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ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR BY-LAWS

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ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR BY-LAWS

*Made under section 63 of the Tonga Electric Power Board Act and continued
in force under section 2(2) of Act 12 of 2007¹*

Commencement [30th April 1985]

1 Short title

These by-laws may be cited as the Electrical Contractor By-Laws.

2 Registration

- (1) Any person with the minimum qualification of a valid overseas registration as an electrician or electrical engineer and sufficient experience in the electrical field to the satisfaction of the Board, may apply to the Manager for registration as an electrical contractor for a period of one year. The year shall commence on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December.
- (2) The holder of an Electrical Trade Certificate from a recognised institution with a minimum of 10 years experience in the installation and repair of electrical equipment, machinery, appliances, house wiring and other related devices and gadgets satisfactory to the Board, may, upon passing an examination to be laid down by the Board, apply for registration as an electrical contractor.

3 Application

Application for registration as an Electrical Contractor must be supported by documentary evidence of the applicant's qualification, overseas registration and experiences. The Board may require further submission and additional information

about the provisions regulating the applicant's overseas registration to determine the scope of electrical wiring work he is entitled to carry out on registration.

4 Certificate

If the Board approves the application, it shall, upon payment of the annual registration fee of \$10.00, issue a registration certificate as in Form 1 of the Schedule to the applicant. This registration certificate shall be displayed at a prominent place in the principal place of business and may be renewed upon written application.

5 Electrical wiring permit required

A person who is a holder of a valid registration certificate issued by the Board shall not make any electrical installation in any premises unless he has applied for and has been issued with an electrical wiring permit for the particular premises, subject to the terms and conditions stipulated. Application for a permit must be made on the official printed form as in Form 2 of the Schedule, obtainable from the Board's Office and signed by the registered electrical contractor. Electrical wiring plans complete with specifications shall be submitted together with the application.

6 The permit

An electrical wiring permit as in Form 3 of the Schedule, only for the particular installation applied for, shall be issued upon approval of the plans and specifications and payment of the required fee. The permit shall always be available at the premises whilst the installation is in progress and shall be shown to the Board's authorized inspector whenever required.

7 Additional work

No additional work or changes shall be made apart from the work stated on the permit. A new application shall be made for any addition or changes on the original application. If any addition or changes are made without prior approval the permit is liable to cancellation and the person issued with the permit shall be liable to a fine of \$20.

8 Contractor to supervise

Electrical wiring installation permitted on particular premises shall be at all times under the direct supervision of the electrical contractor.

9 Inspection

No electrical wiring shall be concealed behind walls and above ceilings unless the Board's authorized inspector has inspected the installation.

10 Certificate of completion

Completed installation made in conformity with the description on the electrical wiring permit issued and in accordance with the electrical wiring rules and regulations adopted by the Board, shall be reported to the Board's office by filing the official Certificate of Completion of Installation form as in Form 4 of the Schedule obtainable from the Board's office and signed by the registered electrical contractor who applied for the permit. The certificate of completion of installation shall be submitted together with the approved permit. The Board's authorized inspector shall countersign the certificate of completion of installation after the inspection of the premises has been made certifying that the electrical wiring installation, has been satisfactorily completed in conformity with the description on the electrical wiring permit issued and in accordance with the Board's electrical wiring rules and regulations and adopted from time to time.

11 Connection to mains

Connection of completed consumer's electrical wiring installation to the supply mains shall in any case be governed by the terms and conditions of installation and supply.

12 Penalty

Any licenced electrical contractor who fails to comply with any of these regulations or assists in violating thereof shall be liable to a fine of \$20.00 and his registration as an electrical contractor shall be cancelled.

13 Precedence of these by-laws

Where at variance with the Tonga Electric Power Board Terms and Conditions of Supply By-laws, these by-laws shall take precedence.²

THE SCHEDULE

FORM 1

TONGA ELECTRIC POWER BOARD - REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

Issued in accordance with clause 4 of
the Electrical Contractor By-Laws

This Registration Certificate is issued to
..... residing at

an Electrical Contractor, under the terms and provisions of the Electric Power Board
(Electrical Contractor) By-Laws, and subject thereto.

This certificate is valid for one year only.

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MANAGER

Certificate No

Issued on

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FORM 2

APPLICATION FOR ELECTRICAL WIRING PERMIT

THE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR BY-LAWS

TO:
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I,

residing at

and holder of a current Registration Certificate number

issued on thehereby apply for
a wiring permit, for the following premises (identify clearly, and submit with electrical
wiring plans complete with specifications);

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Application No:Registered Electrical Contractor

Date:

FORM 3

ELECTRICAL WIRING PERMIT - THE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR BY-LAWS

Application No: Date:

This permit is issued to

residing at

holder of Registration Certificate No:

issued on theand currently valid, in accordance with Section 4 of the foregoing By-laws, and subject to the following terms and conditions:

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MANAGER

Permit No:

FORM 4

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF INSTALLATION

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The Manager,

Tonga Electric Power Board.

I Electrical Contractor issued with
Electrical Wiring Permit Nodo report that I have completed all
installation or other electrical work directed and authorized by you in accordance with
Electrical Wiring Permit No

.....
Electrical Contractor

I confirm that I have inspected the premises of

..... at

and verify that installation or other electrical work as specified by Electrical Wiring Permit
No and issued to the aforementioned Electrical contractor has been
completely inspected by me, and has been completed in a satisfactory/unsatisfactory
manner.

If unsatisfactory, comment on separate sheet of paper and attach hereto.

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Board's Authorised Inspector

Date:

ENDNOTES

¹ **1988 Revised Edition Cap. 93** - GS 93/85, Act 46 of 1988

² Inserted by Act 46 of 1988