

# OCCUPATIONS REGISTRATION AND LICENSING DIVISION

❖ **THE PRACTICAL ENGINEERS AND  
ARCHITECTS REGISTRATION UNIT**

❖ **THE ELECTRICIANS LICENSING UNIT**

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## **OCCUPATIONS REGISTRATION AND LICENSING DIVISION**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Occupations Registration and Licensing Division comprises the units dealing with registration and licensing of professionals who comply with the statutory licensing requirements.

The Division implements the laws regulating the professions in the branches of engineering and architecture, electricity and accessibility specialists, and they are: the Engineers and Architects Law 5718-1958, the Electricity Law, 5714-1954, the Practical Engineers and Qualified Technicians Law, 5773-2012, the Equal Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities Law, 5758-1998, and the regulations enacted by virtue of these laws.

The Division is responsible for the registration and licensing of engineers and architects, licensing of electricians, registration of practical engineers and technicians, registration of buildings infrastructures and environment accessibility specialists and registration of service accessibility specialists.

In addition, the Division handles applications for regulation of occupations via the Occupations Regulation Committee pursuant to the Director General Instruction 0.6 – Handling Applications for Occupations Regulation. In essence, the purpose of the Instruction is to direct how to handle proposals for occupations regulations and the necessary professional preparatory work.

As a rule, the Units handle registration and licensing in the professional register/book, the different types are set out below:

Registration – based upon studies that have been defined by the relevant Law.

Internship – the practical experience stage in the licensing process.

Licensing – based upon studies + internship/studies.

**Every application for registration and licensing shall be examined by the appropriate Unit, enquiries and complaints regarding occupations regulation should be sent to the Division Director.**

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# ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS REGISTRATION AND LICENSING UNIT

## **EXPLANATIONS**

### **ABOUT THE ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS REGISTRATION UNIT**

The Engineers and Architects Registration Unit is the administrative body, via which and with the aid of which the Registrar of Engineers and Architects and the Engineering and Architecture Council operate pursuant to the Engineers and Architects Law, 5718 – 1958.

The Unit is responsible for the administrative and organizational exercise of all the powers of the Minister of Economy, the Engineers and Architects that are entrenched in the aforesaid Law and its Regulations.

### **THE FOLLOWING ARE ITS MAIN FUNCTIONS:**

- ✓ Registration of engineers and architects in the Register of Engineers and Architects – handling applications for registration by institutions in Israel and abroad and the Registrar's acceptance or rejection of them.
- ✓ Licensing (the advanced and senior authorization stage) of registered engineers and architects after the statutory period and handling applications for licensing and the Registrar's acceptance or rejection of them.
- ✓ The issue and renewal of registration/licensing certificates.
- ✓ Reception of the public and providing written and verbal information regarding the registration procedures.
- ✓ Opening sections and branches in the Register of Engineers and Architects, making any change in them and publishing them, and criteria for the classification of the persons registered in the various sections and branches according to their studies.
- ✓ Administrative and organizational assistance to the Engineering and Architecture Council and its various committees.

- ✓ Administrative handling within the framework of the Registrar's powers for recognizing engineering tracks from colleges in Israel and institutions of higher education in Israel and abroad.
- ✓ Coordinating joint activity interfaces with the Council for Higher Education, academic institutions, the Government and engineers and architects organizations.
- ✓ Providing an administrative and logistic infrastructure for the Ethics Committee for Engineers and Architects operating within the framework of the abovementioned.
- ✓ Among its other functions, the Unit is entrusted with the implementation of departmental policy, including:
  - Conducting engineers and architects registration examinations and licensing examinations.
  - Inspecting plans for professional instruction, and coordinating them with the Council for Higher Education.
  - Convening expanded committees for drafting criteria, writing examinations, examining candidates and hearing appeals.

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### **THE ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS LAW, 5718-1958**

1. In this Law –
  - "Minister" – a member of the cabinet in whom the government has vested the authority to implement this law;
  - "Engineer" – an engineer in one of the branches of engineering that has been prescribed for the purposes of this Law by the Minister after consultation with the Council;
  - "Architect" – an architect in one of the branches of architecture that has been prescribed for the purposes of this Law by the Minister after consultation with the Council;
  - "The Council" – The Engineering and Architecture Council established pursuant to Section 3 of this Law;
  - "The Register of Engineers and Architects" – the Register to be kept pursuant to Section 8 of this Law;
2.
  - (a) No person shall carry the title of "Registered Engineer" or "Registered Architect" or any title that is so similar that it is likely to mislead, and no person shall profess to be a registered engineer or registered architect unless he is registered in the Register of Engineers and Architects.
  - (b) Subject to the provisions of Subsection (c), no person shall carry the title of "Registered Engineer" or "Registered Architect" or any title that is so similar that it is likely to mislead, and no person shall profess to be a registered engineer or registered architect unless he is registered in the Register of Engineers and Architects, or who is eligible to be registered in the aforesaid Register by virtue of Section 9(a)(1) or (2).
  - (c) A practical engineer or qualified technician, who as an employee fulfils a position whose name includes a title as aforesaid in Subsection (b), shall be entitled to use the name of the position as aforesaid, but if he has used it in writing he shall note alongside his name or alongside the name of the position the words "practical engineer" or "qualified technician" as the case may be; for the purposes of this paragraph, "practical engineer" or "qualified technician" – as they are defined in the Practical Engineers and Qualified Technicians Law, 5773-2012.
3. The Engineering and Architecture Council is hereby established and its members shall be –
  - (1) The Minister, or whoever he has appointed therefor, either permanently or from time to time – the Chairman;
  - (2) Two representatives from the Technion Israel Institute of Technology, one representative from the Tel Aviv University and one representative from the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

- (3) Thirteen representatives of the Government that it shall appoint, among them also engineers and architects;
  - (4) Nine engineers and architects who shall be appointed by the Minister at the recommendation of the Association of Engineers, Architects and Graduates of the Technological Sciences in Israel, provided that the Minister is of the opinion that the aforesaid Association has ceased to represent the greatest number of those registered in the Register of Engineers and Architects, at the recommendation of the organization representing mainly engineers and architects, that in the Minister's opinion whose members comprise the greatest number of mainly engineers and architects registered in the aforesaid Register.
4. Engineers and architects who have been appointed members of the Council pursuant to Section 3(4) shall hold office for three years, but they may be reappointed.
  5. The majority of the Council members, including the Chairman, shall constitute a statutory quorum at meetings.
  6. The Council may appoint, from among its members or from outside of it, committees for the various branches of engineering and architecture, and delegate any of its powers to these committees.
  7. The Council shall determine for itself its procedures, to the extent that they have not been prescribed in this Law or in the Regulations.
  8. The Minister shall appoint an employee of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor, an engineer or an architect, who has been registered in the Register of Engineers and Architects for at least five years, who shall hold office as the Registrar of Engineers and Architects (in this Law – the Registrar). The Registrar shall keep the Register of Engineers and Architects that shall contain separate divisions for each one of the branches of engineering and architecture. Notice of the opening of a division shall be published in *Reshumot*.
  9. (a) The following are eligible to be registered in the Register of Engineers and Architects after they have paid the registration fee prescribed in the Regulations:
    - (1) The holder of a master's degree in Engineering Sciences or a master's degree in Architecture from the Technion Israel Institute of Technology;
    - (2) The holder of a diploma from an institute of higher education in one of the branches of engineering and architecture, and the diploma and the institute have been recognized by the Minister after consultation with the Council;
    - (3) The holder of a certificate of membership of an official organization of engineers or architects or the holder of a registration certificate, or similar, in a country where membership in an official organization or registration qualify him to engage in a branch of engineering or architecture, and the organization or the registration have been recognized by the Minister after consultation with the Council;

Provided that it has been proven – to the satisfaction of the panel of examiners to be appointed therefor by the Minister after consultation with the Council – by works he has performed or by another method, all as prescribed in the Regulations, that he has undergone the appropriate instruction;

    - (4) The holder of a certificate of membership of an organization of engineers or architects in Israel, where membership therein is conditional upon the fulfilment of identical conditions to the conditions stipulated in Paragraphs (1), (2), (3) or (5), and the organization has been recognized by the Minister after consultation with the Council;
    - (5) (Repealed);
    - (6) Whoever has worked as an engineer or architect in a foreign country in one of the branches of engineering and architecture, and has proved to the satisfaction of the panel of examiners, on the conditions prescribed in the Regulations, that he has worked as aforesaid and that he has undergone

the appropriate instruction to work as an engineer or architect in Israel, provided that he has submitted an application to be registered in the Register of Engineers and Architects within one year from the date he first became a resident of Israel.

(a) When an application has been submitted to the Minister for recognition of the diploma and the institute as aforesaid in Subsection (a)(2) by a college or institute of higher education in Israel that is not a university, whose graduates are awarded at least a bachelor's degree as a recognized degree as prescribed in the Council for Higher Education Law, 5718-1958, in the fields of engineering, architecture or technology, the Minister shall recognize the institute and the diploma, if he is convinced, after consultation with the Council, that the academic and professional instruction provided at the institute are at a standard appropriate for the instruction of engineers or architects in Israel.

(b) The Minister shall determine the composition of the representation in the panel of examiners with the approval of the *Knesset* Labor Committee and the personal appointments – in consultation with the Council.

10. A person is eligible to be registered in more than one division of the Register of Engineers and Architects, if all the conditions for his registration in such divisions have been fulfilled.

11. (a) Whoever was registered in the Register of Engineers and Architects during the period that the Minister, after consultation with the Council, prescribed in the Regulations for any branch of engineering or architecture and has worked in such branch for the period as aforesaid after he has been registered, the Minister shall award him an engineer or architect license noting the branch of engineering or architecture in which he is registered; however, when a person holds a diploma as aforesaid in Section 9(1), (2) or (3) that is only awarded after a certain period of employment in the branch of engineering or architecture, the Minister may, after consultation with the Council, take such period, in its entirety or partially, into account, even if the holder of the diploma was only registered in the Register of Engineers and Architects after he had been awarded the aforesaid diploma.

(b) The period of registration and employment required pursuant to Subsection (a) shall not be less than one year and shall not exceed three years.

(c) (1) The Minister, with the approval of the *Knesset* Labor, Welfare and Health Committee, may prescribe in regulations conditions for the grant of a license as aforesaid in Subsection (a), including proof of the license applicant's qualifications and experience in work; proof as aforesaid may be provided by way of examinations or works he has performed, between the registration period as aforesaid in Subsection (b) or thereafter, or by way of a combination thereof or in any other way, all as may be prescribed.

(2) Regulations pursuant to Paragraph (1) may apply to all the engineers and architects, to classes of them or to any of the branches of engineering or architecture.

(d) No person shall carry the title of "licensed engineer" or "licensed architect" or a title that is so similar to these as to mislead and no person shall impersonate a licensed engineer or a licensed architect unless he has been granted a license as aforesaid.

11A. The Minister may, with the approval of the *Knesset* Labor, Welfare and Health Committee, prescribe in regulations a fee for the examination as aforesaid in Section 11(c), and he may determine classes of engineers or architects who may be exempt from the payment thereof.

12. The Minister may, after consultation with the Joint Committee within the meaning thereof in Section 21 of the Practical Engineers and Qualified Technicians Law, 5773-2012, and with the approval of the *Knesset* Labor, Welfare and Health Committee, reserve in regulations the acts of a licensed engineer or a licensed architect; when an act has been thus reserved, no person shall perform it unless he is in possession of a license pursuant to Section 11.

13. A licensed engineer or a licensed architect who in any year wishes to perform the acts as aforesaid in Section 12, shall pay, during January of such year, and if he received his license during such year – within one month from the date he received it, the annual fee prescribed in the regulations; if he has not paid the fee as aforesaid – he shall not perform such acts, as long as he has not paid double the fee; this section does not apply to a licensed engineer or a licensed architect who is a civil servant or in the service of the Israel Defense Forces.
- 13A. (a) If a licensed architect has applied to be registered as a licensed permit applicant pursuant to Chapter Five 3 of the Planning and Building Law, 5725-1965 (in this Law – Licensed Permit Applicant), the Registrar may register him and grant him a certificate, if he is satisfied that as a licensed architect he has prepared throughout at least five years, applications for building permits in Israel, in such number and scale as prescribed by the Minister and the Minister of Interior, with the approval of the *Knesset* Internal Affairs and Environment Committee.
- (b) No licensed architect shall be registered as a licensed permit applicant if during the five years preceding the filing of the application he was convicted of an offense that due to its nature, severity and circumstances he is unfit to be a Licensed Permit Applicant, of an offense pursuant to Chapter 10 of the Planning and Building Law, 5725-1965, or of an offense pursuant to Articles Four and Five in Chapter 9 of the Penal Law, 5737-1977.
- (c) If the Registrar is of the opinion that he has granted a person a Licensed Permit Applicant certificate and the conditions prescribed in the provisions pursuant to this section have not been fulfilled, he may order the cancellation of the registration and revoke or suspend the certificate, provided that he has given the Licensed Permit Applicant an opportunity to hear his arguments.
- (d) The Minister shall determine the registration arrangements for Licensed Permit Applicants and with the consent of the Minister of Interior – the method of filing the application for a Licensed Permit Applicant certificate, pursuant to this section.
14. (a) The penalty for an offense against Sections 2, 11(d) or 12 is six months imprisonment.
- (b) The penalty for an offense against Section 13 is a fine.
15. The Minister shall prescribe in regulations, after consultation with the Council, rules regarding the conduct of those registered in the Register of Engineers and Architects, and whoever infringes them shall be accused of conduct unbecoming the dignity of the profession.
16. (a) The Council may appoint an Ethics Committee, among its members or outside of it, that shall investigate an occurrence that has been brought to its attention where a person registered in the Register of Engineers and Architects has been charged with conduct unbecoming the dignity of the profession, whether or not prescribed in rules pursuant to Section 15, or who has been convicted of a dishonorable offense or an offense in contravention of Chapter 10 of the Planning and Building Law, 5725-1965, that has been prescribed by the Minister of Labor in this matter with the approval of the *Knesset* Labor Committee; provided that the accused person has been given an opportunity to reply to the charge and defend himself.
- (b) The Ethics Committee for the purposes of this section shall be composed mostly of engineers or architects from the same branch of engineering or architecture in which the accused person is registered.
- (c) The Minister, after consultation with the Minister of Justice, may prescribe in regulations procedures for the hearing before the Ethics Committee, including determining dates for its hearings and giving its decisions; the Ethics Committee may determine for itself its own procedures insofar as these have not been determined in the regulations as aforesaid.

17. (a) After an investigation as aforesaid in Section 16, the Ethics Committee, may, if it thinks it fit to do so for the sake of protecting the public or the good name of the profession, decide upon one of the following:
- (1) A warning;
  - (2) A rebuke;
  - (3) A fine in an amount not exceeding that prescribed in the regulations;
  - (4) Suspension of the licensed engineer or licensed architect certificate or suspension of the registration in the Register of Engineers and Architects or both of them together, and all for such period as prescribed by the Ethics Committee;
  - (5) Cancellation of the licensed engineer or licensed architect certificate or revocation of the registration in the Register of Engineers and Architects or both of them together.
- (b) If the Ethics Committee has decided upon the suspension of the certificate or the suspension of the registration as aforesaid in Subsection (a) (hereinafter – the Suspension), it may order in the same decision that the Suspension be conditional, wholly or partly.
- (c) If conditional suspension has been decided upon, the Suspension shall only be effected if the accused person has committed, within the period prescribed in the decision and that shall not be less than one year and shall not exceed three years (hereinafter – the Conditional Period), one of the offenses as aforesaid in Section 16(a) that has been prescribed in the Ethics Committee's decision, and the Ethics Committee has found him guilty of such an offense (hereinafter – Additional Offense) within the Conditional Period or thereafter; if the offense was a conviction in respect of a criminal offense, it makes no difference whether the conviction was within the Conditional Period or thereafter, provided that the criminal offense was committed within the Conditional Period.
- (d) The Conditional Period shall commence on the date the accused person was notified of the Ethics Committee's decision, unless the Ethics Committee has instructed otherwise.
- (e) Determination of the Additional Offenses may be noting the type of offenses or in the specification of particular offenses, either by way of describing them or by way of mentioning the statutory provisions; if a statutory provision has been mentioned and it has been subsequently repealed and replaced by another provision, the Ethics Committee's decision shall be deemed to be mentioning the other provision.
- (f) If the Ethics Committee has decided upon suspension on account of an Additional Offense, it shall not order that the Suspension shall be entirely conditional.
- (g) Where a person has been sentenced to conditional suspension and has been found guilty of an Additional Offense, the Ethics Committee shall order the implementation of the Suspension.
- (h) When the Ethics Committee has found the accused person guilty of an Additional Offense and has not made a decision regarding suspension on account of such offense, it may, for reasons it shall record, despite the aforesaid in Subsection (g), instead of ordering the implementation of the Suspension, order the extension of the Conditional Period for an additional period that shall not exceed two years, if it is convinced that under the circumstances of the case it would not be just to implement the conditional suspension.
- (i) The Ethics Committee shall only exercise the power pursuant to Subsection (h) in its first decision where it has found the accused person guilty of an Additional Offense.
18. (a) When a person has been charged pursuant to Section 16 with an act he has committed within the framework of the Israel Defense Forces or following his belonging to them, at least one member of the Council shall be appointed to the Ethics Committee that shall investigate the event, and the composition of the entire Ethics Committee shall be subject to the prior approval of the Minister of Defense.

- (b) If the Minister of Defense, or anyone he has authorized therefor, has notified in a certificate with his signature, that any item of information that has reached the Ethics Committee pursuant to Subsection (a) is classified information, the item of information shall be kept according to what is stated in the certificate.
- (c) In an investigation to which this Section applies, the Ethics Committee's powers pursuant to Sections 17 and 19 shall be vested in the Ethics Committee in its composition as aforesaid in Subsection (a).
19. The Ethics Committee may publish, in such manner and form as it thinks fit, any decision pursuant to Section 17, provided that if it has decided upon a warning or it has decided not to impose any sanction, the name of the engineer or the architect concerned shall only be published if he so requests.
- 19A. The Court that convicted an engineer or architect of a criminal offense, including a Court that has dismissed an appeal against a conviction as aforesaid, wholly or partly, shall send a copy of the judgment to the Council via the Attorney General; the Minister of Justice may prescribe by an order the classes of offenses regarding which this section shall not apply.
20. If the Ethics Committee has decided to revoke a licensed engineer or licensed architect certificate or to cancel registration in the Register of Engineers and Architects, the Minister may renew them at the recommendation of the Ethics Committee appointed for this matter by the Council and that was made at least three years after the decision regarding the revocation of the certificate or the registration.
- 20A. (a) A decision of the Ethics Committee as aforesaid in Sections 17, 18 and 19, excluding a decision about a warning or rebuke, is subject to appeal before the District Court, no later than thirty days after the decision was made if it was given before the appellant, or after he was served a copy thereof if it was given *in absentia*.
- (b) At the appellant's request, the court may decide upon a stay of execution of the Ethics Committee's decision.
- (c) When deciding the appeal the Court may do one of the following:
- (1) Accept or dismiss the appeal wholly or partly, change the Ethics Committee's decision or revoke it and give another one in its place, or send the decision back to the Ethics Committee with instructions for a retrial there;
- (2) Give any decision that the Ethics Committee would have been competent to give.
- (d) The Minister of Justice may, after consultation with the Minister, prescribe in regulations the procedures at the appeal and also in an application for stay of execution of the Ethics Committee's decision.
21. Whoever has worked in a branch of engineering or architecture before publication of the notice of the opening of a division for such branch in the Register of Engineers and Architects and has been registered in the Register within nine months after the publication is entitled to receive a certificate at the end of his work period as prescribed pursuant to Section 11, even if he was not registered in the Register during such period.
22. None of the aforesaid derogates from the provisions of the Electricity Law, 5714-1954, or from the Regulations thereunder, or affects any right or obligation thereunder.
23. The Minister is entrusted with the implementation of this Law and he may enact regulations in any matter concerning the implementation thereof.

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**THE ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS (LICENSING CONDITIONS) REGULATIONS,  
5768-2007\***

By virtue of my authority pursuant to Sections 11(c), 11A and 23 of the Engineers and Architects Law, 5718-1958 (hereinafter – the Law), with the approval of the Minister of Finance pursuant to Section 39B of the Budget Foundations Law, 5745-1985, and with the approval of the Knesset Labor, Social Affairs and Health Committee, I enact these regulations:

1. In these regulations –  
"The Registrar" – the Registrar of Engineers and Architects, appointed by the Minister pursuant to Section 8 of the Law;  
"The Minister" – the Minister of Industry, Trade and Labor.
2. (a) Whoever is registered in the Register of Engineers and Architects (hereinafter – the Register), shall be entitled to receive a license as stated in Section 11(a) of the Law, when all of the following are fulfilled:
  - (1) He has submitted a written application to the Minister according to the Registrar's directives;
  - (2) The Registrar has given his approval, as stated in Sub-regulation (b), that –
    - (a) The registration period prescribed in Regulation 2 of the Engineers and Architects (Licensing and Reservation of Activities) Regulations, 5727-1967 (hereinafter – the Licensing Regulations), in such branch and division as forming the subject of the license;
    - (b) During the registration period as aforesaid or thereafter he has accumulated appropriate professional experience in the performance of the activities of a licensed engineer or architect in such branch and division as forming the subject of the license; the aforesaid experience included, under the supervision and guidance of a licensed engineer or architect, as the case may be, involvement in or assistant handling of activities that he would only be qualified to perform by himself after he has received the license, and all according to the professional criteria prescribed by the Engineering and Architecture Council pursuant to Sub-regulation (b);
  - (3) If he is obliged to take a license examination pursuant to Regulation 4 – he has successfully passed the examination.
    - (a) Approval for the purposes of Sub-regulation (b) shall be given by the Registrar, according to the professional criteria prescribed by the Engineering and Architecture Council (hereinafter – the Council) with regard to –
      - (1) The areas of practical work, the types and scale of the professional experience, all taking into account the activities that the license requested relates to;
      - (2) The extent of the license applicant's involvement in or assistant handling of work, and the nature of the supervision or guidance thereof by a licensed engineer or architect, as the case may be, including the continuity of the aforesaid supervision or guidance;
      - (3) The types of cases where an inspection of the Professional Advisory Committee on behalf of the Council may be required, the method of its inspection and the extent of the Committee's involvement as aforesaid;
      - (4) The method of inspecting the certificates and professional qualifications of whoever has studied abroad and their equivalence to the professional criteria;

- (5) The experience required and the types of approvals required from a licensed engineer or architect acting as the license applicant's instructor, and the methods of verifying them;
- (6) It is the license applicant's obligation to send the Registrar a confirmation of internship form, that shall contain the instructor's details and also the field of the internship;
- (7) It is the obligation of the license applicant and the licensed engineer or architect acting as the license applicant's instructor, in certain branches, to file a periodic report that shall contain particulars regarding the fields and scope of the practical work performed by the license applicant, and also regarding their obligation to submit a summarizing report at the end of the practical work period.
- (c) The Registrar shall publish on the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor's website (hereinafter – the Website) the criteria prescribed pursuant to Sub-regulation (b), including the date of their commencement and also transitional provisions insofar as required; in the event of a change in the criteria as aforesaid, the Engineering and Architecture Council shall give instructions as to the date of commencement and transitional provisions for the new criteria, provided that the change shall not apply to whoever before the change has commenced practical work for the purpose of receiving a license.
3. A licensed engineer or architect who is acting as the license applicant's instructor during the course of the registration period shall do everything possible in order to ensure the license applicant's employment in professional work and prevent his employment in fields that are not required for the purpose of receiving a license.
4. The obligation of an examination as a condition for receiving a license shall apply in the following branches and divisions:
  - (1) The branch of Architecture and the branch of Landscape Architecture;
  - (2) The branch of Civil Engineering, Structural Engineering Division;
  - (3) The branch of Chemical Engineering, Chemical Division.
5. (a) A license examination shall be held at least once a year, on such date and in such place as instructed by the Registrar; the Registrar shall publish notice of the date of the examination, the enrolment procedures and methods of submitting reservations about the examination results at least sixty days in advance, in at least two daily newspapers and on the Website.
  - (b) The notice published by the Registrar shall state the place of the examination and the amount of the examination fee, the method of payment thereof and any other relevant detail.
  - (c) Whoever complies with all the following is eligible to take the examination:
    - (1) He has applied for a license pursuant to Regulation 2(a)(1);
    - (2) The examination obligation pursuant to Regulation 4 applies to him;
    - (3) The Registrar has confirmed that the conditions aforesaid in Regulation 2(a)(2) have been fulfilled;
    - (4) He has paid the examination fee.
  - (d) The examination fee shall be the sum of 792 new shekels; this sum shall be updated on January 1<sup>st</sup> every year (hereinafter – the Update Day) according to the rate of increase in the latest Consumer Price Index published by the Central Bureau of Statistics before the Update Day against the latest Index published before the previous Update Day, and for the purposes of the first Update Day after the commencement of these Regulations – against the Index published in August 2006; the Registrar shall publish the updated fee sum by a notice in *Reshumot*.
6. (a) The examination shall be in writing, in the field of engineering or architecture for which it is designed, including in graphic subjects and legislative and safety subjects from the same field.

- (b) The examination format may be questions that the examinee must answer in detail, the selection of the correct answer out of a series of answers or a combination of the two.
- (c) The examination content and format are subject to the approval of the Engineering and Architecture Council or a professional committee on its behalf.
- (d) The examination subjects and the examination format as aforesaid in Sub-regulation (b) shall be published on the Website.
7. An examinee shall comply with all the examination procedures stated on the examination booklet and the instructions of the examination supervisors; an examination supervisor may stop an examinee's examination and disqualify it if he has seen that the examinee is contravening the procedures or instructions as aforesaid in such way as, in his opinion, affects the propriety of his examination.
8. (a) The examination results shall state "pass" or "fail"; a partial grade in percentages shall be given for parts or chapters of the examination and the Registrar may prescribe, in consultation with the Engineering and Architecture Council or with a committee that it has appointed therefor, a grade for a part or chapter as aforesaid that shall be a condition for obtaining a passing grade; whoever has earned an inclusive weighted grade that is no less than the grade prescribed as aforesaid is entitled to a "pass" grade.
- (b) (1) An examinee may, by the method instructed by the Registrar, submit a reservation to the Registrar about the examination results no later than 10 business days from the date of publication of the examination results; an examinee who wishes to submit a reservation as aforesaid is entitled to receive a photocopy of the examination booklet in respect of which he submitted the reservation.
- (2) The Registrar shall send the examinee a decision with regard to his reservation within 45 days from the latest date for submitting the reservation.
- (3) The decision in the reservation shall be final.
- (4) The person inspecting the reservation shall not be the same person who inspected the examination.
9. An examinee who has failed or been disqualified from the examination may be re-examined on the date of the following examination; an examinee who has failed or been disqualified from the examination three times shall only be entitled to retake the examination after twenty four months have elapsed since the date of the last examination he took.
10. (a) Whoever has successfully passed the licensing examination shall receive the license within 15 days from the date of publication of the examination results.
- (b) Where the obligation to take the examination pursuant to Regulation 4 does not apply to a person, he shall receive the license within 15 days from the date on which the Registrar confirmed that he fulfils the conditions in Regulation 2(a).
11. The Minister, in consultation with the Engineering and Architecture Council and with the Commission for Equal Rights of Persons with Disabilities, within the meaning thereof in the Equal Rights of Persons with Disabilities Law, 5758-1998, may exempt from the obligation of a written examination whoever is not able to take it due to his disability, and instead oblige him to take an oral examination or by any other method as he thinks fit, so that the license applicant's right to take the examination is fulfilled, as the case may be.
12. The commencement of these Regulations is on the date of publication in *Reshumot* of the notice of determination of the professional criteria with regard to every branch or division as the case may be and publication thereof on the Website as aforesaid in Regulation 2(c).

13. These Regulations shall not apply to whoever has submitted an application for a license before the date of publication thereof.

## REGISTRATION AND LICENSING PROCEDURE

### CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION

Pursuant to the Engineers and Architects Law, 5718 – 1958, the Engineers and Architects (Licensing and Reservation of Activities) Regulations, 5727 – 1967 and the Engineers and Architects (Licensing Conditions) Regulations, 5768 – 2007, whoever complies with one of the following conditions is entitled to be registered in the Register of Engineers and Architects:

The holder of a bachelor's degree in engineering or architecture, when the certificate and the institution have been recognized by the Registrar, after consultation with the Advisory Committee appointed by the Engineering and Architecture Council.

### THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR FILING THE APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION:

Graduates of academic institutions in Israel may file an application online and attach the following documents:

- An original diploma for perusal
- A grades sheet
- A photocopy of the identity card
- Syllabus (upon demand)
- Final project (upon demand)
- (The application number constituting the reference number with the Registrar's office should be saved)

**New immigrants and returning residents – an application may be filed for approval in principle via the Website: <http://www.moia.gov.il/Pages/he-professional.aspx>**

**The following documents should be attached:**

- An original diploma for perusal
- A grades sheet signed by the academic institution
- If the documents are written in a foreign language, an original translation into Hebrew/English signed by a notary should be attached.

**An application may be filed in English or French but handling the application in a foreign language will take longer since the application must be sent for translation, therefore it is recommended to shorten proceedings and file in the Hebrew or English language.**

- A photocopy of identity card
- Completion of application for eligibility for registration examination questionnaire

**It should be clarified that final approval shall be granted after the original documents have been shown during the hours of opening to the public.**

As a rule, the list of institutions recognized for registration abroad is specified in the professional literature "INTERNATIONAL HANDBOOK OF UNIVERSITIES".

Nevertheless, every application for registration shall be examined individually in accordance with the criteria prescribed in the Engineers and Architects Law, 5718-1958.

### **REGISTRATION IN THE FOLLOWING OCCUPATIONS:**

Registration in the Register of Engineers and Architects grants state recognition of the title of engineer/architect. An engineer or an architect interested in engaging in these occupations, are entitled to engage in them only if they are registered in the Register or entitled to register. However, in order to register in the reserved activity occupations – architecture, landscape architecture, chemistry and civil-structural engineering and electrical engineering – these professionals must have been registered in the Register for at least 3 years.

### **HOW TO RECEIVE THE SERVICE**

Handling the applications for registration and licensing of engineers and architects is carried out by the Registration of Engineers and Architects Department in the Occupations Registration and Licensing Division.

Filing the application for registration is made via an online form for registration and licensing in the Register of Engineers and Architects.

The online form is supported by Internet Explorer browsers versions 8, 9, 10, 11 and Firefox versions 29, 30, 31 in the Windows and Linux environment.

### **GRADUATES OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN ISRAEL**

Graduates of academic institutions for engineering/architecture in Israel should enter their relevant particulars on the form for registration and licensing in the Register of Engineers and Architects that can be found at the Registrar's website at the following address:

<http://www.forms.gov.il/globaldata/getsequence/getsequence.aspx?formType=engineer@moital.gov.il>

The applications are examined by the Unit's professional team and if there is no necessity for supplementary documents they shall be sent to the Registration Division of the Registrar of Engineers and Architects or to be subsequently handled by the Advisory Committee to determine the registration division.

In different cases, the Advisory Committee sends the file for continuation of handling by an investigation committee to which the applicant shall be summoned for an interview with the final project that shows his knowledge in his field.

### **DURATION OF HANDLING THE APPLICATION**

The registration process may take up to 30 business days.

The process of registration and sending the documents for translation may take up to 45 business days.

If the applicant for a license is requested to supplement documents, it is possible that the registration process may last beyond the above-mentioned period.

## **ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING A LICENSE IN THE STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AND CHEMICAL ENGINEERING DIVISION (RESERVED ACTIVITY OCCUPATIONS):**

Whoever has been registered in the Register of Engineers and Architects for 3 years shall be entitled to receive a license if the following conditions are fulfilled:

1. He has accumulated appropriate professional experience for 3 years, in accordance with the criteria prescribed by virtue of the Licensing Regulations that are attached to this Procedure. The Registrar may recognize a period of up to two years professional experience he has accumulated abroad provided that one year of experience has been accumulated in Israel.
2. If he is compelled to take an examination, he has passed it.

Whoever is not compelled to take an examination shall receive the license within 15 days from the date the Registrar has confirmed that he has fulfilled Condition No. 1 above.

### **INTERNSHIP FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS/RETURNING RESIDENTS**

In accordance with the decision of the Engineering and Architecture Council dated 3.12.2014 Session 70 and also in accordance with Government Resolution 2225 dated 23.11.2014, the following are the criteria for the internship of new immigrants or returning residents in the civil-structural engineering and architecture professions:

1. Internship of 3 complete years from the date of registration in the Register of Engineers and Architects.
2. It shall be possible to recognize two years of experience in the field of architectural planning/ structural engineering that has been accumulated abroad with proof of experience backed up by authorizations.
3. An immigrant or returning resident must serve one complete year of internship in Israel as follows:
  - A. Internship under a licensed architect/licensed structural engineer who complies with the criteria for instruction (a list of optional licensed architects/structural engineers is published on the Website).
  - B. Internship in any field selected by the immigrant out of the three projects mentioned in the Internship Arrangements and the consequent submission of internship reports.
  - C. Successfully passing the licensing examination.

The Law allows recognition of up to two years internship abroad out of the three years, provided that one complete year of internship is served in Israel.

The applicant for a license must ascertain that he is registered in the Division required for internship with an employer in the field of registration;

**For example:** if the applicant is registered in Civil Engineering in the Construction Management Division, he must prove experience in construction management, plus authorizations, and specify the projects he has worked on, his position, in resolution of month and year, signed and confirmed by the employer.

In the other occupations: i.e. industrial and management engineering, mechanical engineering, etc.

1. 3 complete years' internship from the date of registration in the Register of Engineers and Architects.
2. Two years' experience in the field accumulated abroad may be recognized after proof of experience backed up by authorizations, provided that one year's internship is served in Israel with the emphasis on the field defined in the registration division. **It should be emphasized that in these fields there is no reservation of activities, hence it is not necessary to pass a licensing examination.**

## **ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING LICENSE**

The Electricity (Licenses) Regulations, 5745-1985, prescribe that one of the conditions for obtaining an electrical engineering license is the license applicant being a strong current electrical engineer registered in the Electricity Division in the Register of Engineers and Architects. Therefore, for the purpose of obtaining a license in electrical engineering the applicant must first be registered in the Register of Engineers and Architects, Electricity (Power Systems) Division.

## **CRITERIA FOR ACCUMULATION OF EXPERIENCE ABROAD**

### **ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE**

1. The registration stage:  
References as to professional experience in the country of origin, including:
  - A. A specification of the professional experience as an architect specifying the period, type of project (for example, residential, industrial, commercial, construction, urban planning), its scale, architectural features and the applicant's position in the project.
  - B. A description of the project (type of structure, scale of the project in built square meters – a photograph if possible, a description of the vicinity and the proposed planning considerations).
  - C. A description of the applicant's position in every project presented: the specification shall relate to the period of up to five years before the date of filing the application and shall be accompanied by a confirmation/recommendation from the chief architect or the person in charge of the project and/or the architect in charge in the office/company where the applicant worked.
2. **LICENSING CERTIFICATES AS AN ARCHITECT IN THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:**  
This architect shall be registered immediately and shall be obliged to serve one year of internship in Israel prior to the examination – the criteria that are conditions of the examination shall not apply to him.

### **CIVIL ENGINEERING – STRUCTURES, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT**

1. References as to professional experience in the country of origin, including:  
A specification of the professional experience as an engineer in projects specifying the period, type of project (for example, residential, industrial, commercial, infrastructures, transport, traffic, roads, foundations and ground, etc.), its scale, engineering features and the applicant's position in the project. The specification shall include the period of experience, a description of the project (type of structure, scale of the project in built square meters and the duration of the contract, a description

of the performance methods) and a description of the applicant's position in the project. The specification shall relate to a period of up to five years prior to the date of filing the application and shall be accompanied by confirmation from the person in charge of the applicant in the project (the person ordering the work or the engineer in charge in the office/company where the applicant worked).

2. Certificates as to registration and/or licensing as an engineer in the country of origin, such as P.E. (Professional Engineer) in the United States, or Chartered Engineer (CEng) and Incorporated Engineer (IEng) in Great Britain, if the applicant holds a certificate of this kind.

## LICENSING EXAMINATION

A condition for licensing in the fields of architecture and structural engineering is passing a licensing examination at the end of the internship period of 3 years in accordance with the criteria defined in the Licensing Criteria. The examination comprises two parts:

### FIRST PART: THE THEORETICAL PART – LAW AND REGULATIONS

### SECOND PART: THE PRACTICAL PART – PLANNING PRACTICE

An examinee may file a reservation about the results of the examination, no later than 10 business days from the publication of the results of the examination.

An examinee who has failed the examination shall be entitled to retake the examination at the following examination date if he has failed or been disqualified. If he has taken the examination three times, he shall only be entitled to retake the examination 24 months after the date of the last examination he took.

In the engineering professions where no reservation of activities has been prescribed, the engineer shall be required to serve an internship of 3 years in the field he is registered in. At the end of the 3 years no examination is necessary. The 3 years include two years abroad and one additional year's internship in Israel.

Nevertheless, the Registrar, in consultation with the Registrar's Advisory Committee, may examine, after the 3 years' internship, whether the engineer applying for licensing has indeed accumulated experience in the specialty he worked in awarding him the right to receive a license.

## APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

It should be noted that it is possible to file a repeat application for review, if there are additional documents that have not yet been presented to the Registrar and/or on account of a technical fault.

**An appeal against the Registrar's decision in connection with the application for registration or receipt of a license should be filed in the Administrative Matters Court, pursuant to the Administrative Matters Courts Law, 5760-2000.**

## RESERVATION OF ACTIVITIES

Activities that are reserved for licensed engineers registered in the Structures Division or licensed architects registered in the Architecture Division or licensed architects registered in the Landscape Architecture Division or licensed engineers registered in in the Chemical Engineering Division, as defined in the Engineers and Architects (Licensing and Reservation of Activities) Regulations, 5727-1967.

## ARCHITECTURE

### LICENSING IN THE REGISTER OF ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS – CRITERIA FOR ARCHITECTS LICENSING

**Field of internship** – the internship shall be in **structural architecture and urban planning**, activities that are reserved solely for a licensed architect as stated in the Engineers and Architects (Licensing and Reservation of Activities) Regulations, 5727-1967.

**Pursuant to the Engineers and Architects (Conditions for Licensing) Regulations, 5768-2008 (hereinafter – the Regulations) whoever during the period of registration has accumulated appropriate professional experience in the performance of the activities of a licensed architect is entitled to receive a license. This experience includes, inter alia, acts that the architect would be permitted to perform by himself only after receiving the license and all according to these criteria that have been prescribed by the Engineering and Architectural Council under its authority in the Regulations.**

**These criteria are for a transitory period, after which criteria adapted to the UIA practice and similar organizations shall be published**

#### **1. CRITERIA FOR LICENSING IN THE ARCHITECTURE BRANCH – IN THE FIELD OF STRUCTURES**

1. **Fields of content** – The intern's experience shall include substantial participation in the following fields:
  - +** A complex residential structure in an inclusive building area of at least 750 square metres.
  - +** A public building, offices or commercial in an inclusive building area of at least 750 square metres.
  - +** A detailed plan including a building appendix, for designation of a public nature, or for employment, or residential, permitting building on an inclusive area of at least 5,000 square metres.
2. **Planning stages** – The intern's experience shall include substantial participation in the following matters:
  - +** Collection of information and preliminary investigation
  - +** Analysis of possibilities and drafting alternatives



- + Final planning and drafting application for permit
- + Detailed planning (work plan)
- + Various types of architectural details
- + Drafting tender documents
- + Overall supervision, accompanying performance

3. **Background matters** – The intern's experience shall include substantial participation in the following matters:
    - + Planning coordination
    - + Authorities approvals
    - + Contact with client and project manager
  4. **Law and regulations** – The intern's experience shall include substantial participation in the following matters:
    - + Use of the Law and Regulations
    - + Statutory proceedings
    - + Use of Israeli standards and specifications
  5. **Technology** – The intern's experience shall include substantial participation in the following matters:
    - + Construction materials
    - + Various kinds of finishes
    - + Construction technology
  6. **General** – The intern's experience in the matters mentioned in Sections 1.2-1.5 above may be in different projects and with different instructors.
2. **CRITERIA FOR LICENSING IN THE ARCHITECTURE BRANCH – IN THE FIELD OF URBAN PLANNING**
1. **Fields of content** – The intern's experience shall include substantial participation in the following fields:
    - + Drafting a detailed plan or outline plan including a building appendix.
  2. **Planning stages** – The intern's experience shall include substantial participation in the following stages:
    - + Collection of information and preliminary investigation
    - + Analysis of possibilities and drafting alternatives
    - + Final planning
    - + Drafting the plan documents (sketch, instructions, building appendix)
  3. **Background matters** – The intern's experience shall include substantial participation in the following matters:
    - + Planning coordination
    - + Authorities approvals
    - + Contact with client and project manager
  4. **Law and regulations** – The intern's experience shall include substantial participation in the following matters:
    - + Statutory proceedings including discussions at the local and district committees

**Use of the Planning and Building Law and Regulations**

**5. General –**

The intern's experience in the matters mentioned in Sections 2.2-2.4 above may be in different projects and with different instructors. The intern's participation in the field of town planning shall not be conditional on obtaining statutory approval for the plan the intern is working on.

**6. Reservation –**

In accordance with the decision of the Engineering and Architecture Council dated 3.12.2014 Session 70 and also in accordance with Government Resolution 2225 dated 23.11.2014, below are the criteria for the internship of new immigrants or returning residents:

- 1. Internship of 3 complete years from the date of registration in the Register of Engineers and Architects.**
- 2. It shall be possible to recognize two years of experience in the field of architectural planning that has been accumulated abroad with proof of experience backed up by authorizations.**
- 3. An immigrant or returning resident must serve one complete year of internship in Israel as follows:**
  - A. Internship under a licensed architect who complies with the criteria for instruction (a list of optional licensed architects is published on the Website).**
  - B. Internship in one or more (at the intern's choice) of the three projects mentioned in the Internship Arrangements and the consequent submission of internship reports.**
  - C. Passing the licensing examination.**

**3. COMMENCEMENT –** these criteria shall enter into force on 1 January 2009.

**4. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

These criteria shall not apply to whoever has commenced his term of internship before **1 January 2009**, unless he notifies the Registrar in writing of his wish that his period of professional experience be examined in the light of these criteria.

**ARCHITECTURE**

**LICENSING OF ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS, PURSUANT TO THE ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS LAW, 5718 – 1958, INTERNSHIP ARRANGEMENTS**

**DEFINITIONS:**

- The Registrar** – The Registrar of Engineers and Architects
- Intern** – An architect registered in the Register of Engineers and Architects and who is employed in an architectural position
- Instructor** – A licensed architect employing an intern

**Pursuant to the Engineers and Architects (Licensing Conditions) Regulations, 5768 – 2008 (hereinafter – the Regulations) whoever during the period of registration has accumulated appropriate professional experience for the performance of the activities of a licensed architect is entitled to receive a license. This experience includes, inter alia, involvement or assistance in the supervision and instruction of a licensed architect and all according to these criteria, prescribed by the Engineering and Architecture Council under its authority in the Regulations. These internship arrangements are for the transitional period, after which arrangements shall be published that are appropriate for the standard practice under the UIA, and similar organizations.**




- 1. Professional internship –** A registered architect who wishes to receive a license is obliged to serve an internship period under the guidance, supervision and approval of an instructor in the profession and field appropriate for the branch and department in which he wishes to receive a license.
  
- 2. The internship period –** The internship period is 3 years, as stated in the Engineers and Architects (Licensing and Reservation of Activities) Regulations, 5727-1967, and it shall be carried out with an instructor in Israel. If part of the internship is carried out abroad, the internship must last at least one year in Israel and a total of 3 years' internship and he shall also submit to the Registrar an orderly work diary from his employer abroad in accordance with the requirements in Israel. If the internship is not carried out full time, the internship period shall be deemed to be continuous and full time employment of at least 30 hours a week. If there were any breaks in the internship period, the instructor must detail them in the instruction report and they shall not be counted in the internship period. If the internship was served in more than one place, only the internship period that is not less than seven months with one instructor shall be counted. The internship may be served in a permanent place or in any place where the instructor's work is usually carried out. An intern who is compelled to be absent from the place of his internship for a period of time of up to four months absence for reasons of maternity leave, pregnancy bed rest, reserves duty, prolonged illness or for other special reasons at the Registrar's discretion – he shall be deemed to have served the internship period required for the purpose of being entitled to take the licensing examinations, if during his internship period he has accumulated the professional experience required and the entire internship period required in accordance with what is prescribed in the criteria. In the event where an intern is

compelled to leave his employment for the reasons mentioned above before he has completed a 7 months' internship period with the same instructor and has thereafter resumed internship with a new instructor, the intern shall complete an additional 7 months' internship period for the purpose of complying with the eligibility conditions for taking the licensing examination. An intern shall be employed solely in architectural work.

**3. Nature of the internship –**

**4. List of instructors –**

An architect shall be considered to be an instructor if he has continuously engaged in architectural work for a continuous period of at least 5 years since receiving the license, during the course of which he has performed:

-  Planning, obtaining a permit and Form 4 for a complex residential structure in an inclusive area of at least 750 square metres.
-  Planning, obtaining a permit and Form 4 for a public building, offices or commercial, in an area as abovementioned.
-  Planning a detailed plan under the authority of the District Committee including a building appendix with an inclusive building area of at least 3,000 square metres, until receipt of the approval of the District Committee for deposit of the plan (with or without conditions).

And alternatively – an architect who has continuously engaged in architecture work for a continuous period of at least 8 years since receiving the license.

In both alternatives, it is a condition that the instructor has complied with the requirements specified in the application to join the List of Instructors in the form prescribed in these criteria, and the application has been approved by the Registrar and the instructor has been registered in the List in the appropriate branches and departments for his/her instruction as an instructor.

The Registrar may demand that the candidate for instruction sign an affidavit and attach particulars and additional documents he thinks are required for approval of the application.

**5. Commencement of the instruction –**

The instructor may train from the date of his entry into the List, but the Registrar may register an instructor in the List on an earlier date than the date of filing the application, if he is convinced that at such time the instructor complied with all the requirements. Likewise, the Registrar may first of all approve the intern's instruction retroactively, if he is convinced that the previous internship period complied with all the internship requirements as prescribed in the internship procedures and the licensing criteria.

**6. Application for Internship –**

When an intern has applied to serve an internship, before the internship with an instructor he/she shall be obliged to provide and obtain the approval of the Registrar to an application for internship affidavit in the form prescribed in these criteria. Likewise, he/she must attach a deed of commitment from the instructor in the form prescribed in these criteria.

**7. Internship for new immigrants/returning residents**

In accordance with the decision of the Engineering and Architecture Council dated 3.12.2014 Session 70 and also in accordance with Government Resolution 2225 dated 23.11.2014, the following are the criteria for the internship of new immigrants or returning residents:

- 1. Internship of 3 complete years from the date of registration in the Register of Engineers and Architects.**
- 2. It shall be possible to recognize two years of experience in the field of architectural planning that has been accumulated abroad with proof of experience backed up by authorizations.**
- 3. An immigrant or returning resident must serve one complete year of internship in Israel as follows:**
  - A. Internship under a licensed architect who complies with the criteria for instruction (a list of optional licensed architects is published on the Website).**
  - B. Internship in one or more (at the intern's choice) of the three projects mentioned in the Internship Arrangements and the consequent submission of internship reports.**
  - C. Passing the licensing examination.**

**8. Work diary –**

An intern shall keep a monthly work diary in the format prescribed in these criteria. The diary shall be signed by the intern and the instructor every month and be filed with the Registrar at the end of every internship period together with the instruction report.

**9. Instruction report –**

The instructor shall conduct a periodical report in the format prescribed in these regulations. The instruction reports shall be filed to the Registrar upon the completion of every instruction period or part thereof as the Registrar directs, as follows:

- At the end of the first six months after the commencement of the instruction**
- 24 months after the commencement of the instruction**
- At the end of the internship period, namely, after 3 complete years**

**10. Application for a License –**

An intern wishing to receive a license at the end of the internship period shall file an application to the Registrar in the form prescribed in these criteria, plus the work diaries, instruction reports and works portfolio representing the main part of the works in different topics – the works portfolio shall be at least A3 size. The Registrar may demand from the intern

and the instructor any verbal or written details and clarifications that he deems necessary in order to base the application to receive a license. After these conditions have been confirmed, the intern shall be permitted to take the licensing examination. An intern may file an application to be examined before the end of the internship period provided that at the date of the examination he has completed 3 years of the internship period.

**11. Approval of the Application –**

The Registrar shall grant a work license to an intern who has complied with all the requirements including the licensing examination. The Registrar may, by a reasoned decision, make additional demands from the intern and stipulate conditions for receipt of the license, if he is convinced that these are necessary in order to ensure that the intern is suitable to practice the profession, after the intern has been given a proper opportunity to present his arguments.

**12. Publication of the Procedure –**

Details about the format of the candidates' inspection, in accordance with these criteria, shall be published from time to time for the public's knowledge, by the method prescribed by the Engineering and Architecture Council.

## CIVIL ENGINEERING – STRUCTURES

### LICENSING IN THE REGISTER OF ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS – CRITERIA FOR LICENSING OF STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS

**Field of internship** – the internship shall be in the **Civil Engineering/Structures Division**, and shall encompass activities that are reserved solely for a licensed structural engineer as stated in the Engineers and Architects (Licensing and Reservation of Activities) Regulations, 5727-1967.

Pursuant to the **Engineers and Architects (Conditions for Licensing) Regulations, 5768-2008** (hereinafter – the **Regulations**), whoever during the period of registration has accumulated appropriate professional experience in the performance of the activities of a licensed structural engineer is entitled to receive a license. This experience includes, inter alia, acts that the engineer would be permitted to perform by himself only after receiving the license and all according to these criteria that have been prescribed by the Engineering and Architectural Council under its authority in the Regulations.

#### 1. CRITERIA FOR LICENSING IN THE CIVIL ENGINEERING BRANCH – IN THE FIELD OF STRUCTURES

1. **Fields of content** – The intern's experience shall include substantial participation in all or some of the following fields:
  - A. Complex residential structures in an inclusive building area of at least 1000-1500 square metres each.
  - B. Public buildings, offices or commercial in an inclusive building area of at least 1200 square metres each.
  - C. Industrial structures.
 At least 5 structures out of the two aforesaid fields (A, B, C)
2. **Planning stages** – The intern's experience shall include substantial participation in the following matters:
  - + Collection of information and preliminary investigation
  - + Analysis of possibilities and drafting alternatives
  - + Detailed planning (work plan) including details of the construction
  - + Drafting tender documents – specifications and quantities
  - + Overall supervision of the performance
  - + Coordination of planning, participation in and contact with other planners
3. **Law and regulations** – The intern's experience shall include:
  - + Use of the Law and the Planning and Building Regulations
  - + Use of Israeli standards and specifications
4. **Technology** – The intern's experience shall include involvement in determining:
  - + Construction materials
  - + Construction technologies

5. **General** – The intern's experience in the abovementioned matters may be in different projects and with different instructors.
2. **COMMENCEMENT**  
These criteria shall enter into force on the date of publication of notice thereof in *Reshumot* (the date of publication shall be updated subsequently).
3. **TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**  
These criteria shall not apply to whoever has commenced his term of internship after publication of the criteria in *Reshumot*.
4. **RESERVATION** – In accordance with the decision of the Engineering and Architecture Council dated 3.12.2014 Session 70 and also in accordance with Government Resolution 2225 dated 23.11.2014, below are the criteria for the internship of new immigrants or returning residents:
1. **Internship of 3 complete years from the date of registration in the Register of Engineers and Architects.**
  2. **It shall be possible to recognize two years of experience in the field of structural engineering that has been accumulated abroad with proof of experience backed up by authorizations.**
  3. **An immigrant or returning resident must serve one complete year of internship in Israel as follows:**
    - A. **Internship under a structural engineer who complies with the criteria for instruction (a list of optional licensed architects is published on the Website).**
    - B. **Internship in one or more (at the intern's choice) of the three projects mentioned in the Internship Arrangements and the consequent submission of internship reports.**
    - C. **Passing the licensing examination.**
5. **COMMENCEMENT**  
These criteria shall enter into force on the date of publication of notice thereof in *Reshumot* (the date of publication shall be updated subsequently).
6. **TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**  
These criteria shall not apply to whoever has commenced his term of internship after publication of the criteria in *Reshumot*.

## **CIVIL ENGINEERING – BUILDINGS**

### **LICENSING OF ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS, PURSUANT TO THE ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS LAW, 5718 – 1958, INTERNSHIP ARRANGEMENTS**

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

**The Registrar** – The Registrar of Engineers and Architects

- Intern** – An engineer registered in the Register of Engineers and Architects, Structures Division and who is employed as a structural engineer
- Instructor** – A licensed engineer in the Structures Division employing an intern

**Pursuant to the Engineers and Architects (Licensing Conditions) Regulations, 5768 – 2008 (hereinafter – the Regulations), whoever during the period of registration has accumulated appropriate professional experience for the performance of the activities of a licensed engineer is entitled to receive a license. This experience includes, inter alia, involvement or assistance in the supervision and instruction of a licensed engineer and all according to these criteria, prescribed by the Engineering and Architecture Council by virtue of its authority in the Regulations.**

**These internship arrangements are:**

1. Professional internship – a registered engineer in the Structures Division who wishes to receive a license is obliged to serve an internship period under the guidance, supervision and approval of an instructor in the profession and field of the branch of Civil Engineering, Structures Division.
2. The internship period – the internship period is 3 years, as stated in the Engineers and Architects (Licensing and Reservation of Activities) Regulations, 5727-1967, and it shall be carried out with an instructor in Israel. If part of the internship is carried out abroad, the internship must last at least one year in Israel and a total of 3 years' internship and he shall also submit to the Registrar an orderly work diary from his employer abroad in accordance with the requirements in Israel. If the internship is not carried out full time, the internship period shall be deemed to be continuous and full time employment of at least 30 hours a week. If there were any breaks in the internship period, the instructor must declare them with his signature and give details of them in the instruction report and they shall not be counted in the internship period. If the internship was served in more than one place, only the internship period that is no less than seven months with one instructor shall be counted. The internship may be served in a permanent place or in any place where the instructor's work is usually carried out.

An intern who is compelled to be absent from the place of his internship for a period of time of up to four months absence for reasons of maternity leave, pregnancy bed rest, reserves duty, prolonged illness or for other special reasons at the Registrar's discretion – he shall be deemed to have served the internship period required for the purpose of being entitled to take the licensing examinations, if during his internship period he has accumulated the professional experience required and the entire internship period required in accordance with what is prescribed in the criteria. In the event where an intern is compelled to leave his employment for the reasons mentioned above before he has completed a 7 months internship period with the same instructor and has thereafter resumed internship with a new instructor, the intern shall complete an additional 7 months' internship period for the purpose of complying with the eligibility conditions for taking the licensing examination.

3. Nature of the internship – an intern shall be employed solely in structural engineering work.
4. List of instructors – an engineer shall be considered to be an instructor if he has held a license in Civil Engineering, Structures Division, for more than 8 years and has continuously engaged in structural engineering only for a period of at least 8 years as stated in Form 1.

5. Commencement of the instruction – the instructor may train from the date of his entry into the List, but the Registrar may register an instructor in the List on an earlier date than the date of filing the application, if he is convinced that at such time the instructor complied with all the requirements. Likewise, the Registrar may first of all approve the intern's instruction retroactively, if he is convinced that the previous internship period complied with all the internship requirements as prescribed in the internship procedures and the licensing criteria. In both cases the abovementioned difference in times shall not exceed 3 months.
6. Application for internship – when an intern has applied to serve an internship, before the internship with an instructor he/she shall be obliged to provide and obtain the approval of the Registrar to an application for internship affidavit in the form prescribed in these criteria. Likewise, he/she must attach a deed of commitment from the instructor in the form prescribed in these criteria.
7. Work diary – an intern shall keep a monthly work diary in the format prescribed in these criteria. The diary shall be signed by the intern and the instructor every month and be filed with the Registrar at the end of every internship period together with the instruction report.
8. Instruction report – the instructor shall conduct a periodical report in the format prescribed in these regulations. The instruction reports shall be filed to the Registrar upon the completion of every instruction period or part thereof as the Registrar directs, as follows:
  - At the end of the first six months after the commencement of the instruction
  - 24 months after the commencement of the instruction
  - At the end of the internship period, namely, after 3 complete years
9. Application for a license – an intern wishing to receive a license at the end of the internship period shall file an application to the Registrar in the form prescribed in these criteria, plus the work diaries, instruction reports and file of works representing the main part of the works in different topics – the works portfolio shall be at least A3 size. The Registrar may demand from the intern and the instructor any verbal or written details and clarifications that he deems necessary in order to base the application to receive a license. After these conditions have been confirmed, the intern shall be permitted to take the licensing examination. An intern may file an application to be examined before the end of the internship period provided that at the date of the examination he has completed 3 years of the internship period.
10. Internship for new immigrants/returning residents – in accordance with the decision of the Engineering and Architecture Council dated 3.12.2014 Session 70 and also in accordance with Government Resolution 2225 dated 23.11.2014, below are the criteria for the internship of new immigrants or returning residents:
  1. Internship of 3 complete years from the date of registration in the Register of Engineers and Architects.
  2. It shall be possible to recognize two years of experience in the field of structural engineering that has been accumulated abroad with proof of experience backed up by authorizations.
  3. An immigrant or returning resident must serve one complete year of internship in Israel as follows:
    - A. Internship under a structural engineer who complies with the criteria for instruction (a list of optional structural engineers is published on the Website).

- B. Internship in one or more (at the intern's choice) of the three projects mentioned in the Internship Arrangements and the consequent submission of internship reports.
  - C. Passing the licensing examination.
11. Approval of the application – the Registrar shall grant an engineer license to an intern who has complied with all the requirements, including the licensing examination. The Registrar may by a reasoned decision make additional demands from the intern and stipulate conditions for receipt of the license, if he is convinced that these are necessary in order to ensure that the intern is suitable to practice the profession, after the intern has been given a proper opportunity to present his arguments.
12. Publication of the procedure – details about the format of the candidates' inspection, in accordance with these criteria, shall be published from time to time for the public's knowledge, by the method prescribed by the Engineering and Architecture Council.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS – THE ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS REGISTRATION AND LICENSING DEPARTMENT

### 1. QUESTION

**What should I do in order to be registered in the Register of Engineers and Architects?**

### ANSWER

Graduates of academic institutions for engineering/architecture abroad – you must attend our Ministry during the hours it is open to the public and present an original diploma, grades sheet, (if the documents are written in a foreign language, you should attach an original translation into Hebrew/English signed by a notary), a photocopy of your identity card and complete an application for examination of eligibility for registration questionnaire.

<http://www.forms.gov.il/globaldata/getsequence/getsequence.aspx?formType=engineer@moital.gov.il>

**Reaching the opening hours hotline – new immigrants – you may confirm receipt of the registration documents in principle via the Website before you reach the documents verification public hotline – it should be emphasized that no registration certificate shall be given without the documents verification at the end of the process.** (New immigrants – see pages 18-23 of the Procedure).

### 2. QUESTION

**How can I check whether the institution where I studied is recognized by the Registrar?**

### ANSWER

You must send an inquiry to the Engineers and Architects Registrar's Department via: fax, the Registrar's website, or by mail, and note the name of the institution and the country where you studied. **Contact details are published on page 6 of the handbook.**

### 3. QUESTION

**What benefits does registration in the Register of Engineers and Architects award me?**

### ANSWER

State recognition of the title of engineer/architect and approval to engage in reserved fields: architecture, landscape architecture, chemistry and civil-structural engineering and electricity.

### 4. QUESTION

**If I studied abroad, how is my eligibility for registration in the Register of Engineers and Architects examined?**

## ANSWER

After opening an application for registration in the online system on the Registrar of Engineers and Architects website, your application will be sent to the Registrar's Advisory Committee that will continue to handle it. If the Committee wishes to receive additional clarifications, you will be summoned to appear before it to determine your eligibility for registration together with the documents as aforesaid, which shall examine the professional syllabus you studied together with the final project; if it is not possible for you to bring a final project, you may submit projects that you planned during the course of your employment; if you do not have any projects at all, during the course of the Committee's interview you will be asked planning questions in engineering or architecture (depending on the branch) and you will be required to make mock-ups on site.

## 5. QUESTION

**I am registered in the Register of Engineers and Architects in the Civil/Chemical Engineering branch and wish to receive a license in this division – what should I do?**

## ANSWER

The criteria for receiving a license in civil/chemical engineering is 3 years' registration in the Register of Engineers and Architects and 3 years' internship in the field.

For those who have accumulated experience abroad – the Registrar may recognize a period of two years' professional experience out of the three years (accompanied by authorizations), provided that one year of experience has been acquired in Israel in accordance with the concessions for immigrants as mentioned in the Licensing Procedure and Criteria. (See page 32).

You must present a complete curriculum vitae containing a declaration about projects you have performed during the period between the date of registration and the date of the licensing application and with the condition that the professional experience is at least three years (including the experience abroad). Likewise, you must present confirmations from the employer/s specifying the periods when you worked for them as an engineer with a description of the positions you filled and the projects you performed.

If you have immigrated to Israel you must also attach your "work log" or confirmations from your employers abroad about your periods of employment, your position and the projects you worked on.

You should submit the licensing application via the online system on the Website for a period of 6 months each time throughout 3 continuous years, including the internship period you underwent abroad.

For your attention, there is an examination obligation in the Civil Engineering – Structures Division; if the Registrar approves your license application you will be eligible to take the licensing examination.

It should be emphasized that it is not possible to grant a license to those registered in the general civil engineering division since there is no educational and professional internship.

## 6. QUESTION

**I am registered in the Register of Engineers and Architects in the Architecture Division and wish to receive a license in this division – what should I do?**

ANSWER

The criteria for receiving a license in architecture are:

- 3 years' registration in the Register of Engineers and Architects
- 3 complete years' internship

If you have accumulated experience abroad – it is possible to recognize a period of two years' professional experience out of the three years plus authorizations testifying as to the experience provided that one year of experience has been acquired in Israel at an office with instruction potential. A list of potential instructors is published on the Website (see pages 18-23 of the Procedure).

1. You must present a complete curriculum vitae containing a declaration about projects you have performed during the period between the date of registration and the date of the licensing application and with the condition that the professional experience is at least three years. Likewise, you must present confirmations from the employer/s specifying the periods when you worked for them as an architect with a description of the positions you filled and the projects you performed.

You should attach to the abovementioned documents a letter of reference from a licensed architect, as the case may be, who is familiar with your skills and professional knowledge, in addition to a recommendation from your employer.

\* If you have arrived in Israel after studying abroad you must also attach your "work log" or confirmations from your employers abroad about your periods of employment, your position and the projects you worked on.

2. **For those with experience in Israel only** – if you were registered in the Register of Engineers and Architects after 8.1.2008, the Engineers and Architects (Licensing Conditions) Regulations, 5768-2007 (hereinafter: "the Regulations") published in *Reshumot* on 16.10.2007 shall apply to you.

\* The Licensing Criteria were published on the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor's website on 7.11.2007. Regulation 13 prescribes that the Regulations shall not apply to whoever submitted a license application before publication of the Regulations in *Reshumot*, namely whoever submitted an application before 16.10.2007. The date of publication of the Criteria on 8.1.2008 is the date the Regulations entered into force, pursuant to Regulation 12 of the Regulations.

During this period there was still an opportunity to be registered pursuant to the Criteria preceding the Regulations, so that the public could prepare itself for the entry into force of the Regulations until notice of publication of the Criteria in *Reshumot*.

The license application should be submitted via the Website on the special online form, in accordance with the Registrar's directives and what is defined in the Licensing Criteria. If you are subject to the obligation of periodical reporting, you should submit the reports every 6 months throughout 3 continuous years.

For your attention, there is an examination obligation in the architecture branch, if the Registrar approves your license application you will be eligible to take the licensing examination.

## 7. QUESTION

**If the new Criteria apply to me, namely, I was registered in the Register of Engineers and Architects after 8.1.2008 in the Architecture Division – what should I do? (Relates to graduates of educational institutions in Israel with experience in Israel only).**

## ANSWER

You must submit a periodical report in the online system on the Registrar's website, as specified on the website of the Ministry/Registrar of Engineers and Architects/Registrar's Directives and Publications/Engineers and Architects Licensing pursuant to the Engineers and Architects Law 5718-1958/General – Internship Arrangements. Concessions for New Immigrants. That is to say, two years' internship abroad accompanied by authorizations and one additional year internship in Israel under a potential instruction instructor.

## 8. QUESTION

**What acts grant me registration in the branch of Civil Engineering Structures Division and/or registration in the Architecture Division?**

## ANSWER

1. Registration in the Structures Division and the Architecture Division grants you the right of signature to a simple structure, namely:  
Having a site-built skeleton composed of walls or walls and pillars and flat ceilings with or without beams, when the distance between the pillars or between the beams where there are no pillars or beams between the walls does not exceed six meters and when the height of the floor level on its upper floor above the upper level of the floor on the ground does not exceed eleven and a half meters, including a shelter for the structure as aforesaid, pursuant to the Civil Defense Regulations 5731-1971 and excluding prestressed concrete and a spatial structure of any kind whatsoever.
2. A covered single storey structure with a height of up to five meters above ground level that does not exceed twelve meters from its entrance, excluding a structure on which dynamic forces operate and excluding a prestressed concrete building, a prefabricated concrete skeleton building and a spatial structure of any kind.
3. A supporting wall of a height up to two meters above the lowest ground level, requiring the construction of a building as aforesaid within the confines of the site where the building is located.
4. A culvert and pedestrian bridge connected to the structure as aforesaid in Paragraphs (1) or (2).

\* The aforesaid is correct as of the date of this publication; you may study the Engineers and Architects (Licensing and Reservation of Activities) Regulations, 5727-1967.

## 9. QUESTION

**What acts grant me licensing in the branch of Civil Engineering Structures Division?**

## ANSWER

1. Licensing in the Structures Division and the Architecture Division grants you the right of signature to structures that are public buildings, offices, businesses or residential buildings, including:

- (a) Determining principles of the construction system of a structure, preparation of plans determining principles for stability of a structure and filing them to the competent authority excluding, the performance of acts as aforesaid with regard to a simple structure.
- (b) Calculation of stability of a structure, excluding static spatial calculations and excluding calculation of stability of a structure with regard to a simple structure.
- (c) Static spatial calculations.
- (d) Filing the aforesaid calculations in Sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) and filing plans to the competent authority excluding the performance of the aforesaid acts with regard to a simple structure.
- (e) Coordination of the inclusive planning of the structure's systems, excluding the performance of an act as aforesaid in a simple structure.
- (f) Coordination of the inclusive performance of a structure, excluding the performance of an act as aforesaid in a simple structure.
- (g) Overall supervision of the inclusive performance of a structure, excluding the performance of an act as aforesaid in a simple structure.
- (h) Preparation of specifications, excluding the preparation of specifications with regard to a simple structure.

2. In structures that are industrial buildings, workshops, storerooms, granaries, water and fuel containers, port and marine buildings, dams and reinforced structures, supporting walls, defensive walls and ramparts, artificial waterfalls, bridges, culverts, water towers, hangars, tunnels, two-storey passages, car parking structure, masts and antenna towers, special structure foundations and any structure that is not included in Paragraph (1).

- (a) Preliminary planning and final planning, excluding the planning of a simple structure.
- (b) Architectonic work plans, excluding work plans of details for performance and excluding architectonic work plans with regard to a simple structure.
- (c) Determining principles of the construction system of a structure, preparation of plans determining principles for stability of a structure and filing them to the competent authority excluding the performance of acts as aforesaid with regard to a simple structure.
- (d) Calculation of stability of a structure, excluding static spatial calculations and excluding calculation of stability of a structure with regard to a simple structure.
- (e) Static spatial calculations.
- (f) Filing the aforesaid calculations in Sub-paragraphs (d) and (e) and filing plans to the competent authority, excluding the performance of the aforesaid acts with regard to a simple structure.
- (g) Coordination of the inclusive planning of the structure's various systems, excluding the performance of an act as aforesaid in a simple structure.

- (h) Coordination of the inclusive performance of a building, excluding the performance of an act as aforesaid in a simple structure.
  - (i) Overall supervision of the inclusive performance of a structure excluding the performance of an act as aforesaid in a simple structure.
  - (j) Preparation of specifications, excluding the preparation of specifications with regard to a simple structure.
3. Preliminary planning, outlining, calculations of the physical structure, filing plans and calculations to the competent authority, overall supervision of the performance, obtaining approval for national, inter-city and regional roads, main arteries, railway tracks, flight runways, transport tracks and parking areas for aircraft in airports.

\* The aforesaid is correct as of the date of this publication; you may study the Engineers and Architects (Licensing and Reservation of Activities) Regulations, 5727-1967.

## 10. QUESTION

**What acts grant me licensing in architecture?**

ANSWER

1. In a building and architectonic design plan:
  - (a) Preliminary planning and final planning
  - (b) Preparation of standards and sketches for the plans
  - (c) Filing plans to the competent authority
  - (d) Supreme guidance in the performance of the plans
2. In structures that are office buildings, residential buildings, public buildings, entertainment buildings, workshops and storeroom buildings, excluding residential workshops and storeroom buildings that are simple structures and excluding modifications in existing structures and acts in moveable structures, that shall be set out in detail in the Third Schedule:
  - (a) Preliminary planning and final planning, excluding planning the construction of a structure.
  - (b) Architectonic work plans, excluding work plans of details for performance.
  - (c) Filing plans to the competent authority
  - (d) Coordination of the inclusive planning of the building's various systems, including coordination with professional consultants.
  - (e) Overall supervision of the performance.
  - (f) Receipt and approval of the structure.

\* The aforesaid is correct as of the date of this publication; you may study the Engineers and Architects (Licensing and Reservation of Activities) Regulations, 5727-1967.

## 11. QUESTION

**If I am travelling abroad and wish to freeze the license I hold without being liable for double the fee – what should I do?**

ANSWER

A licensed engineer or architect wishing to give notice of the freezing of his license shall send his request solely by the website/public enquiries (for the purpose of follow-up and proof), and during January of that year; requests that arrive after this date will not be accepted and it will not be possible to freeze the license and be exempt from double the fee.

After notice of the freezing, the applicant for freezing his license will be forbidden to engage in reserved activities, and also the applicant's name and details will be removed from the list of license holders (in force) during the period when he requested the freezing.

If the holder of the frozen license wishes to renew his license, he must apply to the Registrar in writing in this matter.

Likewise, the licensed engineer or architect is obliged to ascertain that his request has been received and approved at the Registrar's office.

## 12. QUESTION

**If I have not paid the licensing fee will I be charged double the fee?**

## ANSWER

Section 13 of the Engineers and Architects Law, 5718 – 1958, prescribes that a licensed engineer or a licensed architect must pay double the fee if during January of that year he has not paid the fee sum prescribed in the Regulations, and if he has received his license during that year – within one month from the date of receipt thereof.

If the fee has not been paid as aforesaid, the engineer or architect will not be able to perform such activities as specified in Section 12 of the Law.

This section does not apply to a licensed engineer or a licensed architect who is a civil servant or in the service of "the Israel Defense Forces".

The Engineers and Architects Unit at the Ministry of Economy has extended the date for payment until March 31<sup>st</sup> of that year, in order to make it easier for the engineers and architects.

**Beyond this date, any delay in payment of the fee will be subject to double the fee.**

However, and *ex gratia*, it will be possible to exempt an engineer or architect from payment of double the fee, after the engineer or architect has sent the Registrar a written notice about the freezing of the license, as aforesaid in the answer to Question 13.

**It should be emphasized that it will be possible to pay the licensing fee on the Website even without the fee counterfoil by entering your number in the system.**

## **THE ELECTRICIANS LICENSING UNIT**

# ELECTRICITY WORKS HANDBOOK

UPDATED FOR YEARS 2015-2016

## EXPLANATIONS

The Electricians Licensing Unit (hereinafter: "the Unit") is the administrative body via which and with the assistance of which the Director operates to grant licenses for electrical works (hereinafter: "the Director"), who is the exclusive authority in the State of Israel for granting licenses to engage in the performance of electrical works of any kind and level whatsoever, and revoke and/or restrict electricity licenses, pursuant to the Electricity Law, 5714-1954, and the Electricity (Licenses) Regulations, 5745-1985 (hereinafter: "the Electricity Law and Regulations").

The Unit is responsible for all the professional, administrative and organizational handling of all matters pertaining to the powers entrenched in the Electricity Law and Regulations, and its main functions are:

- The issue of electricity licenses and the renewal of electricity licenses.
- The revocation and/or restriction of electricity licenses.
- Reception of the public and providing information in all matters pertaining to receiving an electricity license in Israel.
- The operation of professional committees for granting electricity licenses at senior ranks.
- Recommendation for the appointment of members of the Appeals Committee at the District Court in Jerusalem.

The Unit is affiliated with the Occupations Registration and Licensing Division at the Ministry of Economy, and is associated with the following units:

- The Registrar of Engineers
- The Registrar of Technicians and Practical Engineers
- The Examinations Department
- The Pedagogic Department
- The Pedagogic Supervision Department

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### **HUMAN RESPONSE**

Telephone: 972-2-6662030

Sunday to Thursday between the hours 09:00 to 17:00

Fax: 02-6243042

Enquiries from the public via online form: [www.economy.gov.il/mapats](http://www.economy.gov.il/mapats)

Address for letters only: P.O.B. 3166, Jerusalem, zipcode 9103101

No applications to obtain an electricity license should be sent by post. These applications shall not be dealt with.

### **OPENING HOURS FOR THE PUBLIC**

Sunday to Thursday between the hours 08:00 to 16:00.

24 Kanfei Nesharim Street Entrance B (accessible entrance in the Super Deal building), 1<sup>st</sup> floor, room 152 (elevator to 1<sup>st</sup> floor, next to the large square), Jerusalem.

Public transport: from the Jerusalem Central Bus Station in the direction of the Givat Shaul neighborhood, routes: 74, 75, 60, 64.

### **OPENING HOURS FOR THE PUBLIC IN BEERSHEBA**

Once a month – follow the publication of the date on the Website or through the telephone response

4 HaTikva Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Government Compound, Beersheba and South District of the Ministry of Economy

**It should be clarified and emphasized that no licenses shall be issued and/or no licenses renewed during the opening hours for the public.**

**For the purpose of renewing a license you should telephone and/or apply via e-mail in the public enquiries system.**



**THE TRANSLATION IS SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONVENIENCE AND IT IS NOT THE OFFICIAL VERSION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL. IN ANY EVENT OF A CONTRADICTION BETWEEN THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW IN HEBREW AND THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW IN THE TRANSLATED LAW, THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW IN HEBREW SHALL PREVAIL.**

## THE ELECTRICITY LAW, 5714-1954\*

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| Definitions                                  | 1.  | <p>In this Law –</p> <p>"License Holder" – whoever has been issued a license for electrical work under this law;</p> <p>"Electricity Profession" – one of the professions listed in Column A of the Schedule, as the case may be;</p> <p>"Electrical Device" – a device for electricity production, conduction, distribution, consumption, accumulation, or modification (transformation), including structures, machines, instruments, batteries, conductors, accessories, and permanent or portable electrical equipment, connected to the device;</p> <p>"Electrical Work" – installation, inspection, change, repair, or dismantling of an Electrical Device, including supervision of the implementation of such work, and formulating technical plans for its implementation;</p> <p>"License for Electrical Work" – a license listed in Column A of the Schedule for implementing the Electrical Work listed in Column C of the Schedule, issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.</p> <p>"The Minister" – a member of the cabinet to which the government has vested, by way of notice in <i>Reshumot</i>, the authority to implement this law<sup>1</sup>;</p> <p>"This Law" – including installations that were installed and the orders and provisions given thereunder.</p> |
| (Amendment No. 4)<br>5771-2011               |     |   |
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| (Amendment No. 2)<br>5756-1996               | 2.  | (Repealed).   |
| Appointment of<br>Director                   | 3.  | <p>(a) By a notice in <i>Reshumot</i> the Minister shall appoint a Director for Electricity Affairs (hereinafter – the Director).</p> <p>(b) The Minister of Industry, Trade and Labor, by a notice in <i>Reshumot</i>, shall appoint a director for issuing licenses for Electrical Work, who shall be a civil servant who is a licensed electrical engineer, and he shall be vested with the authority of director in all matters pertaining to licenses for Electrical Work.</p>   |
| (Amendment No. 4)<br>5771-2011               |     |   |
| (Amendment No. 4)<br>5771-2011               |     |   |
| The Council of<br>Electricity<br>Professions | 3A. | <p>(a) The Minister of Industry, Trade and Labor shall form a Council of Electrical Professions (in this Law – the Council), which shall be comprised of 13 members as follows:</p> <p>(1) The Director for issuing licenses for Electrical Work, who shall be the chairman;</p>  |
| (Amendment No. 4)<br>5771-2011               |     |   |

(2) A representative to be appointed by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Labor from among the employees of his ministry, whose occupation is in the field of electricity;

(3) A representative to be appointed by the Minister of National Infrastructures from among the employees of his ministry, whose occupation is in the field of electricity;

(4) A representative to be appointed by the Minister of Education from among the employees of his ministry, who has expertise in teaching about electricity;

(5) A representative to be appointed by the Minister of Interior from among the employees of his ministry, whose occupation is in the field of planning and construction;

(6) A representative to be appointed by the Minister of Defense from among the employees of his ministry, whose occupation is in the field of electricity;

(7) Two electrical engineers, who have held a license for five years in the profession, to be appointed by recommendation of the organization that represents the largest number of licensed electrical engineers in Israel;

(8) Two members who are electrical engineers or electrical technicians who have held a license for five years in the profession, to be appointed by recommendation of the organization that represents the largest number of licensed electrical engineers and electrical technicians in Israel;

(9) Two electricians who have held a license for five years in the profession, to be appointed by recommendation of the organization that represents the largest number of licensed electricians in Israel;

(10) A representative of the Israel Institute for Occupational Safety and Hygiene as defined in the Labor Inspection (Organization) Law, 5714-1954, whose occupation is in the field of electricity.

(b) The Minister of Industry, Trade and Labor shall publish a notice in *Reshumot* regarding the composition and address of the Council.

Functions of the Council

(Amendment No. 4)  
5771-2011

3B. The Council shall advise the Minister of Industry, Trade and Labor on the following:

(1) Types of licenses for Electrical Work;

(2) Qualification conditions for obtaining licenses for Electrical Work, including education, instruction, internship, and examinations;

(3) Electrical Work that Licensees are allowed to perform, as stated in Section 6;

(4) Maintaining the license holders' qualifications.

Restrictions on the  
 Appointment and  
 Office as a Member  
 of the Council  
 (Amendment No. 4)  
 5771-2011

3C. The following may not be appointed or serve as a member of the Council –

- (1) Whoever may frequently have, directly or indirectly, a conflict of interests between his duties as a member of the Council and a personal matter or another position that he holds, excluding the position for which he was appointed as a Council member; in this paragraph –

A "Personal Matter" – including a Personal Matter of his relative or a matter of an entity that is managed by the member of the Council or his relative or in which they are supervisory employees, or a matter of an entity in whose capital stock, right to receive profits, right to appoint a director, or voting rights they hold a part.

"Relative" means a spouse, parent, child, sibling, or other person who is supported by the member of the Council, including the children or spouse of any of the aforementioned, as well as a partner, employer, or employee of the member of the Council.

- (2) Whoever has been convicted of a criminal offense or a disciplinary offense and due to the nature, severity, or circumstances of which he is not fit, in the opinion of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Labor, to serve as a member of the Council.

Expiration of Office  
 and Suspension from  
 Office

3D. (a) A Council member shall cease to serve before the end of his term if he has resigned by submitting a letter of resignation to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Labor.

- (b) A Council member who is subject to one of the restrictions specified in Section 3C must notify the Minister of Industry, Trade and Labor to that effect immediately and in writing. If the member of the Council has given notice as stated, or if the Minister learned of the matter by a different method, the member of the Council shall be removed from office and given notice to that effect.

- (c) If a member of the Council is permanently prevented from fulfilling his duties, or if he is absent without a plausible reason from three consecutive meetings of the Council, or from more than one third of the meetings held in any one year, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Labor, in consultation with the Council chairman, may terminate his term of office by giving written notice. Absence due to military reserve duty or maternity leave shall not be counted in the number of absences.

- (d) If an indictment is filed against a member of the Council or he is charged with a disciplinary complaint in a criminal offense or a disciplinary offense and due to the nature, severity, or circumstances of which he is not fit, in the opinion of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Labor, to serve as a member of the Council, the Minister may suspend him from his term of office until the final judgment is rendered in his case.

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Appointment of a Deputy (Amendment No. 4) 5771-2011	3E.	(a) If a member of the Council resigns from his position or ceases to serve as a member of the Council for any other reason before the end of his term of office, another member shall be appointed in his place by the same method by which the first member was appointed, and for the remainder of his term of office.  (b) If a member of the Council is prevented from fulfilling his duties for a period exceeding three months, or if a member of the Council is suspended under Section 3D(d), the Minister of Industry, Trade and Labor may appoint a substitute for him by the same method by which the first member was appointed, and for the period of time during which the member of the Council is prevented from fulfilling his duties, or for the period of the suspension, as the case may be.
Term of Office (Amendment No. 4) 5771-2011	3F.	A member of the Council who was appointed under Subsections (7), (8) or (9) of Section 3A shall be appointed for a period of three years, and may be re-appointed for additional terms of office, provided that he shall not serve more than nine years.
Conflict of Interest (Amendment No. 4) 5771-2011	3G.	(a) A member of the Council may not handle an issue that may cause him to have, directly or indirectly, a conflict of interest between his duties as a member of the Council and a Personal Matter or another position that he holds. In this section, a "Personal Matter" and a "Relative" are as defined in Section 3C.  (b) If a member of the Council learns that he may find himself with a conflict of interest as stated in Subsection (a), he must notify the chairman of the Council to that effect, provide him with the information pertinent to the matter, and not handle the aforesaid matter. In this matter, "handling" includes making a decision, raising the topic for discussion, presence at the discussion, participation in the discussion or the voting, or dealing with the matter outside the discussion, as part of the Council's work.
Validity of Acts (Amendment No. 4) 5771-2011	3H.	The existence of the Council, its authority, and the validity of its decisions and actions shall not be impaired because the place of one of its members has been vacated, or due to a fault in his appointment or his continued term of office.
Work Procedures (Amendment No. 4) 5771-2011	3I.	(a) A majority of the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum for its meetings.  (b) Resolutions of the Council shall be passed with a majority of the votes of those participating in the voting.  (c) The Council shall determine the arrangements for its work regarding any matters that have not been determined in this Law.
Sub-committees (Amendment No. 4) 5771-2011	3J.	The Council may appoint, from among its members, sub-committees for various matters, and delegate any of its powers to these committees.
Remuneration and Reimbursement of Expenses for	3K.	(a) A member of the Council shall not be entitled to remuneration for his membership in the Council, but he will be entitled to

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reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred for the purpose of participating in meetings of the Council, provided that he is not entitled to reimbursement of the expenses from any other source.

- (b) A member of the Council who is a civil servant, an employee of an entity receiving funding or an employee in the same entity that he represents on the Council, shall not be entitled to reimbursement of expenses as stated in Subsection (a).
- (c) In this section, "Civil Servant" and "Employee in an Entity Receiving Funding" as defined in Section 32 of the Foundations of Budget Law, 5745-1985.

Installation of an  
Electrical Device

4.

- (a) A person may not install an Electrical Device and he may not make a fundamental change therein without a written permit from the Director and in accordance with the conditions of the permit.
- (b) An Electrical Device that was installed before the enactment of this Law shall be deemed, for the purposes of Subsection (a), to be a device that shall be installed thirty days after enactment of the Law.
- (c) If an Electrical Device is installed in contravention of Subsection (a), the Director may order its removal or dismantling.
- (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to an Electrical Device that was lawfully installed under the Electricity Concession Ordinance or under the Electricity Concession Ordinance (Jerusalem) or is lawfully fed by electricity supplied under the aforesaid ordinances, nor to a device that is self-supplying, whose voltage does not exceed twenty four volts, provided that it was installed prior to the enactment of the Electricity Sector Law, 5756-1996.

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Termination Order

5.

For reasons of safety for people or property, the Director may order, by means of an order signed by him, the termination of operation of an Electrical Device or the use thereof, or he may make continuation of the operation or use thereof contingent upon the fulfillment of conditions specified in the order.

Performance of  
Electrical Works

6.

(a) A person may not perform Electrical Work unless he is in possession of a license from the Director permitting him to perform work of that type and in accordance with the conditions of the license. The period of the license's validity shall be determined therein.

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(b) The Director shall grant a license as stated in Subsection (a) if he is convinced that the applicant for a license has proper professional instruction and satisfactory practical experience in everything pertaining to the ways of using the license.

(c) If the Director is convinced that the use of the license that was granted might present a danger to people or property, or if the license holder has been found guilty of an offense in connection

- with the performance of the Electrical Work, he may, at any time, revoke the license or restrict its scope.
- (Amendment No. 4) 5771-2011 (d) The methods of granting, revoking and restricting the licenses shall be determined in regulations to be enacted in consultation with the organization that represents the largest number of electricians in Israel and with the organization that represents the largest number of licensed electrical engineers in Israel.
- Appeals Committee (Amendment No. 4) 5771-2011 7. (a) The Minister of Industry, Trade and Labor shall appoint a three-member appeals committee, in the matter of Section 6 (hereinafter – the Committee). A judge to be appointed at the recommendation of the Minister of Justice shall serve as chairman, and the other members shall be experts in Electrical Work and at least one of them shall hold a license as a qualified electrician, a practical electrical engineer or an electrical engineer, pursuant to the part in the appendix listing the type of license regarding which a discussion is held in the Appeals Committee, who has five years' experience in the profession.
- (Amendment No. 4) 5771-2011 (b) The Appeals Committee shall be subject to the provisions of the Administrative Courts Law, 5752-1992.
- (c) The Minister of Justice may enact regulations determining the procedures of the Committee. The Committee itself shall determine its procedures if they have not been specified in the regulations as stated.
- Appeal and Administrative Appeal (Amendment No. 3) 5765-2005 8. (a) A person who thinks that he has been injured by a decision of the Director pursuant to Section 6 may appeal the decision to the Committee.
- (b) The appeal must be submitted to the Committee in two copies; one of them will be submitted to the Director by the Committee.
- (c) The Committee may demand that the appellant be examined before it if it will assist it in its decision.
- (d) The Committee is authorized to certify, change or cancel the decision of the Director, provided that it expedites its decision as much as possible.
- (Amendment No. 3) 5765-2005 (e) The Committee's decision may be appealed to the Administrative Court.
- Supervisory Powers 9. (a) The Director may appoint inspectors in connection with this Law.
- (b) An inspector may, at any time, conduct an inspection to ascertain whether the provisions of this Law are being fulfilled. In conducting an inspection as stated, the inspector may, at any reasonable time, enter any place where he has a reasonable basis to believe that it contains an Electrical Device or that any of the provisions of the Law are being violated, and he may examine and

take with him for the purpose of examination any object pertaining to that matter, including plans and accounting ledgers.

- (c) Every person connected to the matter is obliged, if required by the inspector, to provide information and documents which, in the opinion of the inspector, may serve to facilitate implementation of this Law, yet no person shall be required to provide any information and documents that are liable to incriminate him.

Auxiliary Powers	10.	If the Minister or the Director issues an order or provision under this Law, and it is not fulfilled within the period of time specified therein, and the person who issued the order or the provision is convinced that the fulfillment thereof is required for the safety of people or property, he may take all the measures required to compel their fulfillment and to order that anyone who refrains from fulfilling them must pay the expenses caused by his refraining. The Taxes Ordinance (Collection) shall apply to collecting such expenses, although Section 12 of that Ordinance shall not apply.
Special provisions with regard to the State (Amendment No. 1) 5717-1957	10A.	The Minister may specify special provisions in the Regulations regarding the applicability of the provisions of sections 4, 5 and 9 to Electrical Facilities maintained by the State and the installation of devices by the State.  In this section, the "State" – excluding the Israel Defense Forces and factories operating solely in its service.
Penalties	11.	Whoever commits an infringement of any of the provisions of this Law shall be subject to one year's imprisonment or a fine of one thousand lirot or both penalties together.
Revocation	12.	The Electricity Ordinance – repealed.
Regulations	13.	The Minister may enact regulations on any matter pertaining to the implementation of this Law, including regulations that specify rules for implementing Electrical Work and regulations specifying fees in connection with this Law.
Commencement  (Amendment No. 4) 5771-2011	14.	This Law shall commence six months after the date of its publication in <i>Reshumot</i> .

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## **THE ELECTRICITY (LICENSES) REGULATIONS, 5745-1985\***

By virtue of my authority pursuant to Sections 6 and 13 of the Electricity Law, 5714-1954 (hereinafter: "the Law"), in consultation with the organization representing the largest number of electricians in the country and with the organization representing the largest number of electrical engineers in the country, and with the approval of the Knesset Finance Committee pursuant to Section 1(b) of the Basic Law: the State Economy, I enact these Regulations:

### **PART ONE: INTERPRETATION**

1. In these Regulations –

"Engineers' School" – a post-secondary school for instruction of engineers recognized by the Division;

"Technicians School" – a post-secondary school for instruction of technicians recognized by the Division;

"The Director" – the Division Director or whoever has been authorized for the purpose of these Regulations;

"The Division" – the Manpower Instruction and Development Division at the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs;

"Electrician" – the holder of a license to engage in the performance of electrical works under the Law;

"Tutor Electrician" – a licensed electrician whom the Division Director has authorized to act as a tutor and mentor in the absorption of electricians to work in the profession;

"The Examinations Unit" – the Division's Examinations Unit;

"Electricity Course of Study" – the course of study according to the requirements in the examination schedule, the aim of which is the instruction of professionals in electrical work;

"Electrical Device" – a device used for the purpose of creating electricity, its conduction, distribution, consumption, accumulation or modification;

"Low Voltage" – voltage whose volume in action does not exceed 1000 volts between the conductors;

"High Voltage" – voltage whose volume in action exceeds 1000 volts between the conductors;

"Supreme Voltage" – voltage whose volume in action exceeds 33,000 volts between the conductors;

"Electrical Work" – installation, inspection, modification, repair or dismantling an electrical device, including supervision of the performance of the work as aforesaid and making technical plans for its performance;

"The Technicians Register" – the Technicians and Engineers Register kept by the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs for the registration of technicians and engineers;

"The Engineers Register" – the Engineers and Architects Register kept pursuant to Section 8 of the Engineers and Architects Law, 5718-1958.

### **PART TWO: LICENSES**

#### **PARAGRAPH A: ISSUE OF LICENSES**

2. (a) An application for a license shall be submitted to the Director on the prescribed form.

(b) The application shall be signed by the applicant after all the necessary particulars on the form have been completed.

(c) Certificates verifying the particulars in the form shall be attached to the application.

3. (a) The Director may issue a license to the applicant or renew it if the applicant has complied with the conditions prescribed in these Regulations.
- (b) The license shall be valid when it is signed by the Director and stamped with the Postal Bank stamp confirming payment of the fee prescribed in these Regulations for the license or for its renewal.
- (c) The license shall be valid for the period noted therein.
4. If the Director has seen that the applicant for a license does not comply with the conditions for receiving a license that are prescribed in these Regulations, he shall notify the applicant in writing within sixty days after the application was submitted.
5. (a) The Director shall send a license holder notice of the necessity to renew a license thirty days before it expires; an application for renewal form shall be attached to the notice.
- (b) A license holder wishing to renew his license shall confirm by his signature on the application for renewal form, in the place designed therefor, that during the past year he has worked in electrical works in accordance with his type of license; an assistant electrical license holder shall obtain the signature of his supervisor during the aforesaid past year on the confirmation of his work.
- (c) If a license holder has not received notice as aforesaid in Sub-regulation (a), until fourteen days before the license expires, he shall ask the Director for its renewal, before the license expires.
- (d) When a license holder applies for the renewal of his license after his license has been revoked or after two years since it expired, the Director may demand that he submit an application for a license as aforesaid in Regulation 2 and the Director shall act with regard to it as aforesaid in Regulations 3 or 4, as the case may be.
6. (a) When the Director has revoked a license, pursuant to Section 5(c) of the Law, he shall send the license holder notice thereof by registered mail.
- (b) When a license has been revoked or expired, the license holder shall return it to the Director within fourteen days from the date he was sent notice as aforesaid in Sub-regulation (a).

#### PARAGRAPH B: TYPES OF LICENSES

7. A license shall be one of the types specified below:
- (1) Assistant-electrician;
  - (2) Practical-electrician;
  - (3) Qualified-electrician;
  - (4) Chief-electrician;
  - (5) Electrician-technician;
  - (6) Practical engineer-electrician;
  - (7) Engineer-electrician;
  - (8) Inspector-electrician – Class 1;
  - (9) Inspector-electrician – Class 2;
  - (10) Inspector-electrician – Class 3;
  - (11) Restricted-electrician – according to the field of his occupation;
  - (12) Service-electrician – according to the field of his expertise.

#### PARAGRAPH C: ASSISTANT-ELECTRICIAN

8. The Director may issue an assistant-electrician license if the applicant fulfills one of these:
- (1) He is in possession of a completion certificate from the Ministry of Education and Culture testifying that he has successfully completed 12 years at a professional school in the electricity course of study;

- (2) He is in possession of a certificate testifying that he has completed a professional instruction course in electricity held by the Division, or under its supervision, and has successfully passed the examinations set by the Examinations Unit;
  - (3) He is in possession of a professional certificate in electricity that was issued to him pursuant to the Apprenticeship Law, 5713-1953;
  - (4) He is in possession of a certificate testifying that he has completed an industrial school in the electricity course of study approved by the Division, and has successfully passed the examinations set by the Examinations Unit;
  - (5) He has reached the age of 18 years and has proved that he has worked in the electrical profession for 3 years under the supervision of a tutor-electrician, and has successfully passed the examinations for a practical-electrician set by the Examinations Unit;
9. The holder of an assistant-electrical license may assist in the performance of electrical works in a low voltage device under the supervision of an electrician license holder of the types enumerated in Paragraphs (3) to (8) in Regulation 7.

PARAGRAPH D: PRACTICAL-ELECTRICIAN

10. The Director may issue a practical-electrician license if the applicant fulfills one of these:
- (1) He is in possession of a certificate testifying that he has completed his studies at a school for technicians, in the electricity course of study and has successfully passed the government final examinations;
  - (2) He is in possession of a completion certificate from the Ministry of Education and Culture testifying that he has successfully completed 12 years at a professional school in the electricity course of study, and has proved that he has worked one year as an assistant-electrician;
  - (3) He is in possession of a certificate testifying that he has completed a qualified-electrician course held by the Division, or under its supervision, has successfully passed the examinations set by the Examinations Unit and has proved that he has worked one year as an assistant-electrician;
  - (4) He is in possession of a professional certificate in electricity that was issued to him pursuant to the Apprenticeship Law, 5713-1953, and he has proved that he worked for three years as an assistant-electrician;
  - (5) He is in possession of a certificate testifying that he has completed 12 years in an industrial school in the electricity course of study, approved by the Division, and has successfully passed the examinations set by the Examinations Unit and has proved that he has worked one year as an assistant-electrician;
  - (6) He is in possession of a certificate testifying that he has completed a practical-electrician course approved by the Division, and has successfully passed the examinations set by the Examinations Unit and has proved that he has worked for two years as an assistant-electrician;
  - (7) He is in possession of a certificate testifying that he has completed a qualified-electrician course held by the Division, or under the its supervision, and has successfully passed the examinations set by the Examinations Unit and has proved that he has worked for five years in electrical works under the supervision of a tutor-electrician;
  - (8) He has proved that he has worked for four years in electrical works under the supervision of a tutor-electrician and has successfully passed the examinations for obtaining a practical-electrician license set by the Examinations Unit;
  - (9) He has proved that he has worked for six years in electrical works under the supervision of a tutor-electrician and has successfully passed the examinations for obtaining a qualified-electrician license set by the Examinations Unit.
11. A practical-electrician license holder may –

- (1) Engage in the performance of the works of an assistant-electrician license holder;
- (2) In a low voltage electrical device, engage in the performance of electrical works –
  - (a) Including the drafting of plans, excluding the planning of basic earthing – when the device has a current power of up to 1 X 40 amperes, and is located within a building used for residential apartments or offices;
  - (b) Excluding the drafting of plans, when the device has a current power of up to 1 X 40 amperes, provided that the works are performed according to a plan that has been approved by the license holder entitled to draft them and under the supervision and responsibility of the appropriate license holder for the device's current.
- (3) In a high voltage electrical device – engage in the performance of electrical works under the supervision of and in the presence of a license holder of the types enumerated in Paragraphs (5), (6) and (7) in Regulation 7, provided that he is in possession of a certificate of completion of a course in matters of high voltage electrical devices safety and the provision of first aid to electrical victims, and after he has successfully passed the examinations set by the Examinations Unit.

PARAGRAPH E: QUALIFIED-ELECTRICIAN

12. The Director may issue a qualified-electrician license if the applicant fulfills one of these:
- (1) He is in possession of a certificate testifying that he has completed his studies at a school for engineers, in the electricity course of study, and has successfully passed the government final examinations;
  - (2) He is duly registered as an electrical-technician in the Register of Technicians and has proved that he has worked for at least one year in electrical works as a practical-electrician license holder;
  - (3) He is in possession of a completion certificate from the Ministry of Education and Culture testifying that he has successfully completed 12 years at a professional school in the electricity course of study, and has proved that he has worked for two years as a practical-electrician;
  - (4) He is in possession of a certificate testifying that he has completed a qualified-electrician course held by the Division, or under its supervision, has successfully passed the examinations set by the Examinations Unit and has proved that he has worked for two years in electrical works as a practical-electrician;
  - (5) He is in possession of a certificate testifying that he has completed 12 years in an industrial school in the electricity course of study approved by the Division, has successfully passed the examinations set by the Examinations Unit and has proved that he has worked for two years in electrical works as a practical-electrician, or three years as an assistant-electrician;
  - (6) He is in possession of a certificate testifying that he has completed a qualified-electrician course held by the Division, or under its supervision, has successfully passed the examinations set by the Examinations Unit and has proved that he has worked for five years in electrical works under the supervision of a tutor-electrician and for one year as a practical-electrician;
  - (7) He has worked for two years in electrical works as a practical-electrician and has successfully passed the examinations for obtaining a qualified-electrician license set by the Examinations Unit;
  - (8) He has worked for at least seven years in electrical works under the supervision of a tutor-electrician and has successfully passed the examinations for obtaining a qualified-electrician license set by the Examinations Unit.
13. A qualified-electrician license holder may –
- (1) Engage in the performance of the works that a practical-electrician license holder is entitled to perform;
  - (2) In a low voltage electrical device, engage in the performance of –

- (a) All the electrical works, including the drafting of plans, in a device with a current power of up to 3 x 80 amperes, provided that the device is located within a building used for residential apartments, offices or workshops;
  - (b) Electrical works, excluding the drafting of performance plans, in a device with a current power exceeding 3 x 80 amperes, provided that the works are performed according to a plan that has been approved by the license holder entitled to draft plans as aforesaid, and under the supervision and responsibility of the appropriate license holder for the device's current.
- (3) In a high voltage electrical device – engage in the performance of electrical works, under the supervision and in the presence of a license holder of the types enumerated in Paragraphs (5), (6) or (7) in Regulation 7, provided that he is in possession of a certificate of completion of a course in matters of high voltage electrical devices safety and the provision of first aid to electrical victims, and after he has successfully passed the examinations set by the Examinations Unit.

PARAGRAPH F: CHIEF-ELECTRICIAN

14. The Director may issue a chief-electrician license if the applicant fulfills one of these:
- (1) He is an electrical engineer, who is registered in the Electricity Division in the Register of Engineers;
  - (2) He is an electrical engineer, who is registered in the Electricity Division in the Register of Technicians and has worked for at least one year as a qualified-electrician;
  - (3) He is an electrical technician registered in the Electricity Division in the Register of Technicians and has worked for at least two years in electrical works, of which one year as a qualified-electrician;
  - (4) He is in possession of a certificate testifying that he has completed a chief-electrician course held by the Division, or under its supervision, has successfully passed the examinations set by the Examinations Unit and has worked for at least two years as a qualified-electrician.
15. A chief-electrician license holder may –
- (1) Engage in the performance of the works that a qualified-electrician license holder is entitled to perform;
  - (2) In a low voltage electrical device, engage in the performance of electrical works –
    - (a) Including the drafting of plans – in an electrical device with a current power of up to 3 x 250 amperes;
    - (b) Excluding the drafting of plans, in a device with a current power exceeding 3 x 250 amperes, provided that the works are performed according to a plan that has been approved by the license holder entitled to draft plans as aforesaid.
  - (3) In a high voltage electrical device – Engage in the performance of electrical works, under the supervision and in the presence of a license holder of the types enumerated in Regulation 7, Paragraphs (5) to (7), provided that he is in possession of a certificate of completion of a course in matters of high voltage electrical devices safety and the provision of first aid to electrical victims, and after he has successfully passed the examinations set by the Examinations Unit.

PARAGRAPH G: ELECTRICIAN-TECHNICIAN

16. The Director may issue a chief-electrician license if the applicant fulfills one of these:
- (1) He is an electrician-technician who is registered in the Electricity Division in the Register of Technicians;
  - (2) He has worked for two years as a chief-electrician.
17. An electrician-technician license holder may –
- (1) Engage in the performance of the works that a chief-electrician license holder is entitled to perform;

- (2) Engage in the performance of electrical works in a low voltage electrical device –
- (a) When the current power in the device is up to 3 x 400 amperes – including the drafting of plans.
  - (b) When the current power in the device exceeds 3 x 400 amperes – excluding the drafting of plans, provided that the works are performed according to a plan that has been approved by the license holder entitled to draft plans as aforesaid.
- (3) In a high voltage electrical device – to engage in the performance of electrical works, excluding the drafting of plans, provided that he is in possession of a certificate of completion of a course in matters of high voltage electrical devices safety and the provision of first aid to electrical victims, and after he has successfully passed the examinations set by the Examinations Unit and the works will be performed according to a plan that has been approved by an engineer-electrician license holder.

#### PARAGRAPH H: PRACTICAL ENGINEER-ELECTRICIAN

18. The Director may issue a practical engineer-electrician license if the applicant fulfills all these:
- (1) He is a practical engineer-technician who is registered in the Electricity Division in the Register of Technicians;
  - (2) He has worked for at least two years as a chief-electrician.
19. A practical engineer-technician license holder may –
- (1) Engage in the performance of the works that an electrical-technician license holder is entitled to perform;
  - (2) In a low voltage electrical device –
    - (a) Engage in the performance of electrical works when the current power in the device is up to 3 x 630 amperes, including the drafting of plans;
    - (b) In an electrical device when the current power exceeds 3 X 630 amperes, to engage in the performance of electrical works, excluding the drafting of plans, provided that the works will be performed according to a plan that has been approved by an engineer-electrician license holder.
  - (3) In a high voltage electrical device – to engage in the performance of electrical works, excluding the drafting of plans, provided that he is in possession of a certificate of completion of a course in matters of high voltage electrical devices safety and the provision of first aid to electrical victims, and after he has successfully passed the examinations set by the Examinations Unit and the works will be performed according to a plan that has been approved by an engineer-electrician license holder.

#### PARAGRAPH I: ENGINEER-ELECTRICIAN

20. The Director may issue a practical engineer-electrician license if the applicant fulfills both of these:
- (1) He is a strong current engineer-technician who is registered in the Electricity Division in the Register of Engineers;
  - (2) He has worked for two years in strong current electrical engineering.
21. An engineer-technician license holder may draft any electricity plan and perform any electrical work.

#### PARAGRAPH J: INSPECTOR-ELECTRICIAN – CLASS 1

22. The Director may issue an inspector-electrician Class 1 license if the applicant has worked for five years as an electrician-technician.
23. The holder of an inspector-electrician Class 1 license may engage in the performance of inspections of an electrical device with a current power of up to 3 x 80 amperes at low voltage, excluding electrical works that he has planned and also performed.

#### PARAGRAPH K: INSPECTOR-ELECTRICIAN – CLASS 2

24. The Director may issue an inspector-electrician Class 2 license if the applicant has worked for five years as a practical engineer-electrician.

25. The holder of an inspector-electrician Class 2 license may –

- (1) Engage in the performance of inspections that the holder of an inspector-electrician Class 1 license may perform;
- (2) Inspections of an electrical device with a current power of up to 3 X 250 amperes at low voltage, excluding electrical works that he has planned and also performed.

PARAGRAPH L: INSPECTOR-ELECTRICIAN – CLASS 3

26. The Director may issue an inspector-electrician Class 3 license if the applicant has worked for two years as an engineer-electrician.

27. The holder of an inspector-electrician Class 3 license may engage in the performance of inspections of any electrical device.

PARAGRAPH M: RESTRICTED-ELECTRICIAN

28. The Director may issue a restricted-electrician license to an applicant who performs a particular type of electrical works, if he has seen that such person has professional instruction and professional experience, and he may make the issue of a license subject to these conditions:

- (1) The license shall be granted to the applicant, for the performance of electrical works of the type stated in the license within the framework of the place of work only, and it shall be valid only for these works;
- (2) The applicant has successfully completed a special course according to the requirements of the Division and under its supervision;
- (3) With regard to works connected to the operation of high voltage systems, the applicant shall provide the following documents:
  - (a) A detailed chart of the high voltage system/device he is due to treat;
  - (b) Certificate of the successful completion of a course for the operation of high voltage systems;
  - (c) Certificate of the successful completion of a course for the provision of first aid to electricity victims;
  - (d) A certificate from the holder of an engineer-electrician license confirming that he has examined the applicant and has found him to be qualified to operate the high voltage system, as specified in this section and that he has personally trained the applicant in all matters pertaining to the proper operation of the device he is entrusted with.

PARAGRAPH N: SERVICE-ELECTRICIAN

29. (a) The Director may issue a service-electrician license to a person who performs a particular type of electrical and electronic works who is in possession of a certificate of completion of a course held by Division or that was held under its supervision, in one of the fields of expertise specified below and according to the conditions prescribed with regard to each one of them:

- (1) Equipment and control;
- (2) Electronic equipment;
- (3) Radio and audio systems;
- (4) Television in one of the types:
  - (a) Black and white television;
  - (b) Color television;
- (5) Video, recording and cinema machines systems;
- (6) Antennas;
- (7) Domestic electrical appliances, in one of the following types:

- (a) Washing machines;
  - (b) Refrigerators;
  - (c) Vacuum cleaners;
  - (d) Mixers;
  - (e) Dishwashers;
  - (f) Irons;
  - (g) Dryers;
  - (h) Heaters;
  - (i) Ovens;
- (8) Cooling and air conditioning systems;
- (9) Generator systems;
- (10) Electrical and control systems for elevators;
- (11) Industrial equipment maintenance;
- (12) Repair and refurbishment of electrical appliances.
- (b) The holder of a service-electrician license may perform works in the field of expertise stated in his license and in accordance with the conditions the Director has stipulated therein.

### **PART THREE: VARIOUS PROVISIONS**

30. During the period of his professional instruction at the instruction institutions mentioned in these regulations, a student may perform electrical works on condition –

- (1) That the works are performed under the instruction and supervision of an instructor who is in possession of a valid electrician license whereby he may perform the works in the field of the instruction, or he is a tutor-electrician;
- (2) He shall not engage in the performance of high voltage electrical works;
- (3) The works will be performed under the responsibility of the instruction institution where he studies.

31. (a) Confirmation regarding a work period in the profession and the type of work shall be given by a licensed electrician who has overseen and supervised the work of the applicant for a license and on condition that the person giving the confirmation holds a license of a higher type than the applicant and that he holds a license of one of the types enumerated in Paragraphs (3) to (7) in Regulation 7.

(b) In counting the work periods in the profession for the purpose of these Regulations, no works that were performed by the applicant before he reached the age of 18 years shall be taken into account.

(c) It has been proved to the Director's satisfaction that the applicant for a license has engaged in electrical works while being a soldier or employee of the Israel Defense Forces by virtue of his position, he may determine that the applicant shall be deemed, for the purpose of counting the period of his employment as a licensed electrician under these Regulations, to have worked during the period of his work at the IDF, or as part thereof, as an electrician of one of the types enumerated in Regulation 7, according to the type of electrical works he performed during the aforesaid period.

(d) For the purpose of the experience in electrical works required according to the type of license applied for, all the experience in the military professions specified in the Schedule shall not be taken into account, and the applicant shall be required in any event to provide confirmation of experience of at least one year in electrical works as required in the Regulations in accordance with the type of license applied for.

(e) Confirmation of the work period in the profession as aforesaid in Sub-regulations (c) and (d) shall only be taken into account if given by the Adjutant General.

(f) An electrician who works as a freelance, excluding an assistant-electrician, shall provide: an affidavit as to the period of his work, a certificate from the value Added Tax office about his being an authorized

trader and he shall attach a certificate from the Electric Corporation about the type of works he has performed during the aforesaid period, with regard to such works whose performance requires a certificate from the Electric Corporation.

32. (a) The Examinations Unit shall hold the various examinations mentioned in these regulations with the aid of the Examinations Committee of Experts to be appointed by the Minister of Labor and Social Affairs (hereinafter – the Advisory Committee).

(b) The Division shall prescribe an examinations program for each one of the types of licenses to be included in the theoretical examinations and the practical examinations.

(c) The subjects of the examination shall be according to the examinations program.

33. (a) The Minister of Labor and Social Affairs shall appoint the members of the Advisory Committee that shall comprise five members: the Director shall be the chairman of the committee and its four members shall be experts who have been recommended by the Division.

(b) The Advisory Committee shall advise the Division in determining the examinations program.

34. (a) A license holder must notify the Director in writing within thirty days –

(1) About any change in his name or private address;

(2) About the loss of his license, together with confirmation that a complaint was filed with the Police.

(b) When a license holder has given notice as aforesaid in Sub-regulation (a), the Director may give him a copy of the lost license.

35. (a) A license holder shall sign his name and shall affix a stamp bearing his full name, license number as well as the type of license on every document concerning the electrical works he has performed.

(b) In this Regulation, "Document" – a plan submitted for approval, a technical calculation, an application for inspection of an electrical device and a certificate given to prove professional experience for a person engaging in the performance of electrical works.

36. A license holder must show his license at the demand of the service consumer.

37. (a) For the issue or renewal of a license pursuant to these Regulations, or a copy of the license, a fee is to be paid at the rate prescribed in the Schedule.

(b) The sums stated in the Schedule shall be updated on February 1<sup>st</sup> every year, according to the rate of increase of the Consumer Price Index, published by the Central Bureau for Statistics (hereinafter – the Index), published in the month of December preceding it against the index published in the month of December of the preceding year.

(c) The sum that has been updated as aforesaid shall be rounded up or down to the nearest whole shekel, and the sum of 50 *agorot* shall be rounded up.

(d) The Minister of Labor and Social Affairs shall publish by notice in *Reshumot* the form of the Schedule as updated following the aforesaid in this Regulation.

38. The civil servant whose license is required for the purpose of performing his job is exempt from payment of the fee.

39. The Electricity (Licenses) Regulations, 5724-1963 – are repealed.

40. These Regulations shall commence on 10 Nissan 5745 (April 1, 1985).

41. (a) Six months after the commencement of these Regulations, a new senior-electrician license will no longer be issued.

(b) A senior-electrician license issued before the commencement of these Regulations, or according to Sub-regulation (a) after the commencement thereof, shall remain valid for the period noted therein and shall be renewed on the dates prescribed by the Director.

(c) A license as aforesaid in Sub-regulation (b) is equivalent, solely and exclusively for the purpose of the works permitted for the holder thereof, to a technician-electrical license issued pursuant to these Regulations.

## **PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING ELECTRICITY LICENSE AND APPEAL**

Pursuant to the Electricity Regulations, there are 12 different types of licenses for the performance of electrical works that are appropriate to the various types of electrical works that the holder of an electricity license is authorized to perform. Every electricity license issued by the Unit expressly states the powers of the electrician holding the license.

The electricity license holder must only perform the acts reserved to him in accordance with the type of license he holds. The performance of electrical works otherwise than in accordance with these powers constitutes a criminal offense.

As a rule, an electricity license is granted in accordance with the conditions in the Regulations, however pursuant to Section 6 of the Electricity Law, the Director has the discretion to examine whether an applicant has appropriate professional training and

satisfactory practical experience in all matters pertaining to the methods of using the license.

## **THE STAGES IN THE PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A LICENSE**

### **1. FILING AN APPLICATION TO RECEIVE A LICENSE FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF ELECTRICAL WORKS –**

Via the online form published on our Ministry's website at the address –

[www.moital.gov.il/electrician](http://www.moital.gov.il/electrician)

Directives for completion of the application form and further details are published on the Website.

Documents required for receiving the license:

- Photocopy of identity card or passport
- Completion certificate / diploma (you should note the name of the educational institution)
- Grades sheet (you should note the date of commencement and completion of the studies)
- A translation into Hebrew or English of the grades sheet + diploma signed by a notary (new immigrants – see page 82)
- Engineers, practical engineers and technicians are required, in addition to the abovementioned documents, to attach a certificate of registration in the Register of Engineers/Practical Engineers/Technicians in Israel. The date of registration and the certificate number should appear in the certificate.
- Confirmation of seniority signed by an electrician. For further information about proof of experience/seniority in the performance of electrical works may be found on the Website.
- Work log if any

### **DOCUMENTS THAT ARE NOT WRITTEN IN HEBREW –**

You should submit the original documents and a translation into Hebrew or English with a notary's seal during the hours of opening to the public, for the purpose of adding a stamp confirming their originality.

**NEW IMMIGRANTS** – an application may be submitted together with the documents in the English or French language, nevertheless it should be emphasized that the handling of the application will take a lot longer than an ordinary application since the application and the documents will be sent for translation by an external company, therefore it is recommended to submit an application in Hebrew or English.

(If the original documents and the translation have been verified in the past by someone on behalf of the Ministry of Economy, then these may be attached to the online application).

Length of time for handling the application – up to 60 days from the date of submitting the application.

Time for the applicant's supplementation of missing documents – is not included within the aforesaid 60 days.

## **2. EXAMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR A LICENSE BY THE DIRECTOR FOR THE GRANTING OF LICENSES FOR ELECTRICAL WORKS –**

The application shall be examined by the Electricians Licensing Unit. If the application is approved, notice therefore shall be sent by e-mail. In cases where supplementation of additional documents is required – an e-mail shall be sent to the address you entered on the application form. The missing documents should be scanned into the electronic mail you received in this matter, and returned for continuation of handling the application.

## **3. COMMITTEE OR PROFESSIONAL TALK FOR INSPECTOR ELECTRICIAN/ ENGINEER/ PRACTICAL ENGINEER/ TECHNICIAN LICENSE –**

It is possible that receipt of a license in one of the above-mentioned classes shall be made conditional upon your attending a professional advisory committee or a professional talk where your skills shall be examined. A summons to a committee/talk as aforesaid shall be sent to the e-mail address that was entered on the application form.

## **4. PAYMENT OF FEE AND SENDING THE LICENSE ON A HARDCARD –**

The license fee sums are prescribed by the Ministry of Finance – the Chief Economist State Revenue Division.

The license fee should be paid via the Government Payments Service on the Website by credit card or bank transfer.

After payment of the fee, the license shall be valid when a confirmation of payment has been affixed to the license counterfoil.

A license on a hard plastic card will be sent by mail within 60 business days to the address registered at the Minister of Interior's Population Registry.

## **RENEWAL OF ELECTRICITY LICENSE –**

Renewable every 3 years from the date of its expiry.

The renewal shall be sent to your home automatically according to your address as updated at the Ministry of Interior.

If you have not received the license renewal, **you must** contact us for the purpose of receiving it.

You must pay the license fee until the date stated therein. Non-payment on the due date will lead to an increased fee.

**For your attention! Non-payment of the license fee for three years or more from the date it expires leads to the license being automatically revoked, and you must file a new online application to receive it.**

## **APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW AND APPEALS**

1. If the Director for Granting Licenses for Electrical Works has decided to reject the application, the applicant shall be sent notice by electronic mail specifying the grounds for the rejection of the application.
2. If you have appeared before a professional advisory committee and the Director has decided to reject your application since he was not satisfied that you are in possession of the appropriate training to engage in the class of license you applied for, you may only file a new application to receive a license and additional appearance before the committee 6 months after the date on which you last appeared before the committee.

The following options are open to you if you have received a letter of rejection:

### **1. Application for Review of the Application to Receive the License**

The letter should be sent to the Director for the Granting of Licenses for Electricity Works. You should specify and give reasons for all your arguments, including the addition of relevant documents.

The letter may be sent to fax no.: 02-6243042 or to: 8 King David Street P.O.B. 3166 Jerusalem 9103101.

You can ascertain whether the letter has arrived by the human response service at telephone: 02-6662030/2.

Sunday to Thursday between the hours 09:00 to 17:00.

The period for reply to the review of the application to receive a license is within 60 days from receipt of the letter in our Ministry.

### **2. Application for Review by the Committee in a Different Composition**

If your application to receive a license has been rejected after you have appeared before a professional advisory committee, you may send a reasoned and detailed application to appear before a professional committee in a different composition and the Director shall be entitled, at his discretion, to grant your application.

It should be clarified and emphasized that a review of the application at a committee in a different composition will only be made if you provide new documents, new/different grounds, new evidence or a technical error when making the decision.

Jurisdiction in the decision in the application is vested in the Director for the Granting of Licenses and solely at his professional discretion.

### **3. Appeal**

Pursuant to Section 8 of the Electricity Law, whoever considers himself to be affected by the decision of the Director for Granting Electricity Licenses may appeal thereon before the Appeals Committee appointed pursuant to Section 7. This Appeals Committee sits at the District Court in Jerusalem.

## **CONDITIONS AND CRITERIA FOR OBTAINING A LICENSE TO ENGAGE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ELECTRICAL WORKS**

A person wishing to obtain a license for the performance of electrical works must comply with the conditions for obtaining the electricity license.

An electricity license is awarded to graduates of electricity studies in the State of Israel and/or abroad for the most part according to two main criteria:

- The level of studies/education – graduates of power systems studies.
- Appropriate and proven experience in electricity (seniority) – in accordance with the license applied for.

NOTE: with the entry into force of the provisions of Amendment No. 4 of the Electricity Law, the criteria shall be updated accordingly.

<b>TYPE OF CERTIFICATE REQUIRED</b>	<b>TYPE OF LICENSE</b>	<b>PROVEN EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>EXAMS</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
A certificate testifying as to the completion of a professional instruction course in electricity held by the Professional Instruction Division at the Ministry of Economy or under its supervision	<b>Assistant</b>	_____	Has successfully passed the final examinations	Adults Practical/Qualified course
A completion certificate from the Ministry of Education in the Electricity course of study specializing in power systems	<b>Assistant</b>	_____	"	Youth
A professional certificate in electricity awarded pursuant to the Apprentices Law 5713-1953	<b>Assistant</b>	_____	"	
Graduate of an industrial school in the Electricity course of study approved by the Professional Instruction Division at the Ministry of Economy	<b>Assistant</b>	_____	"	Industrial Youth
Completion certificate / technician diploma in professions affiliated to Electricity (power systems)	<b>Assistant</b>	_____		As of the present date and subject to the satisfaction of the Director for Granting License for Electrical Works
Completion certificate / practical engineer diploma in professions affiliated to Electricity (power systems)	<b>Assistant</b>	_____		As of the present date and subject to the satisfaction of the Director for Granting License for Electrical Works
Engineer diploma in professions affiliated to Electricity (power systems)	<b>Assistant</b>	_____		As of the present date, the application will be examined by the Director for Granting License for Electrical Works in accordance with the grades sheet
Completion certificate / technician electrician diploma	<b>Practical</b>	_____	Has successfully passed the government final	



			examinations of the Qualified Practical Engineers and Technicians / the Ministry of Education	
Completion certificate from the Ministry of Education in the Electricity course of study in the specializing in power systems track	Practical	One year or two years as an assistant-electrician  (In accordance with the level of studies, see note)  * See proof of experience as specified on the website	—	* Youth * Level of studies prescribed according to the conversion table published on the website
Completion certificate of completion of qualified electricity course held by the Professional Instruction Division at the Ministry of Economy or under its supervision	Practical	One year as an assistant electrician  * See proof of experience as specified on the website	Has successfully passed the final examinations	Adults
A professional certificate in electricity awarded pursuant to the Apprentices Law 5713-1953	Practical	Three years as an assistant electrician  * See proof of experience as specified on the website	—	
Graduate of an industrial school in the Electricity course of study approved by the Professional Instruction Division at the Ministry of Economy or under its supervision	Practical	One year as an assistant electrician  * See proof of experience as specified on the website	Has successfully passed the final examinations	Industrial Youth
Completion certificate of completion of practical electrician course approved by the Professional Instruction Division at the Ministry of Economy or under its supervision	Practical	Two years as an assistant – electrician  * See proof of experience as specified on the website	Has successfully passed the final examinations	
Completion certificate of completion of qualified electrician course approved by the	Practical	Five years under the supervision of a mentor electrician	Has successfully passed the final examinations	Presently there is no instruction for this criterion

Professional Instruction Division at the Ministry of Economy or under its supervision				
Has successfully passed the examinations for obtaining a practical electrician's license held by the Examinations Unit of the Professional Instruction Division at the Ministry of Economy or under its supervision	<b>Practical</b>	Four years under the supervision of a mentor electrician	Has successfully passed the final examinations	Presently there is no instruction for this criterion
Has successfully passed the examinations for obtaining a qualified electrician's license held by the Examinations Unit of the Professional Instruction Division at the Ministry of Economy or under its supervision	<b>Practical</b>	Six years under the supervision of a mentor electrician	Has successfully passed the final examinations	Presently there is no instruction for this criterion
Completion certificate / diploma of studies at a school for practical engineers in the Electricity course of study	<b>Qualified</b>	—	Has successfully passed the government final examinations of the Government Technical Instruction Institute / the Ministry of Education	
Completion certificate / diploma of studies at a school for technicians in the Electricity course of study Registration in the register of technicians as an electrical technician	<b>Qualified</b>	One year as a practical electrician  * See proof of experience as specified on the website	—	
Completion certificate from the Ministry of Education of completion of 12 years in the Electricity course of study in the specializing in power systems track	<b>Qualified</b>	Two years as a practical electrician  * See proof of experience as specified on the website	—	* Youth * Level of studies prescribed according to the conversion table published on the website
Completion certificate of completion of qualified electrician course approved by the Professional Instruction Division at the Ministry of Economy or under its supervision	<b>Qualified</b>	Two years as a practical electrician  * See proof of experience as specified on the website	Has successfully passed the final examinations	Adults
Completion certificate from the Ministry of Education of completion of 12 years at an industrial school in the Electricity	<b>Qualified</b>	Two years as a practical electrician or three years as an assistant electrician	Has successfully passed the final examinations	Industrial Youth

course of study approved by the Division		* See proof of experience as specified on the website		
Completion certificate of completion of qualified electrician course approved by the Professional Instruction Division at the Ministry of Economy or under its supervision	<b>Qualified</b>	Five years under the supervision of a mentor electrician and one year as a practical electrician	Has successfully passed the final examinations	Presently there is no instruction for this criterion
Has successfully passed the examinations for a qualified electrician held by the Examinations Unit of the Professional Instruction Division at the Ministry of Economy or under its supervision	<b>Qualified</b>	Seven years under the supervision of a mentor electrician	Has successfully passed the final examinations	Presently there is no instruction for this criterion
An engineer electrician registered in the Register of Engineers in the Electricity Section	<b>Chief</b>	_____	_____	
A practical engineer electrician registered in the Register of Practical Engineers in the Electricity Division	<b>Chief</b>	One year as a qualified electrician  * See proof of experience as specified on the website	_____	
An electrician technician registered in the Register of Technicians in the Electricity Section	<b>Chief</b>	Two years out of which one year as a qualified electrician  * See proof of experience as specified on the website	_____	
Completion certificate of completion of chief electrician course approved by the Professional Instruction Division at the Ministry of Economy or under its supervision	<b>Chief</b>	Two years as a qualified electrician  * See proof of experience as specified on the website	Has successfully passed the final examinations	
An electrician technician registered in the Register of Technicians in the Electricity Division	<b>Technician Electrician</b>	Two years as a chief electrician  * See proof of experience as specified on the website	*A professional talk with the Director for Granting Electricity Licenses	Criteria and professional matters in the talk

A practical engineer electrician registered in the Register of Technicians in the Electricity Division	<b>Practical Engineer Electrician</b>	Two years as a chief electrician  * See proof of experience as specified on the website	*A professional talk with the Director for Granting Electricity Licenses	Criteria and professional matters in the talk
Strong current electrical engineer who is registered in the Electricity Division in the Register of Engineers	<b>Electrical engineer</b>	Two years employment in strong current electrical engineering / power systems  * See proof of experience as specified on the website	* A professional interview before the advisory committee to the Director for Granting Electricity Licenses	Criteria and professional matters in the talk committee

TYPE OF CERTIFICATE	TYPE OF LICENSE	PROVEN EXPERIENCE	EXAMINATIONS	NOTES
Recommended to undergo inspector course before filing an application to obtain a license	<b>Inspector Electrician Class 1</b>	5 years as a technician electrician  * See proof of experience as specified on the website	* A professional interview before the advisory committee to the Director for Granting Electricity Licenses  Criteria and professional topics in the committee	Demonstration of great and thorough knowledge in the following subjects: 1. Methods and equipment for examining electricity systems. 2. Earths and protective measures against electricity. 3. Protection in electricity systems. 4. It is recommended to show at least 10 inspections made accompanied by a Class 1 and higher licensing inspector.
Recommended to undergo inspector course before filing an application to obtain a license	<b>Inspector Electrician Class 2</b>	5 years as a practical engineer electrician  * See proof of experience as specified on the website	* A professional interview before the advisory committee to the Director for Granting Electricity Licenses  Criteria and professional topics in the committee	Demonstration of great and thorough knowledge in the following subjects: 1. Methods and equipment for examining electricity systems. 2. Earths and protective measures against electricity. 3. Protection in electricity systems.

				4. It is recommended to show at least 10 inspections made accompanied by a Class 2 and higher licensing inspector
Recommended to undergo inspector course before filing an application to obtain a license	<b>Inspector Electrician Class 3</b>	Two years as an engineer electrician * See proof of experience as specified on the website	* A professional interview before the advisory committee to the Director for Granting Electricity Licenses  Criteria and professional topics in the committee	Demonstration of great and thorough knowledge in the following subjects: 1. Methods and equipment for examining electricity systems. 2. Earths and protective measures against electricity. 3. Protection in electricity systems. 4. It is recommended to show at least 10 inspections made accompanied by a Class 3 and higher licensing inspector out of which 2 inspections at high voltage.

TYPE OF CERTIFICATE	TYPE OF LICENSE	PROVEN EXPERIENCE	EXAMINATIONS	NOTES
Completion certificate of completion of service electrician course approved by the Professional Instruction Division or under its supervision in one of the fields of expertise prescribed in the Regulations	<b>Service electrician</b>			The holder of a service electrician license may perform works within the field of expertise mentioned in the license for example: cooling and air conditioning systems, buildings maintenance.
Completion certificate of completion of classified course approved by the Professional Instruction Division or under its supervision	<b>Classified electrician for place of work / factories for particular work</b>			* The holder of a classified electrician license may perform electricity works on the basis of a particular type of electricity works in a factory or company in accordance with the requirements of the specific device at the factory / company

				<p>* Attach recommendations from the factory's electrical engineer</p> <p>* Attach a completion certificate from a classified course</p>
Completion certificate of completion of classified high voltage course approved by the Professional Instruction Division or under its supervision	<b>High voltage classified electrician</b>			<p>* First aid course – mandatory to be held by the competent body therefor and that has been approved by the Ministry of Health</p> <p>* Attach completion certificate from a high voltage classified course</p> <p>* Attach a certificate from the factory's electrical engineer who trained the applicant and found him to be fit to operate the high voltage device</p> <p>* A sketch of the device and its designation</p>

## **CRITERIA FOR THE PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE/TALK FOR RECEIVING AN ELECTRICITY LICENSE**

### **APPLICANT FOR A TECHNICIAN-ELECTRICIAN/PRACTICAL ENGINEER-ELECTRICIAN LICENSE**

After filing your online application to obtain the license and its inspection by the Director for Granting Electricity Licenses (hereinafter: "the Director"), you will receive a notice to the email address you noted in the application form whereby you will be summoned to appear for a professional talk before the Director. Below are our recommendations in preparation for the professional talk:

- Bring the Electricity Law and Regulations as well as plans you have drafted.
- Prepare a brief description of your work in electricity.

In addition, you should prepare yourself on the following subjects:

- Knowledge of the Electricity Law and Regulations. A thorough understanding of the "Earths and Protective Measures against Electricity at Voltage of up to 1000 Volts" Regulations – mandatory.
- You should understand the other issues connected to power systems, such as: choice of protections, loading conductors, etc.
- You should show an understanding of all matters pertaining to general questions on the subject of electricity that are connected to safety including standards and regulations, protections against electrocution, lighting, etc.

**FOR AN APPLICANT FOR AN ENGINEER-ELECTRICIAN LICENSE / INSPECTOR-ELECTRICIAN 1, 2, 3**

After filing your online application to obtain the license and its inspection by the Director for Granting Electricity Licenses (hereinafter: "the Director"), you will receive a notice to the email address you noted in the application form whereby you will be summoned to appear before the Professional Advisory Committee.

Below are our recommendations in preparation for the professional committee:

- Bring the Electricity Law and Regulations as well as plans you have drafted.
- Prepare a brief description of your work in electricity.
- For an inspector applicant – you should bring reports of inspections you participated in under the supervision of an appropriate inspector license holder.
- You should show an understanding of all matters pertaining to general questions on the subject of electricity that are connected to safety including standards and regulations, protections against electrocution, lighting, etc.

In addition, you should prepare yourself on the following subjects:

- Knowledge of the Electricity Law and Regulations. A thorough understanding of the "Earths and Protective Measures against Electricity at Voltage of up to 1000 Volts" Regulations – mandatory. You should understand the other issues connected to power systems, such as: choice of protections, loading conductors, etc.
- The understanding of a schematic diagram of low voltage and high voltage electricity systems (high voltage – for applicants for an engineer-electrician or Inspector 3 license). You should be acquainted with the function of every element and item in the sketch.

**FOR AN APPLICANT FOR AN INSPECTOR LICENSE – IN ADDITION TO ALL THE AFORESAID, YOU SHOULD KNOW AND THOROUGHLY UNDERSTAND:**

- Methods and process for an electrical device inspection.
- Types of measuring instruments and their function (the measuring required and the appropriate instrument).
- Solution of common problems during inspections of a device according to the level of license applied for.

**ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING AN ELECTRICITY LICENSE FOR GRADUATES OF ELECTRICITY STUDIES ABROAD/NEW IMMIGRANTS AND RETURNING RESIDENTS**

A license applicant who has been trained abroad shall be required:

1. To submit the certificate or diploma that he received and the grades/subjects in electricity sheet that he received from the institution where he studied abroad, so that the Director for Granting Electricity

Licenses may examine whether there is overlap between the education of the license applicant abroad and the educational requirements in Israel.

- With regard to technicians/practical engineers/engineers – the license applicant must be registered in the Register of Engineers or in the Register of Practical Engineers and Technicians, as the case may be, prior to filing the application to receive an electricity license.
  - **Emphasis should be placed on a professional translation in order to prevent errors in registration in the appropriate division in the professional register in Israel, a new immigrant requiring assistance in translation of the documents may submit an application for translation, the Unit shall arrange to translate the documents, but you should take into account that the time for handling an application requiring translation will be significantly longer – therefore it is recommended to file an application that has been translated into Hebrew.**
2. All the relevant documents connected to the field of experience and work in electricity should be filed, insofar as they exist, such as: a work log (mainly for immigrants from the Commonwealth of Independent States, but also from Western European countries), relevant projects in electricity that the applicant has worked on in his field – so that the Director can examine the level of proven experience abroad against that required in Israel.
- For your attention, all the documents proving experience in electrical works abroad should be signed by a qualified electricity professional abroad.
3. It is possible that the Director will summon the applicant for a professional talk connected to the field of the jobs he performed abroad. During the talk the license applicant's training and experience will be examined.
4. For the purpose of filing an application to receive the license, the applicant must file all the original documents and also a translation of the documents into Hebrew or English certified by a notary. An application may be filed together with the documents in the English or French language, but it should be emphasized that handling the application will take longer than a regular application since the application and the documents will be sent to an external translation company. Therefore, it is recommended to file the application in Hebrew or English.

The **original documents and a translation thereof** should be filed **during the hours of opening to the public in Jerusalem.**

**For your attention!** You must verify the originality of the documents and the translation thereof during opening hours to the public, unless they have already been verified by another division/unit in the Ministry of Economy, and that bear the statutory verification stamp.

### **HOW IS THE EXPERIENCE IN ELECTRICITY ACCUMULATED ABROAD EXAMINED WHEN GRANTING AN ELECTRICITY LICENSE IN ISRAEL?**

The Director examines whether there is an overlap between the field of performance of the tasks the applicant worked on and the size of the connection to the relevant electrical device in Israel.

Emphasis shall be placed on tasks that the applicant has performed mainly in the field of industry, but also tasks in the fields of: maintenance, services, residential apartments, public buildings, etc.

### **UPGRADING A LICENSE ACCORDING TO SENIORITY ABROAD**

After the application has been filed, the license obtained, the fee paid and performance of electricity works in Israel has commenced – it will be possible to file a new application to obtain a license of a higher rank (upgrade) on the basis of proof of proven seniority in the performance of electricity works:

2/3 of the seniority period required in the Electricity Regulations **as accumulated abroad**

1/3 of the seniority period required in the Electricity Regulations **as accumulated in Israel** or successful completion of a technological updating course on behalf of the Professional Training Division at the Ministry of Economy. For details please apply to the Professional Training Division in the district where the technological updating is being conducted – Jerusalem and Surrounding Area District by telephone: 02-6667915, Tel Aviv and Central District: 03-7347133, Haifa and Northern District: 04-8613753, Beersheba and Southern District: 08-6264728.

An application to upgrade a license on the basis of seniority accumulated abroad may be filed **only once!**