

PUBLIC NOTICE FROM TONGA ELECTRICITY COMMISSION

Due to overgrowing numbers of illegal works/practices (Unlicensed Electrician) under Electricity Act (Regulating Policies & Standards) governing all electrical works in the Kingdom of Tonga. Electricity Commission has notified about growing numbers of electrical trainee's as a production of a few Technical Institution in the Kingdom. Electricity Commission have fully supported of building better future generations for Tonga.

Electricity Commission has not supported unlicensed electrician with minimum knowledge and experience doing illegal wirings and installations which is not comply with Safety's and Standards.

With Wiring Standard AS/NZS 3000:2007 adopted with the existing of Electrical Wiring By-Laws still in force and safety is paramount consideration which is a policy behind electrical permit regime which has been vogue in the Kingdom of Tonga is PUBLIC SAFETY, in particular the prevention of death or injury to persons, or danger to property from electrical hazards.

This is to notify to whom who continuously doing illegal wirings and installations. Electricity Commission, Tonga Power Limited and other Stakeholders coordinate on how to mitigate illegal works/practices with appropriate penalties procedures and enforcement to improve electrical safety standards in Tonga.

Therefore Electricity Commission cooperated with Tonga Power Limited to investigate those who do not follow these policies as we try to eliminate this kind of acts which is seriousness beyond the restriction.

These methods appear mostly used by unlicensed electrician:

1 - Connection from temporary power box to new building via extension cord or the likes

2 - Trenching and reticulation of TPL service line to new building and shifting energy meter and permanent connection in the new building without any permit application and without our inspector inspecting the installation.

We do hope that this is very clear and understandable. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to visit our main office for further discussion or contact office at 23632.

Respect

Electricity Commission