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**REQUIREMENT OF ELECTRICAL LICENSE FOR CARRYING OUT  
ELECTRICAL WORKS**

1. Reference this HQ letter Nos:-

- (a) 66546/Manual/700/E8 dated 06 Nov 2017
- (b) 33445/Adm-1/750/E8 dated 30 Jan 2018
- (c) 66546/Manual/771/E8 dated 07 Mar 2018
- (d) 66546/Manual/Tue/E8 dated 24 Apr 2018
- (e) 66546/Manual/61/E8 dated 28 Jun 2018
- (f) 66546/Manual/27/E8 dated 24 Dec 2018
- (g) 66546/E4 Manual/43/E8 dated 28 Mar 2019

2. Above letters pertain to instructions issued by this HQ regarding requirement of Electrical License. The Electricity Act, 2003 has come into force and Indian Electricity Act, 1910 stands repealed with effect from 10 Jan 2003. In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 177 of this Act, Central Electricity Authority (Measures Relating to Safety and Electric Supply) Regulation, 2010 was promulgated by Central Electricity Authority. Rule 29 under Part III of Central Electricity Authority (Measures Relating to Safety and Electric Supply) Regulation, 2010 reads as under:-

“No electrical installation work including additions, alterations, repairs and adjustments to existing installations except such replacement of lamps, fans, fuses, switches, low voltage domestic appliances and fittings as in no way alters its capacity or character shall be carried out upon the premises of or on behalf of any consumer, owner or occupier, for the purpose of supply to such consumer, owner or occupier except by an electrical contractor licensed in this behalf by the State Government and under the direct supervision of a person holding a certificate of competency and by a person holding a permit issued and recognized by the State Government.”

3. Instructions have been issued vide Amendment No 20 to MES Manual on Contracts 2007 (Reprint 2012) that for fresh enlistment in category b (i) to (iii), one of the engineers employed should be degree/diploma holder in electrical engineering with requisite experience and the contractor should also employ person having valid electrical license from competent authority.

4. Pursuant to issue of this HQ ibid letters, representations have been received from various stake holders regarding Electrical License including its exemption etc. These representations have been deliberated and following policy decisions are hereby conveyed:-

- (a) The exemption referred in Section 184 of Electricity Act, 2003 is not applicable to MES contracts.

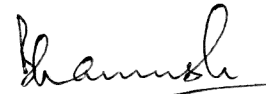
- (b) Valid Electrical License issued by concerned State Government/Union Territory shall only be applicable.
- (c) For execution of electrical works / electrical component of works requiring Electrical License in accordance with Rule 29 mentioned above, the contractor shall have valid Electrical License issued by the concerned State/Union Territory in the name of the Firm or get the work executed through an agency having valid Electrical License. Items of works under category (c) [including its sub-categories (i) to (vii)] and category (d)(v) shall also be executed in this manner to the extent Rule 29 mentioned above is applicable to such items.
- (d) Prior to commencement of electrical work/ electrical component of works and other works as mentioned in Para (c) above, copy of valid Electrical License in the name of the contractor or copy of agreement with agency having valid Electrical License alongwith agency's Electrical License shall be submitted by the contractor to the Accepting Officer through GE/Project Manager with copy to CWE, as applicable. In case contractor does not possess valid Electrical License and he intends to get such work executed through agency having valid Electrical License and with whom he has agreement, prior approval of such agency in all contracts shall be got done from competent authority, who shall be concerned CWE (concerned CE Zone/CCE in case there is no CWE). Copy of Licence shall be kept on record by GE/AGE(I)/PM as well as CWE/CE Zone/CCE for future reference.
- (e) GE/PM and concerned AGE/Engineer-in-Charge shall ensure that electrical work/ electrical component of works and other works as mentioned in Para (c) above required to be executed in accordance with Rule 29 mentioned above are executed by contractor/agency having valid Electrical Licence, as applicable. In addition, Supervisor for execution of electrical works / electrical component of works employed by the contractor shall possess Supervisor Certificate of Competency issued by concerned State Government/Union Territory and the worker/tradesmen for execution of electrical works / electrical component of works shall hold necessary Permit issued by concerned State Government/ Union Territory.
- (f) Reference of Electrical Licence and details of Supervisors' Certificate of Competency and Permit of tradesmen employed for execution of electrical work/electrical component of works shall be duly incorporated in the Works Diary and relevant site documents respectively for the whole period during which such work is executed.
- (g) Uploading Electrical License or MoU/Agreement with agency having valid Electrical License (in case the bidder does not possess valid Electrical Licence) is not required alongwith T-Bid in Cover-I by the bidders for qualifying in bidding process.
- (h) Electrical License is not required for enlistment / renewal/ reclassification / upgradation for all categories including b (i), b (ii) and b (iii). Accordingly contents of Amendment No 20 to MES Manual on Contracts 2007 (Reprint 2012) are hereby deleted. However at the time of enlistment / renewal/ reclassification / upgradation, declaration/undertaking from the applicant firm shall be submitted in the affidavit form whereby the firm shall undertake to either obtain valid Electrical Licence of required class in its name or engage an agency having valid Electrical Licence of required class through proper agreement/MOU for execution of all electrical works as well as works under category (c) [including its sub-categories (i) to (vii)] and category (d)(v)

to the extent Rule 29 under Part III of Central Electricity Authority (Measures Relating to Safety and Electric Supply) Regulation, 2010 is applicable forming either in full or part of the scope of work of contract awarded to him and that all such electrical works shall be executed by him through such agency only (either self or other agency) having valid Electrical Licence of required class.

(j) In the letter of enlistment/renewal/upgradation/reclassification, a paragraph shall be inserted as under :

*You will either obtain valid Electrical Licence of required class in your name or engage an agency having valid Electrical Licence of required class through proper agreement/MOU for execution of all electrical works as well as works under category (c) [including its sub-categories (i) to (vii)] and category (d)(v) to the extent Rule 29 under Part III of Central Electricity Authority (Measures Relating to Safety and Electric Supply) Regulation, 2010 is applicable forming either in full or part of the scope of work of contract awarded to you. All such works shall be executed by you through such agency only (either yourself or other agency) having valid Electrical Licence of required class. Such Electrical Licence shall be obtained from the concerned authorities of State Government/Union Territory where the works are to be executed. Any violation of this condition shall be sufficient reason for taking such disciplinary action as deemed fit by the Registering Authority apart from other recourse/remedy available to the Department under the conditions of contract for such lapse.*

5. This supersedes all earlier instructions on the subject matter. The above instructions shall come into force with immediate effect.



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