

BELIZE:

**ELECTRICITY (LICENSING OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS)
REGULATIONS, 2026**

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BELIZE:

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

NO. OF 2026

REGULATIONS made by the Public Utilities Commission, with the approval of the Minister responsible for electricity, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 53 of the Electricity Act, Chapter 221 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, and all other powers thereunto them enabling.

(Gazetted, 2026)

PART I

Preliminary

Citation. **1.** These Regulations may be cited as the

ELECTRICITY (LICENSING OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS) REGULATIONS, 2026.

Interpretation. **2.** (1) In these Regulations—

“Act” means the Electricity Act;

“application” means an application for a licence, replacement, renewal or change of class of a licence under these Regulations;

“Commission” means the Public Utilities Commission as defined in the Public Utilities Commission Act, revised edition 2020;

“defective filing” means a licence application which does not meet all formal and procedural requirements under these Regulations or any other law;

“effective date” means the date on which a licence takes legal effect;

“electrical inspector” means a person appointed by the Commission under section 50 of the Act ;

“electrical worker” means a qualified and authorised electrician or wireman who performs work involving the planning, installation, alteration, maintenance, or repair of electrical wiring, equipment, or systems in accordance with applicable codes and standards.

“licence” means a licence issued by the Commission under these Regulations;

“licence applicant” means any person who files an application for the issuance of a licence in accordance with these Regulations;

“licensee” means any person who holds a licence issued by the Commission under these Regulations;

“PUC” means the Commission as defined in this Part;

3.–(1) These Regulations shall govern the granting, replacement, renewal, change in class of licence, suspension and cancellation of licences to persons who engage in the planning, installation, alteration, maintenance, or repair of electrical systems.

Application and
Scope

PART II

Licensing of Electrical Workers

4.–(1) No person shall engage in the trade or business of an electrical worker unless they hold a valid licence issued under these Regulations.

5.–(1) There shall be 4 classes of electrical worker licenses as follows–

Classes of
Licence

- (a) Apprentice Licence – Issued to individuals enrolled in an approved training program and working under the supervision of a licensed electrician, technician, or engineer.
- (b) Electrician’s Licence – Issued to individuals who have successfully completed an approved training program and PUC assessment, authorizing them to conduct general electrical design, installations and maintenance works.
- (c) Electrical Technician’s Licence – Issued to individuals with additional qualifications and experience, allowing them to perform advanced electrical design, installations and maintenance work, including troubleshooting and diagnostics.
- (d) Electrical Engineer’s Licence – Issued to individuals holding a recognized engineering degree and professional certifications, authorizing them to design, supervise, and certify all types of electrical installations and systems.

(2) A holder of a licence issued under this regulation shall not carry out, supervise, certify or otherwise engage in electrical work outside the class of licence issued to that person.

(3) Any electrical work undertaken outside the scope of the class of licence held shall constitute a contravention of these Regulations.

(4) The Commission may, by Order published in the Gazette or on its official website, prescribe:

- (a) categories of electrical installations;

- (b) voltage or capacity thresholds;
- (c) classes of work reserved to particular classes of licence;
- (d) certification requirements; or
- (e) technical standards applicable to each class of licence.

PART III

Licence Application or Renewal Procedure

Licence
application.

6.—(1) An application for a licence shall be in such form as the Commission may require .

- (2) An application shall be accompanied by:
 - (a) evidence of the applicant's qualifications and relevant experience;
 - (b) such evidence of good character as the Commission may require, including a police record dated not more than twelve months prior to the date of the application;
 - (c) a recent photograph of the applicant, whether in physical or electronic form, in such format and specifications as the Commission may prescribe; and
 - (d) any other information or documentation the Commission considers necessary for the proper determination of the application.

(3) The Commission may, in its discretion, reject an application from any person whose licence was previously suspended or cancelled.

Fees

7.—(1) A person who applies for a Licence under these regulations shall be required to pay the fees prescribed in Schedule I as follows:

- (a) upon filing the application, the Application Fee;
- (b) upon the grant or renewal of the Licence, the Grant Fee or Renewal Fee, as applicable;
- (c) an Annual Fee payable:
 - i. on the first anniversary of the date of grant;

- ii. on each subsequent anniversary of the date of grant during the term of the Licence;
- (d) upon the issuance of a replacement Licence, the Replacement Fee; and
- (e) where the applicant or Licensee is required to undergo an examination, the Examination Fee.

(2) No fee paid shall be refunded to an applicant or Licensee in the event that his application, for a licence or such renewal of a licence is rejected by the PUC. Furthermore, no fee shall be refunded to a Licensee in the event that his License is suspended, cancelled or if there is a change in licence classification.

8.– (1) An application shall be deemed defective where:

- (a) it does not comply with the requirements of Regulation 6; or
- (b) the prescribed fees under regulation 7 have not been paid; or
- (c) the applicant has failed to discharge any outstanding fee or financial obligation due to the Commission under a prior licence.

(2) Where an application is defective, the Commission may notify the applicant in writing of the defect and require that it be remedied within such time as the Commission may specify.

(3) No further processing of an application shall take place until the defect has been remedied to the satisfaction of the Commission.

9.– (1) A licensee seeking renewal shall submit an application not less than ninety days before the expiration of the current licence, or such shorter period as the Commission may permit.

(2) Where a renewal application is submitted after the period specified in subregulation (1), the Commission may treat the application as a new application.

(3) Where the Commission has decided to renew a licence, it shall issue the renewed licence prior to the expiration of the existing licence.

10.– (1) The Commission may require an applicant to attend an interview or to undergo a written, electronic, or practical examination for the purpose of determining competence.

(2) The Commission may, by notice in writing, require a licensee to attend, whether in person or by electronic means, at a specified time and place or through an approved digital platform, to undergo further testing or assessment for the purpose of determining continued competence.

Defective
Applications

Licence
Renewal

Examination and
Assessment

(3) A person required to attend under this regulation shall attend and submit to such examination or assessment as the Commission considers appropriate.

Duration and
Nature of
Licence

11.— (1) A licence issued by the PUC shall be valid for such periods as may be specified therein unless it is earlier surrendered, cancelled, or suspended in accordance with these Regulations.

(2) A licence shall be personal to the licensee and shall not be transferable.

Statutory
Obligation of
Licensees

12.—(1) Every holder of a licence issued under these Regulations must:

- (a) comply with the Act and these Regulations;
- (b) comply with any electrical code, technical standard or connection guideline adopted or approved by the Commission;
- (c) carry out only such electrical work as is authorised by the class of licence held;
- (d) perform electrical work in a competent and safe manner; and
- (e) remain a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

Additional
Conditions

13.—(1) The Commission may impose such additional terms, conditions, or limitations on a licence as it considers necessary in the public interest.

PART IV

Replacement and Surrender of Licence

Licence
replacement

14.— Where the Commission is satisfied that a licence has been lost, destroyed or defaced and has not been suspended or cancelled, it may issue a duplicate licence upon payment of the prescribed fee.

15.—(1) A licensee may surrender a licence by giving written notice to the Commission in the prescribed form.

Voluntary
Surrender

(2) A surrender shall not take effect unless and until the Commission accepts the surrender in writing.

(3) The Commission shall not accept a surrender where disciplinary proceedings are pending or contemplated in relation to the licensee.

16.—(1) Where the Commission issues a licence of another class to a person who holds an existing licence under these Regulations, the existing licence shall be deemed cancelled on the effective date of the new licence.

Surrender upon
change of Class

(2) The Commission may require the licensee to return the cancelled licence or confirm its destruction in such manner as the Commission may direct.

17.—(1) The surrender or cancellation of a licence under these regulations –

- (a) shall not absolve the licensee from liability for any act or omission occurring before the date of such surrender or cancellation; and
- (b) shall not prevent the PUC from conducting or continuing any investigation or disciplinary proceeding relating to the licence.

Effect of
surrender or
cancellation

PART V

Licence Suspension and Cancellation

18.—(1) The Commission may, in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under the Act or these Regulations, take action to suspend, cancel, or refuse to renew the licence of an electrical worker where that person—

Grounds for
suspension or
cancellation.

- (a) has obtained the licence by fraud, misrepresentation, or the submission of any false declaration or certificate;
- (b) has contravened any provision of the Act, these Regulations, or any condition of the licence;
- (c) has been convicted of an offence under the Act or of an offence involving dishonesty or other conduct rendering him unfit to hold a licence, in the opinion of the Commission;
- (d) has been issued a licence of a higher class than that for which he is qualified;
- (e) has failed, without reasonable excuse, to attend or pass a test of competence when required to do so;
- (f) is incapable, in the opinion of the Commission, by reason of infirmity of mind or body, or otherwise, of competently and safely performing electrical work of the class for which the licence was issued; or
- (g) is, in the opinion of the Commission, unfit to be licensed or to continue to be licensed as an electrical worker for any other just cause relating to the safety, integrity, or proper regulation of electrical work.

19.—(1) Where any of the grounds specified in regulation 18 exist, the Commission may, without prejudice to any other action -

- (a) suspend the licence for such period as it considers appropriate;
- (b) cancel the licence;
- (c) refuse to renew the licence; or
- (d) substitute the licence with a licence of a different class, commensurate with the person's qualifications or demonstrated competence;

(2) Where the Commission takes action under subregulation (1), it shall serve written notice of the decision on the affected licensee.

(3) Where a licence is suspended or cancelled, the person shall, within such time as may be specified in the notice, surrender the licence to the Commission or confirm its destruction in such manner as the Commission may direct.

(4) A person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with subregulation (3) commits an offence and is liable to a daily minimum penalty of not less than five hundred dollars up to a cumulative maximum of ten thousand dollars.

(5) During the period of suspension or following the cancellation of a licence, the person shall be deemed not to be a licensed electrical worker for the purposes of the Act and these Regulations.

20.—(1) Prior to suspending, cancelling, or refusing to renew a licence under regulation 19, the Commission shall—

- (a) serve a notice on the licensee specifying the grounds and facts relied upon; and
- (a) afford the licensee an opportunity to make representations, either in writing or at a hearing, within a period of not less than fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of the notice.

Right to be heard

(2) The Commission shall consider any representations made before making a final decision under regulation 19.

21.—(1) Notwithstanding Regulation 20, the Commission may suspend a licence with immediate effect if, in its opinion, the continuation of the licence would pose a risk to public safety or endanger life or property.

Emergency suspension.

22.—No compensation shall be payable by the Commission to any person whose licence is cancelled or suspended, and no refund shall be made of any fee paid in respect of the unexpired portion of the licence.

No compensation or refund

23.—(1) The Commission may issue and publish disciplinary guidelines to assist in the fair, consistent and proportionate exercise of its powers under this Part.

Disciplinary
Guidelines

(2) In determining any matter under this Part, the Commission may take such guidelines into account, but shall retain full discretion to determine each case on its individual merits.

PART VI

Electrical Workers Register

24.—(1) The Commission shall establish and maintain an official register, to be known as the Electrical Workers' Register, in digital format, for the purpose of recording particulars of persons licensed under these Regulations to carry out electrical works.

Electrical
Workers'
Register

(2) The Register shall be maintained in a secure and accessible electronic system approved by the Commission and shall contain, in respect of each licensee, the following particulars:

- (a) the full name and principal address of the licensee, as provided in the application for the licence;
- (b) the date of issue and expiry, and the unique identification number of the licence;
- (c) the class or category of electrical worker licence issued;
- (d) details of any suspension, cancellation, or refusal to renew the licence; and
- (e) such other information as the Commission considers necessary or appropriate for the proper maintenance of the Register.

(3) The Commission shall ensure that the Register is updated in a timely manner.

25.—(1) The Commission shall make available to the public, through its official website or such other electronic platform as it may designate, a searchable facility that enables any person to verify the licensing status of an electrical worker.

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(2) The online verification facility shall provide, at a minimum, the following information in respect of each currently licensed electrical worker:

- (a) the name of the licensee;

- (b) the class or category of the licence held;
- (c) the licence number; and
- (d) the current status of the licence (active, suspended, expired or cancelled).

PART VII

Miscellaneous Provisions

26.—(1) An electrical inspector may require any person who is carrying out, or whom the electrical inspector reasonably believes to be engaged in or to have been engaged in carrying out, any electrical work, to forthwith perform all or any of the following acts or matters, within such period and at such place as the Electrical inspector may specify -

Powers of
electrical
inspector

- (a) produce for inspection
 - i. a physical electrical worker licence held by the person under these Regulations; or
 - ii. a digital copy or verifiable electronic record of such licence, accessed through an official platform maintained by the PUC.
- (b) state whether the person holds an electrical worker licence under these Regulations, and if so, specify the class of licence held;
- (c) state whether the person:
 - i. has carried out or engaged in electrical work, or
 - ii. is currently carrying out or engaged in electrical work;
- (d) attend, at a time and place specified by the electrical inspector, at an office of the PUC or appear via an approved electronic communication platform, and upon doing so:
 - iii. provide any information or evidence required by the PUC for the purposes of these Regulations; or
 - iv. produce for inspection and verification any electrical worker licence previously stated to be held but not produced at the time it was first requested, including by means of accessing the PUC's digital licence database.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, an electronic licence or record shall be deemed valid if—

- (a) it has been issued by the PUC; and

- (b) its authenticity can be verified through the PUC's official digital verification system.

27.—(1) A person commits an offence if he:

Specific
Offences

- (a) fails, without reasonable excuse, to produce his licence when required to do so by an electrical inspector under regulation 26;
- (b) borrows, uses, or represents as his own a licence not issued to him under these Regulations;
- (c) being a licensee, lends his licence or knowingly permits its use by another person;
- (d) makes or produces, or causes to be made or produced, any false or fraudulent representation or declaration for the purpose of procuring or attempting to procure the grant or renewal of a licence; or
- (e) contravenes regulation 4 by carrying out electrical work without holding a valid licence.

(2) A person who is not licensed under these Regulations shall not construct, repair, alter, or interfere with any electrical installation connected or intended to be connected to the public electricity system.

(3) An owner or occupier of premises shall not knowingly permit any person who is not licensed under these Regulations to carry out electrical work on such premises.

(4) A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

28.—(1) The Electricity (Licensing of Wiremen) Regulations, Statutory Instrument No. 78 of 1995 are hereby revoked.

Revocation

29.—(1) Notwithstanding regulation 28, any person who, immediately before the coming into force of these Regulations, held a valid licence issued under the revoked Regulations shall be deemed to be licensed under these Regulations for the unexpired period of such licence, and subject to the same terms and conditions, insofar as they are not inconsistent with these Regulations.

Transitional
Provisions

(2) Where any act or omission occurred prior to the coming into force of these Regulations and would have constituted a breach under the revoked Regulations, such act or omission shall continue to be liable to investigation, enforcement or sanction as if the revoked Regulations had not been repealed.

(3) The Commission may require any person deemed to be licensed under sub regulation 29(1) to furnish such information or documents as may

be necessary to bring the licensee into conformity with the requirements of these Regulations.

30.—(1) These Regulations are subject to negative resolution.

Negative
resolution

31.—(1) These Regulations shall come into force on xxx day of xxxx, 2026.

Commencement

MADE by the Public Utilities Commission this day of , 2026.

DEAN MOLINA
CHAIRPERSON
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

APPROVED by the Minister responsible for electricity this day of , 2026.

HON. MICHEL CHEBAT
Minister of Public Utilities, Energy, & Logistics
(Minister responsible for electricity)

BELIZE:

ORDER made by the Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Commission by the Electricity Act, Chapter 221 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, and under the Electricity (Licensing of Electrical Workers) Regulations, 2026, all other powers thereunto the Commission enabling.

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the:

ELECTRICITY (LICENSING OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS) (SCOPE OF ELECTRICAL WORK AND CAPACITY THRESHOLDS) ORDER, 2026.

Orders.

2. It is hereby ordered pursuant to regulations 5(4) of the ***ELECTRICITY (LICENSING OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS) REGULATIONS, 2026***, (the “Regulations”), that the scope of electrical work, capacity thresholds and certification authority applicable to each class of electrical workers shall be as prescribed in this Order.

Scope

3. The maximum capacity of electrical work that may be designed, installed or certified independently by a holder of an electrical worker’s licence shall be as follows:

Capacity Thresholds and Certification Authority

Classes of Licence	Design Capacity (kilovolt-amperes)	Installation Capacity (kilovolt-amperes)	Certification Authority (kilovolt-amperes)
Apprentice Licence	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted
Electrician’s Licence	Up to 30 kVA	Up to 50 kVA	Up to 30 kVA
Electrical Technician’s Licence	Up to 150 kVA	Up to 500 kVA	Up to 150 kVA
Electrical Engineer’s Licence	No limit	No limit	No limit

**Supervision of
electrical work**

4. Subject to the Regulations, a holder of an electrical worker’s licence must carry out electrical work subject to the following supervisory framework:-
 - (a) an Apprentice must be supervised by a licensed Electrician, Electrical Technician, or Electrical Engineer;
 - (b) a licensed Electrician may supervise the work of an Apprentice;
 - (c) a licensed Electrical Technician may supervise the work of an Apprentice or Electrician; and
 - (d) a licensed Electrical Engineer may supervise the work of all classes of electrical

workers.

Electrical works exceeding licence capacity

5. Where any electrical work exceeds the capacity threshold of any licence holder as specified in clause 3—
 - (a) the electrical work may only be undertaken by that licence holder under the supervision of a person holding the appropriate higher class of licence; and
 - (b) the design approval and certification of such work shall be carried out by the supervising licensee whose authority covers the capacity of the work.

Requirement of a higher licence class

6. (1) Notwithstanding the capacity thresholds prescribed in clause 3, an Electrical Technician or an Electrical Engineer is required to carry out the following electrical work:-
 - (a) three-phase electrical services;
 - (b) electrical installations involving meter banks or services supplying multiple occupancies;
 - (c) installations requiring current transformer (CT) metering;
 - (d) installations involving elevators or lift systems;
 - (e) motor control installations;
 - (f) installations involving standby generators and automatic transfer switches; and
 - (g) uninterruptible power supply systems exceeding ten kilovolt-amperes (10 kVA).

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), only an Electrical Engineer may carry out the following electrical work:-

- (a) installations at healthcare facilities and hospitals;
- (b) emergency power systems and life-safety systems;
- (c) fire pump installations;
- (d) hazardous locations involving flammable vapours, gases or combustible dust;
- (e) large industrial electrical installations; and
- (f) grid-interactive electrical generation systems connected to the public electricity system.

Responsibility for compliance

7. Every holder of an electrical worker's licence shall ensure that electrical work carried out by that person complies with the Electricity Act, the Electricity (Licensing of Electrical Workers) Regulations, 2026, and any other electrical code, technical standard, or connection guideline approved or adopted by the Commission.

Commencement

8. This Order shall take effect on the date of its publication in the Gazette or on the official website of the Commission.

MADE by the Public Utilities Commission this day of , 2026.

(DEAN E. MOLINA)
CHAIRPERSON
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

SCHEDULE I

[regulation 7]

FEES

	Apprentice	Electrician	Electrical Technician	Electrical Engineer
Application Fee	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$400.00
Annual Fee	\$25.00	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$300.00
Renewal Fee	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$400.00
Replacement Fee	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Examination Fee pursuant to Regulation 7(6)	N/A	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00