

# **Electrical Workers and Contractors Licensing Bill**

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## **Electrical Workers and Contractors Licensing Bill**

### **Bill No. 13/1974**

*Read the first time on 20th March 1974.*

An Act to provide for the licensing of electrical workers and electrical contractors.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows: —

### **Short title and commencement**

1. This Act may be cited as the Electrical Workers and Contractors Licensing Act, 1974 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

### **Interpretation**

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Board” means the Public Utilities Board constituted under section 3 of the Public Utilities Act (Cap. 211);

“electrical contractor” means a person —

- (a) who, in the course of or in connection with or for the purposes of any trade or business carried on by him, performs or carries out any electrical work on any electrical installation or who offers to perform or carry out such work or who causes or arranges such work to be performed or carried out; or

- (b) who for profit or reward offers his services to other persons as an electrical contractor;

“electrical installation” includes a supply installation and means any appliances, wires, fittings or other apparatus placed in, on, over or under any premises and used for or for purposes incidental to the conveyance, control, or use of electricity supplied or intended to be supplied by the Board or any other person, and whether such appliances, wires, fittings or apparatus are or are not supplied by the person contracting or undertaking to instal the same, and includes additions, alterations, and repairs to an electrical installation, but does not include —

- (a) any electricity supply main or service line of the Board;
- (b) any appliances, wires, fittings or apparatus connected to and beyond any electrical outlet socket which is installed for the purpose of connecting portable electrical appliances, fittings or apparatus and at which fixed wiring terminates; or
- (c) any appliances, wires, fittings or apparatus which are placed in, on, over or under any premises owned or occupied by the Board and which are not used for the consumption of electricity on such premises or solely for purposes incidental to the conveyance or control of electricity as consumed;

“electrical work” means any work performed or carried out on any electrical installation and includes the installing, constructing, erecting or repairing thereof or the altering of the structure thereof or the replacing of any part thereof or the adding of any part thereto or the carrying out of any work thereon for the maintenance thereof, but does not include work in relation to —

- (a) the manufacturing of any electrical installation or the assembling thereof in the course of or in connection with its manufacture for the purpose of producing a new article; or
- (b) the oiling, greasing, cleaning or painting of any electrical installation;

“electrical worker” means any person whose trade or occupation requires or includes the personal performance by him of electrical work or a person who is otherwise competent or qualified personally to perform electrical work;

“licence” means any licence issued by the Board under this Act;

“licensed”, in relation to —

- (a) an electrical worker, means a person who is the holder of a current

licence permitting him to perform personally such electrical work as is specified in his licence; and

- (b) an electrical contractor, means a person who is the holder of a current licence permitting him to carry on trade or business as an electrical contractor in respect of such electrical work as is specified in his licence;

“supply installation” means the whole of any plant or apparatus under one ownership or management, designed for the supply or use, or both supply and use, as the case may be, of electricity (other than electricity supplied or used for the transmission of any communication or signal) including any machine supplying mechanical energy to a generator, with all necessary plant, buildings and land in connection therewith, pipelines, supply lines and consuming apparatus, if any.

### **Administration and delegation of authority**

3.—(1) This Act shall be administered by the Board.

(2) For the purpose of the administration of this Act the Board may delegate any of its authority, powers, duties or functions under this Act to any committee consisting of such number of members as the Board thinks fit or to any member or officer of the Board.

(3) Any such delegation may be made either generally or for any particular purpose and may be revoked or altered by the Board.

(4) Any committee, member or officer of the Board acting within the scope of any such delegation as aforesaid shall be deemed to be the Board for the purposes of this Act.

(5) The Board, any committee or any member or officer of the Board shall not be held personally liable to any person in respect of any act done or decision or determination made in good faith in the course of administering this Act.

### **Powers of Board**

4. Subject to this Act, the Board may —

- (a) issue, suspend, cancel, alter, extend, renew or replace any licence;
- (b) classify any licence as an “electrical worker’s licence” or as an “electrical contractor’s licence” or in such manner as it determines;
- (c) specify —
  - (i) the nature of the electrical work in respect of which a licence is issued and restrict such work to any type or class of electrical

- work or any type or class of electrical installation; or
- (ii) the circumstances or manner in which the holder of a licence may perform or carry out electrical work;
- (d) attach any exemptions to any licence or impose any terms, conditions or restrictions thereon; or
- (e) do any act or thing which is prescribed or is necessary or convenient for carrying out the objects of this Act or incidental thereto.

**Electrical worker's licence does not authorize holder to work as electrical contractor and electrical contractor's licence does not authorize holder to work as electrical worker**

**5.—(1) Subject to this Act —**

- (a) an electrical worker's licence or any class or type thereof shall not entitle the holder thereof to do any act or thing for which a person is required to be licensed as an electrical contractor under this Act; and
- (b) an electrical contractor's licence or any class or type thereof shall not entitle the holder thereof to do any act or thing for which a person is required to be licensed as an electrical worker under this Act.

(2) A person may at the same time hold both an electrical worker's licence and an electrical contractor's licence under this Act.

**No person to perform any electrical work or contract or perform such work or hold himself out as an electrical contractor or worker, etc., unless licensed under this Act**

**6.—(1) Except as provided by this Act, no person shall —**

- (a) perform or carry out personally any electrical work or offer or undertake to perform or carry out personally any such work unless he is licensed as an electrical worker in respect of that electrical work;
- (b) advertise or otherwise hold himself out as an electrical worker, or as a licensed electrical worker, or as a person competent or qualified or legally permitted personally to perform or carry out electrical work, unless he is licensed as an electrical worker in respect of that electrical work;
- (c) carry on any trade or business, or advertise, or otherwise hold himself out, as an electrical contractor unless he is licensed as an electrical contractor in respect of all electrical work performed, or carried out or intended to be performed or carried out in the course of or in connection with or for the