

## **PART V - LICENSING OF CONTRACTORS AND OF CONTRACTING FIRMS**

### **15. License of registered contractor.**

- (1) An individual who wants to be licensed as a contractor in any year must fulfill the following requirements—
  - (a) he must be registered under section 11(4);
  - (b) he must apply in the prescribed form to the Board for a license;
  - (c) he must pay a prescribed fee to the Board;
  - (d) he must be an individual responsible as a builder for residential homes and he must present his certificate of registration being covered under the Builders Defects Compensation Scheme ; and
  - (e) he has an affidavit on a form provided by the Board that he has a relationship with a local bank within The Commonwealth of The Bahamas;
  - (f) he must have Public Liability Insurance of a minimum of one million dollars.
- (2) The Board shall on payment of the prescribed fee issue to the individual a license, of a kind appropriate to the category in which he is registered authorizing him to undertake work as a licensed contractor to the extent specified in the license.
- (3) Any firm which wishes to undertake work as a contracting firm in any year shall apply in the prescribed form to the Board for a license, stating in the application that the work will be carried out under the supervision of a licensed contractor—
  - (a) who is named in the application;
  - (b) who has the authority to submit bids on behalf of the firm;
  - (c) whose name does not appear on a license issued under this subsection to another firm;
  - (d) who possesses a current business license;
  - (e) that the licensed contractor has coverage under the Builders Defects Compensation Scheme;
  - (f) must be able to provide proof that the individual is able to obtain public liability insurance in the amount of one million dollars; and
  - (g) any other particulars as the Board may find necessary.
- (4) The Board, if satisfied with the application shall, on payment of the prescribed fee, issue to the firm a license, of a kind appropriate to the category in which that contractor is registered, authorizing the firm to undertake work as a contracting firm to the extent specified in the license.
- (5) A license issued under subsection (4) shall specify the name and category of the licensed contractor responsible, pursuant to subsection (4), for supervising the work of the licensed contracting firm and, where that

contractor ceases to be responsible for such supervision, the licensed contracting firm shall—

- (a) within seven days of the cessation, inform the Board of the cessation; and
  - (b) within fifty-six days of the cessation, inform the Board of the name of the licensed contractor who is responsible for such supervision.
- (6) Every license shall be numbered and shall take effect on the date specified on the license as the date on which it is to take effect and shall expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in the year on which it is to take effect and shall expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in the year in which it was issued.
- (7) Licenses shall be in such form of such kind as may be prescribed and different fees may be prescribed by the Board in respect of different kinds of license.

**16. Advertisement of license number.**

The license number of a licensed contractor or licensed contracting firm shall be specified by the contractor or the contracting firm, as the case may be —

- (a) in any newspaper or other media advertisement;
- (b) in any telephone directory; or
- (c) in any correspondence from the contractor or the contracting firm,

and a licensed contractor or licensed contracting firm shall also specify the license number in any forms submitted to the Ministry of Public Works for the purpose of requesting a building permit, inspection and certificate of occupancy and shall tender, together with the forms, evidence that the license is valid.