to the Licensing Authority for a licence to act as a wireman.

2. I was born on.....at *(c)*.....

3. I annex hereto the following certificates namely *(d)* :—

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4. I have *(f)* previously applied for and been refused a licence as  
have not *(f)*  
wireman under the above mentioned Ordinance.

5. I have *(f)* held a licence under the above mentioned Ordinance  
have not *(f)*  
and/or under any previous regulations providing for the licensing of wiremen.

6. I am not suffering from any physical infirmity which would prevent me from acting as a wireman.

7. I have *(f)* been convicted of an offence or offences described in  
have not *(f)*  
section 8 (i) *(b)* and *(c)* of the Ordinance *(e)*.

The particulars of such previous convictions are as follows :—

<i>Date of conviction.</i>	<i>Court.</i>	<i>Offence.</i>	<i>Sentence</i>
.....	.....	.....	.....

Dated..... Signed .....

Read these footnotes carefully.

*(a)* Full name in block capitals.

*(b)* Full address.

*(c)* State number of house, name of street, name of town and country as appropriate.

*(d)* See section 6 of the Ordinance. Annex certificate of efficiency as a wireman issued under the Industrial Training Ordinance Ch. 22. No. 1. and, if you passed the qualifying examination after the day of , 1950, annex also a certificate from the Board that you were duly apprenticed as a wireman and served your apprenticeship to the Board's satisfaction. If you were qualified abroad, annex the Board's certificate that you are qualified to act as a wireman.

*(e)* These offences are :—

(i) an offence involving dishonesty committed while you were acting as a wireman ; or

(ii) an offence against the Ordinance or the rules thereunder.

*(f)* Delete if inappropriate.

FORM 2.

The Electric Installations (Buildings) Ordinance, 1945.

APPLICATION FOR LICENCE BY AN APPLICANT WHO HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY LICENSED.

1. I (a) .....of (b)..... hereby apply to the Licensing Authority for a licence to act as a wireman.
2. I have previously been licensed as a wireman. My last licence was issued by.....on.....and is annexed
3. No licence previously issued to me has been cancelled (c).  
I have had a previous licence cancelled (c).
4. I am not suffering from any physical infirmity which would prevent me from acting as a wireman.
5. I have (e) been convicted of an offence or offences described in section 8 (1) (b) and (c) of the Ordinance (d).  
I have not (e)

The particulars of such previous convictions are as follows —

Date of conviction.	Court.	Offence.	Sentence
.....	.....	.....	.....
Dated.....		Signed .....	

Read these footnotes carefully.

- (a) Full name in block capitals.
- (b) Full address.
- (c) Strike out inappropriate sentence.
- (d) These offences are :—
  - (i) an offence involving dishonesty while you were acting as a wireman ; or
  - (ii) an offence against the Ordinance, or the rules thereunder.
- (e) Delete if inappropriate.

FORM 3.

The Electric Installations (Buildings) Ordinance, 1945.

FORM OF LICENCE.

The Licensing Authority hereby licenses..... of.....to act as a wireman during the year 19...  
Dated.....

.....  
Licensing Authority.

SCHEDULE B.

	FEES.	\$	c.
1. For a licence as a wireman	...	24	
2. For a duplicate licence as a wireman	...	12	
3. For a certificate of apprenticeship issued by the Board under paragraph (b) of section 6 of the Ordinance	...	1	20
4. For a certificate issued by the Board under paragraph (c) of section 6 of the Ordinance	...	2	40

Passed in Council this eighteenth day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-five.

W. J. BOOS,  
Clerk of the Council.