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Electricity Act 1971

Determination of Fees for Licences

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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The *Electricity Act 1971* ("the Act") governs fees for electrical licences and certain safety requirements with respect to electricity. The Act as amended by the *Electricity (Amendment) Act 1994* provides under Section 104 for the Minister for Urban Services to determine fees for the purposes of the Act, by notice in writing, published in the Gazette.

This instrument sets new fees for electrical licences. All fees, but the application fee, will become effective from the date of gazettal. The application fee will take effect on the 1 February 1995.

It is necessary to set new fees as the fees previously set under regulation have been impliedly repealed. The previous fees were set before the amendment to the Act, and thus, the power to charge those fees was derived from Section 24 of the Act, as it was before amendment. The *Electricity (Amendment) Act 1994* repealed Section 24. Hence, regulations made under the power given by that section were also impliedly repealed.

The later commencement date of the application fee is to allow for a period of adjustment for both administration and the industry.

Below is a comparative list of the old fees and the new fees

FEEES FOR ELECTRICAL LICENCES

	OLD FEES	NEW FEES*	NEW FEE PROVIDED FOR BY
Application Fee (each licence)	none	\$ 15	s 45(1)(d)
Electrician's Licence Grade A	\$25 (5yr term)	\$50 (5yr term)	s 52(1)(b)
Electrician's Licence Grade B	\$25 (2yr term)	\$50 (5yr term)	s 52(1)(b)
Electrical Contractor's Licence	\$50 (2yr term)	\$50 (1yr term)	s 52(1)(b)
Restricted Electrical Licence	none	\$50 (5yr term)	s 52(1)(b)

Fees for the initial grant of licences are provided for by s 52(1)(b), and the fees for licence renewals are provided for by s 54(1)(b) of the Act.

* The Application Fee applies to the initial application only. Other fees apply both for the initial term of the licence and each renewal term.