

GUIDELINES TO APPLICATION FOR TELECOMMUNICATION (CABLE DETECTION WORKERS) LICENCE

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This set of guidelines contains general information for interested parties intending to provide service of detecting underground telecommunication cables before any earthworks are carried out by contractors.
- 1.2 To apply for the Telecommunication Cable Detection Workers Licence, the person must possess the qualifications/experience in Annex 1.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 “licence” means a licence granted by the Authority permitting a person to perform such telecommunication cable detection work as specified in the licence.
- 2.2 “licensee” means the holder of a valid licence.

3. SCOPE OF LICENCE

Telecommunication Cable Detection Workers Licence

- 3.1 A person who wishes to provide service of detecting underground telecommunication cables for contractor doing earthworks within the vicinity of any telecommunications cables.



4. DUTIES OF LICENSEE

4.1 Every licensee shall –

- (a) carry out any telecommunication cable detection work that he is permitted to carry out under his licensee in accordance with the conditions of his licence and the provisions of the Telecommunications Act (“the Act”) and the Telecommunications (Cable Detection Workers) Regulation (“the Regulations”);
- (b) on being required by IDA or a telecommunication system licensee or any person authorised by IDA or the telecommunication system licensee for this purpose, produce his licence for examination and furnish such information required by it relating to his performance of any telecommunication cable detection work;
- (c) if he knows or ought reasonably to know of any damage to any telecommunication cable belonging to, or under the management or control of, a telecommunication system licensee, immediately inform the telecommunication system licensee of the damage by the quickest practicable means;
- (d) immediately inform IDA in writing of any change in his address; and
- (e) attend at such places as IDA; or any person authorised by IDA, may specify to produce such documents or furnish such information as IDA or that person may require for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the provisions the Telecommunications Act (“the Act”) and the Telecommunications (Cable Detection Workers) Regulations (“the Regulations”).

5. LICENCE FEES/DURATION OF LICENCE

5.1 The Licence fee for a Telecommunication Cable Detection Worker’s Licence is a one time payment of \$30 and is valid until cancelled or suspended.

Note:

Licence fees paid are not refundable (whether on a pro-rated basis or any other basis) when the licence is cancelled by IDA in the following circumstances:

- (i) where the licensee requests for variation or early termination of its licence, or
- (ii) where IDA cancels the licence in accordance with the provisions of the Act or the Regulations.

6. COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

- 6.1 The Licensee shall comply with the provisions of the Act; the provisions and licence conditions under the Regulations and any direction issued under the Act.
- 6.2 An applicant who is 65 years and above will be required to submit a certificate of fitness from a Registered Medical Practitioner certifying that he is fit to be granted a licence.
- 6.3 A self-employed person is required by law to contribute to Medisave. Licence will not be issued unless applicant's Medisave contributions are paid up to 31st December of the previous year. A copy of the CPF Board's Advice on Medisave payment and liability and Receipt or Clearance letter must be submitted with the application form. For clarification on self-employed matters, please call CPF Board's Employer Call Centre at 1800-62263877.

7. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- 7.1 Applicants can apply for the licence online via IDA's website at URL tls.ida.gov.sg.
- 7.2 The supporting documents needed for licence application are as follows:
 - (a) Educational qualification as in Annex 1.
 - (b) Certificate of Training for Telecommunication Cable Detection Work issued by the Singapore Telecommunication Academy or other institutions as may be recognised by IDA.
 - (c) Has at least one-year practical experience in building construction or building services or civil engineering or structural engineering construction

Notes:

- 1 This document has no legal standing and is not intended as a substitute for legal advice. While every effort has been made to provide an accurate and authoritative account of the licensing regime, the licence(s) to be granted to successful applicants will be the complete authoritative text.**
- 2 The information contained in this document is intended to assist interested parties in applying for the relevant licences. It does not bind IDA to any particular course of action in relation to the handling of any application, or to the terms of any licence to be granted, or to grant any licence to any party. IDA reserves the right to change its policies and/or to amend this document without prior notice.**
- 3 The grant of a licence is at the sole discretion of IDA. IDA reserves the right not to accept any application submitted. IDA will undertake to explain to the applicant concerned, on the applicant's request, why the applicant is unsuccessful in its application for a licence.**
- 4 IDA reserves the right to disclose the identities of parties who have submitted applications. All other information received will be treated in confidence.**

To apply for an IDA Telecommunication Cable Detection Worker's Licence, the applicant needs to possess the following qualifications/work experience:

1. Passed ITE's Industrial Technician Certificate; or
2. Passed ITE's National Technical Certificate Grade 2; or
3. Passed 3 GCE 'O' level passes; or
4. Passed Certificate in Pavement Construction Course; or
5. Passed National Certificate in Construction Supervision Course; or
6. Passed such other educational qualifications as may be acceptable to IDA; and
7. Has at least one-year practical experience in building construction or building services or civil engineering or structural engineering construction; and
8. Has acquired a Certificate of Training for Telecommunication Cable Detection Work issued by the Singapore Telecommunication Academy or other institutions as may be recognised by IDA.