

CHAPTER 30. No. 15.

ELECTRIC INSTALLATIONS (BUILDINGS).

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.

Ordinances
No. 17-1945.
" 39-1945.
" 1-1949.

[5th July, 1945.]

Commence-
ment.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Electric Installations (Buildings) Ordinance.

Short title.

2. (1) In this Ordinance—

Interpreta-
tion.

“ 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 rules in force by virtue of section 11.

Appoint-
ment of
Licensing
Authority.

3. 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 Works and Hydraulics shall be deemed to have been so appointed.

Powers and
duties of
Licensing
Authority.

4. 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 section.

Licences.

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

(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.

Ord. 1—
1949, s. 2.

(2) Every such licence to act as wireman shall be in the prescribed form and shall have attached thereto one of two recent photographs of the holder thereof which shall be supplied to the Licensing Authority by the applicant for a licence when making his application; and every such licence shall be valid for a period of five years from the date on which it is granted unless sooner cancelled as hereinafter 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

(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 recognised by the Board, qualifies him to act as a wireman; or

(d) was the holder of a licence issued or deemed to have been issued under the regulations made either under the San Fernando Electric Works Ordinance, published in the *Royal Gazette* on the 18th of November, 1926, or the Wiremen's Licences Regulations, 1930*; or

Ord. 39-1945, s. 2.

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

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.

Licensing Authority may replace licences lost or destroyed.

* Both regulations revoked by s. 3 of Ord. 17-1945.

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.

Offences.

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

(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.

Provided that if within forty-eight hours after the production of his licence was so demanded the holder himself produces the licence to the person demanding it, or at the office of the Licensing Authority, where the demand was made by the Licensing Authority, or at such Police Station as may be specified by him at the time the production of the licence was demanded, where the demand was made by a constable, he shall not be convicted under this section.

Ord.39-1945,
s. 3.

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.

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

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 1.

THE ELECTRIC INSTALLATIONS (BUILDINGS) ORDINANCE.

Application for Licence by an Applicant not previously Licensed.

1. 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 my photograph in duplicate and the following certificates namely (d):—

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

5. I have (f)/have not (f) held a licence under the above mentioned Ordinance 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)/have not (f) been convicted of an offence or offences described in section 8 (1) (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 and, if you passed the qualifying examination after the 1st day of January, 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.

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)/have not (e) been convicted of an offence or offences described in section 8 (1) (b) and (c) of the Ordinance (d).

The particulars of such previous conviction 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) 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.

Form of Licence.

The Licensing Authority hereby licenses _____, of _____, to act as a wireman
from _____ to _____, 19 _____.

Dated _____

Licensing Authority.

SCHEDULE B.

Fees.

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1. For a licence as a wireman	1.20
2. For a duplicate licence as a wireman60
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

CHAPTER 30. No. 15.

ELECTRIC INSTALLATIONS (BUILDINGS).

Rules made under section 11 of the Electric Installations (Buildings) Ordinance.

G.N. 6-1949.

1. These Rules may be cited as the Electric Installations (Building) (Duties of Wiremen) Regulations.

2. In these rules—

“ Chief Electric Inspector ” and “ installation ” have the same meanings as in the Electricity (Inspection) Ordinance.

“ Ordinance ” means the Electric Installations (Buildings) Ordinance.

3. Every wireman shall, before commencing any work by way of addition or alteration to an installation which has been completed and for which a certificate of approval under the Electricity (Inspection) Rules, has been issued, or which was connected prior to the coming into force of these Rules, notify the Chief Electric Inspector in the form set out in the Schedule hereto of the nature of such proposed addition or alteration, and on completion thereof make an application to the Chief Electric Inspector for an inspection of the same.

4. Any wireman who contravenes any provision of these Rules shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of ninety-six dollars.

SCHEDULE.

No.

Notification of an addition or alteration to an Electric Installation.

I, _____, being a licensed wireman do hereby give notice that I propose, at the request of _____, owner/occupier, to carry out the addition/alteration to the electric installation situated at _____, and as described below.

Description of Present Installation	Description of Proposed addition/alteration

and will on completion make application for inspection.

I have informed _____, whose signature appears below, that it is illegal to operate any addition or alteration to the installation until it has been inspected and a certificate of approval issued.

I confirm that I have been informed as above.

Wireman.

Owner/Occupier.

OFFICE STAMP.