

These draft Regulations are presently under review by the Government and experts provided through technical assistance to Grenada. Afterwards they will be subjected to a 'scrubbing' process inherent with law making by an Independent Consultant and together with inputs from consultations, substantial revisions are anticipated. Dissemination at this stage is purely for the purpose of wider stakeholders' feedback.'

GRENADA

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS NO. OF 2016

**THE MINISTER IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS
CONFERRED ON HIM UNDER SECTION 61 OF THE
ELECTRICITY SUPPLY ACT 2016 (ACT NO. OF 2016)
MAKES THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS**

(Gazetted , 2016).

PART I PRELIMINARY

Citation

1 These Regulations may be cited as the—

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (ELECTRICITY SAFETY)
REGULATIONS, 2016.

Commencement

2 These Regulations come into force on the commencement date.

Interpretation

3 (1) In these Regulations—

“Act” means the Electricity Supply Act No. of 2016;

“commencement date” has the same meaning as in the Act;

“building” includes a structure;

“Building Code” means the document entitled the OECS
Building Code developed by the OECS Commission;

“electrical system” has the same meaning as in the Act;

“electrical inspector” has the same meaning as “Government electricity inspector” in the Act;

“IET” means the Institution of Engineering and Technology;¹

“install” includes amend or replace, but in relation to an electrical system, does not include activities limited to operating or making use of the system such as installing a light or changing a fuse;

“Licensing Authority” means the Chief Technical Officer and any other person appointed as such by the Minister under the Act;

“electric wiring” does not include—

- (a) the telephone or radio diffusion service; or
- (b) a lightning conductor; or
- (c) the wiring (including the earthing) of any wireless aerial; and

“wireman” means a person licenced under regulation 12.

(2) Unless a term is defined in these Regulations or the context otherwise requires, terms defined by the Act have the same meaning when used in these Regulations.

PART 2

SAFETY STANDARDS

Controlled activities

4 Each of the following activities is a controlled activity—

- (a) installing an electrical system;

¹ Formed by the merger of the Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE) with the Institution of Incorporated Engineers (IIE) in 2006.

- (b) operating an electrical system for the first time after its installation; and
- (c) operating and maintaining an electrical system;
- (d) installing electric wiring in a building.

Compliance with Regulations and Building Code required

5 In carrying out a controlled activity, a person shall comply with—

- (a) the standards in this Part;
- (b) the processes and procedures in the Building Code.

Installation of an electrical system

6 Installation of an electrical system must comply with the standards in effect at the time of the installation established under—

- (a) the IET Wiring Regulations co-published by the IET and the British Standards Institution (BSI); or the National Electric Code established by the National Board of the Fire Underwriters of the United States; and
- (b) the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) published and maintained by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers of the United States (IEEE).

Operation of an electrical system for the first time after installation

7 (1) A person shall not operate an electrical system unless—

- (a) the installation is inspected in accordance with Part 4; and
- (b) the person has a certificate in the form set out in Schedule 1.

(2) In the case of an installation that is under the supervision of a qualified engineer, inspection is not necessary unless the load to be

connected to the installation exceeds 10 per cent of the existing connected load.

Operation and maintenance of an electrical system

8 The operation and maintenance of an electrical system must comply with the standards in effect from time to time under the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) published and maintained by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers of the United States (IEEE).

Installation of electric wiring

9 Installation of electric wiring in a building must comply with the standards in effect at the time of the installation established under the IET Wiring Regulations co-published by the IET and the British Standards Institution (BSI); or the National Electric Code established by the National Board of the Fire Underwriters of the United States.

Engaging in installation of electric wiring

10 A person shall not install electric wiring in a building unless the person—

- (a) is a wireman; and
- (b) does the installation under the direct and continuous supervision of a wireman.

PART 3 LICENSING OF WIREMEN

Application for wireman licence

11 A person who wishes to install electric wiring in a building shall apply for a wireman licence in the manner determined by the Licensing Authority.

Grant of wireman licence

12 (1) A Licensing Authority may grant a wireman licence to an applicant who—

- (a) satisfies the Licensing Authority that the applicant meets the qualifications under regulation 13;

- (b) is not less than 21 years of age; and
- (c) pays the prescribed fee.

(2) A wireman licence shall be in the form determined by the Licensing Authority and shall have attached two recent photographs of the licensee.

(3) Subject to regulation, a wireman licence is valid for one year from the date on which it is granted.

(4) A licensee does not contravene regulation 10, despite the expiry of the term of his or her licence, if the licensee applies for and obtains a licence within 15 days of the expiry.

Qualifications of wireman

13 A person is qualified to be granted a wireman licence who—

- (a) has a certificate of efficiency as a wireman from a training Institution within or outside Grenada which in the opinion of the Licensing Authority qualifies him to act as a wireman;
- (b) has been employed and worked with a licensed wireman for three years and successfully passed an oral and written examination as set approved by the Licensing Authority; or
- (c) has previously held a licence to act as a wireman issued by the Chief Electrical Engineer.

Duplicate licence

14 The Licensing Authority may on payment of the prescribed fee, issue a duplicate of any licence as a wireman which is proved to his satisfaction to have been lost or destroyed and which has not been cancelled.

Cancellation of licence

15 (1) The Licensing Authority may refuse to issue, or to cancel, a wireman licence, if it is established to his satisfaction, after giving the applicant or licensee an opportunity of being heard, that the applicant or licensee—

- (a) is prevented from acting efficiently as a wireman by infirmity of mind or body; or
- (b) has been convicted of an offence involving dishonesty which he committed in the course of acting as a wireman; or
- (c) has been convicted of an offence against the Act or under these Regulations; or
- (d) has been guilty of gross negligence or inefficiency in the course of acting as a wireman; or
- (e) has previously been refused a licence under these Regulations or has previously had his licence cancelled, on any grounds specified in this regulation.

(2) If the Licensing Authority refuses to issue a licence, or cancels a licence, it shall cause notice of the refusal or cancellation to be served on the applicant or licensee, as the case may be, either personally or by letter addressed to him at his usual or last known place of abode.

(3) If notice of cancellation of a licence is served under subregulation (2) the licensee shall surrender the wireman licence to the Licensing Authority.

(4) A person who is not satisfied with the decision of the Licensing Authority to refuse or cancel a wireman licence may appeal to the Minister, whose decision is final.

PART 4 INSPECTIONS

Duties of electrical inspector

16 An electrical inspector shall carry out the following duties—

- (a) regular periodical inspection and testing of all electrical installations in all Government buildings and public places of entertainment;

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- (b) inspection and testing of all new electrical installations, additions, alterations and extensions before energy is supplied;
 - (c) inspection and listing of the Electrical Company's lines and works and the supply of energy by them;
 - (d) periodical inspection and testing of all old installations;
 - (e) such other duties not inconsistent with the duties of an electrical inspector;

Fees

17 (1) An inspector may charge the fees set out in column 2 of the Schedule 2 in respect of the services set out in column 1 of the same Schedule.

(2) The fees so collected shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

**PART 5
ENFORCEMENT****Offences**

- 18 (1) A person commits an offence who—
- (a) operates an electrical system without obtaining a certificate required under regulation 7;
 - (b) in any application for a licence under these Regulations, makes any statement which is materially false, or tenders in support of any such application any certificate or licence which does not relate to him or which is false in any material particular; or
 - (c) not being a licensed wireman or a person working under the direct and continuous supervision of a

licensed wireman, acts as a wireman or offers directly or indirectly so to act; or

- (d) employs to act as a wireman any person who is not a licensed wireman and who does not work under the direct and continuous supervision of a licensed wireman and whom he knows not to be a licensed wireman; or
- (e) being a licensed wireman, lends his licence, or makes the use of his licence available, to any other person; or
- (f) borrows, or uses as his own, a licence not granted to him under these Regulations;
- (g) does not surrender the wireman licence after it is cancelled under regulation;
- (h) fails to produce, within forty-eight hours, his or her wireman licence for inspection on demand by the Licensing Authority, or by a constable, or by a person to whom he has offered or is giving his service as a wireman, or by a person by whom he is employed as a wireman.

(2) A person who commits an offence under this regulation is liable on summary conviction—

- (a) to a fine of one hundred and twenty dollars, and
- (b) on the second or subsequent conviction to—
 - (i) a fine of one hundred and twenty dollars;
or
 - (ii) to imprisonment for one month; or
 - (iii) to both such fine and imprisonment.

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