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INFORMATION ON ELECTRICAL LICENSES

AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE, ELECTRICAL WORK AND PRACTICE IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA IS SUBJECT TO LEGISLATION, REGULATION & GOVERNMENT POLICY THAT CHANGES FROM TIME TO TIME.

This information is a standard guide provided for electrical industry professionals seeking permit or license to conduct electrical work in PNG.

It is important to note that though Independent Consumer & Competition Commission (ICCC) is the Regulator it however has delegated the Function of Electrical Licensing to PNG Power.

The office or group that performs the licensing function in PNG Power is the Regulatory Service Group.

ELECTRICIANS LICENSE

This is a permit issued:

- To a qualified/certified electrical trade person following successful passing of the set Electricians Licensing Examination.

The Electricians Licensing Examination is conducted quarterly in a year and may be conducted at other times at the discretion of the Regulator.

Under the Regulation (Licensing of Electrical Contractors and Electricians) all foreign licensed electricians must be licensed by PNG Power through the office of the Regulatory Service Group to operate in PNG.

Note:

1. Holders of Australia and New Zealand Electricians License must apply to be issued a PNG Electricians License without further testing.
2. Other nationalities will have to sit the Electricians Licensing Examination to qualify (due to adaptation of Wiring Standards – AS/NZS 3000 Wiring Rules). This standard can be purchased from National Institute of Standards & Industrial Technology (NISIT).
3. It is a 'must' that Applicant holds 'valid work permit'.

ELIGIBILITY

The Applicant must:

- Be 19 years and above
- Have **Completed Apprenticeship**,
- **Holder of an Electrical Trade Certificate.**
- Electrical Engineering graduates **must possess at least 5 years work experience.**
- Hold a **'valid work permit'** for foreign applicants.

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS LICENSE

This is a permit issued to an IPA (Investment Promotion Authority) registered company in Papua New Guinea whether Sole or Corporate who intend to carry out electrical work as its business or part thereof in the country.

ELIGIBILITY

The Applicant must:

1. Have a PNG Licensed Electrician in their employment ('valid work permit' a 'must' for overseas applicant).
2. Have a valid PNG based postal address.
3. Ensure that the Licensed Electrician at all times be on worksites.
4. Ensure that the Licensed Electrician is not employed elsewhere.

NOTE:

- a) **UMBRELLA LICENSING** is only possible when one major electrical company is awarded contract for all electrical works.
- b) **COMPLIANCE** to wiring standards and applicable inspections for all anticipated project work in isolated location in Papua New Guinea will be the responsibility of the major Electrical Company.
- c) **FINAL INSPECTION** of all wiring work in the country must be certified by an authorized Electricity Inspector of the Regulator (Regulatory Services Group of PNG Power). The Authorized Electricity Inspector reserves the right of final inspection on completion & certification.
- d) If eligible, one can collect from nearest PNG Power Office (Inspector) & complete required Form,
- e) Pay applicable fee at nearest PNG Power Cash outlets,
- f) Return completed Form with other applicable documents & receipt of payment and lodge them with the Licensing Clerk.
- g) Normal turn-around time for applications - assuming the applications meet all requirements can be processed within ten (10) working days of receipt.
- h) All electrical installation works (including temporary) are subject to periodic inspections by electricity inspectors. Regulatory Service Inspectors of PNG

Power reserve the right of FINAL INSPECTION & CERTIFICATION.

- i) A major project can engage one licensed electrical contractor or multiple to cover all associated electrical works or can subcontract portions of the electrical installation; however, all electrical contractors must be licensed respectively.
- j) Licensed Electrician is responsible for providing all electrical plans/drawings and applicable notices to inspectors for assessment, appointment, inspection, approval & certification.
- k) Unless reviewed Electrical Licenses are valid for the life time of the Holder.
- l) Electrical Contractors Licenses are valid for 12 months.
- m) License renewal is the responsibility of the Holder.

ELECTRICAL STANDARD

The practice of the Electrical Industry in Papua New Guinea is as per Standards Australia - AS/NZS 3000 Wiring Rules (PNGS 1022), the current edition.

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