Penalties
Anyone who contract to carry out electrical works without registration is liable to a maximum fine of $100,000 and imprisonment for 6 months.

Register Before Contract To Carry Out Electrical Works

Non registered electrical contractors shall not contract to carry out electrical works, notably, in the following cases:

1. The power of the electrical appliance is supplied from a fixed electrical outlet (e.g. not supplied by socket outlet), e.g. lighting, air-conditioned electric water heater or furniture with electrical lighting, etc.

2. Any work involves addition or alteration to an electrical installation, such as installation or relocation of sockets, lighting points or power switches.
Introduction
All contractors engaged in electrical work on fixed electrical installations must be registered with the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) as Registered Electrical Contractor (REC). An REC is required to apply to EMSD for registration renewal once every 3 years.

Electrical work means work which involves the installation, commissioning, inspection, testing, maintenance, modification or repair of a low voltage or high voltage fixed electrical installation, including the supervision and certification of the work and the design of the installation. Examples of fixed electrical installations are distribution boards, wiring installations and lighting fittings, etc., that are fixed in the premises.

Registration Requirements
To be qualified as a registered electrical contractor, an applicant must either employ at least one registered electrical worker; or:

1. if applying as an individual, he/she must be a registered electrical worker; or
2. if applying in partnership, at least one of the partners must be a registered electrical worker.

How to Apply
A. For submission in person or by mail:

1. For new and renewal applicants for registration as an electrical contractor, obtain an application form (Form 1) from:
   • Customer Services Office, EMSD, G/F, 3 Kai Shing Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong;
   • Telephone: (852) 1823 (for a fax copy);
   • Public Enquiry Services Centre of District Offices;
   • Government Forms web site: www.info.gov.hk/forms; or
   • EMSD web site: www.emsd.gov.hk (select "Public Forms")
2. Complete the application form in accordance with the instructions.
3. Submit the completed application form together with supporting documents and an application fee in person or by mail to Customer Services Office, EMSD.

B. Online submission:

Online submission: select "Electronic Submission" at EMSD web site and complete the application in accordance with the instructions given.

Renewal applications must be made at least 1 month before and no earlier than 4 months before the expiry date. A certificate of registration for an electrical contractor is normally valid for 3 years.