

Electricity (Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021 (No. 2)

IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Energy and Power Development, after consultation with the Zimbabwe Energy Regulatory Authority has, in terms of section 65 of the Electricity Act [*Chapter 13:19*], made the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Electricity (Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021 (No. 1).

2. The Electricity (Licensing) Regulations, 2008, published in Statutory Instrument 103 of 2008 (hereinafter referred as the principal regulations), are amended in section 2 by the insertion of the following definitions—

““green field” means a completely new project on a new site and whose construction is not influenced by an earlier project;

“brown field” means a project constructed as an extension of a similar project and whose design is influenced by already existing works;”.

3. The principal regulations are amended in section 4 by the insertion of the following after subsection (2)—

“(3) No part of an application fee submitted with an application made in terms of these regulations shall be refundable.”

(4) Full licence fees shall be payable to the Authority within three months from the date of notification of approval of licence application by the Authority:

Provided that the Authority reserves the right to revoke its decision of approval of licence application on condition that the applicant has failed to pay the full amount of the licence fee within the three months from the date of notification of approval of licence application.

(5) Where a decision to revoke is made in terms of subsection (4), the application fees already paid shall not be refunded and the applicant may make a new application should they still require a licence.”.

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4. The principal regulations are amended by the repeal of the Second Schedule and the substitution of—

“SECOND SCHEDULE (*Section 4*)

1. CONVENTIONAL POWER PLANTS

<i>Fee description</i>	US\$
Generation Licence Application fee	
Green Field	2 500
Brown Field	2 000
Generation Licence fee	(a) Above 100kW and up to 10 MW 10 000 fixed
	(b) Above 10MW or part thereof
Generation for own consumption	No licence fees
Non-commercial off-grid generation	No licence fees
Commercial off-grid generation	(c) Same as a and b

2. RENEWABLE ENERGY POWER PLANTS

<i>Fee description</i>	US\$
Generation Licence Application fee	
Green Field	2 500
Brown Field	2 000
Generation Licence fee	
Projects for own consumption	No licence fees
Commercial Projects	

Technology	Capacity			
		Capacity (Above 100kW and up to 10 MW)	Capacity above 10 MW	
		Fixed	Fixed	Variable per 25 MW
Solar PV	0.23	2 875	5 750	2 875
Biomass	0.6	7 500	15 000	7 500
Small Hydro	0.55	6 875	13 750	6 875
Geothermal	0.72	9 000.	18 000	9 000
Wind	0.3	3 750	7 500	3 750

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3. TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION PROJECTS

<i>Fee description</i>	US\$
Primary electricity (Transmission) Licence Application fee	2 500
Primary electricity (Transmission) Licence Application fee	120 000
Primary electricity (Distribution) Licence Application fee	2 500
Primary electricity (Distribution) Licence fee	20 000 fixed plus 10 000 per 1000 GWh or part thereof
Secondary electricity (Transmission) Licence Application fee	2 500
Secondary electricity (Transmission) Licence fee	100 000
Secondary electricity (Distribution) Licence Application fee	2 500
Secondary electricity (Distribution) Licence fee	20 000 fixed plus 10 000 per 1000 GWh or part thereof.
Bulk Supply Licence Application Fee	2 500
Bulk Supply Licence Fee	120 000
Retail Supply Application Licence	2 500
Retail Licence Fee	120 000

4. LICENCE COMPLIANCE RETURN FEE

<i>Fee description</i>	US\$
Licence Compliance Return	10

5. VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION FEES

<i>Fee description</i>	US\$
Standby Electricity Generator below 100kW capacity	100
Standby Electricity Generator of or above 100kW capacity	100
<i>Advance Safety Inspection Fee for Electricity Generators:</i> Electricity Generator/Standby Electricity Generator of or above 100kW capacity	100
Inspection of individual Standby Electricity Generator below 100kW capacity	100
Inspection of Prototype Standby Electricity Generator below 100kW capacity	100

6. AMENDMENT, TRANSFER AND RENEWAL OF LICENCE FEES

<i>Application Fee description</i>	US\$
Amendment of licence	2 500
Transfer of licence	2 500
Renewal of licence	2 500

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Notes:

1. The application fee is not refundable.
 2. The licence fee is a once off payment payable done upon approval of the licence application before issuance of the licence.
 3. The licence fee is valid for the duration of the licence.
 4. Licence fee is refundable before project commissioning.
 5. Fees provided in the Second Schedule maybe payable in Zimbabwe dollars at the prevailing official exchange rate.”.
5. The Electricity (Licensing) Regulations, 2015, published in Statutory Instruments 55 of 2015, are hereby repealed.