

CYPRUS ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

THE LAW ON THE REGULATION OF THE ELECTRICITY MARKET OF 2021, L.130(I)/2021

REGULATORY DECISION NO. 02/2021

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR THE GRANTING OF GENERAL LICENSE

The Top Management of the Cyprus Energy Regulatory Authority (CERA), exercising the powers provided to it by Articles 9 and 27 of the Law on the Regulation of the Electricity Market of 2021, issues this Regulatory Decision regarding the determination of a regulatory framework for the granting of a General License.

This Regulatory Decision shall be referred to as the “General License Regulatory Framework”.

The Top Management of CERA taking into account the Law on the Regulation of the Electricity Market of 2021 (Law 130(I)/2021), and in particular the provisions of:

- Article 5(3), according to which CERA grants, controls, imposes, modifies, suspends, revokes, terminates, transfers and extends licenses,
- Article 26, according to which it is prohibited for any person to carry out the activity of construction of a power plant or electricity generation without obtaining a license from CERA,
- Article 27(1), according to which the CERA grants a general license, the regulatory framework of which is determined by a regulatory decision for the following activities:
  - (a) generation of electricity from power plants that are not connected to the transmission or distribution system;
  - (b) generation of electricity from power plants with a maximum capacity of up to 20kW;
  - (c) generation of electricity for own use from systems with a capacity of up to 30kW;
  - (d) generation of electricity from renewable energy power plants with a capacity of up to 50kW;
  - (e) generation of electricity from small-scale high-efficiency cogeneration plants in accordance with the definition provided in the Law on the Promotion of Energy Efficiency in Heating and Cooling and Power Cogeneration;
- Article 9(1)(d), according to which CERA may, for the purposes of granting a general license, take regulatory decisions setting out the relevant terms and conditions, including the determination and payment of the relevant fees, as well as the form through which the applicant accepts the relevant terms and conditions and communicates the required information to CERA,
- Article 27(2), according to which the general license is published in the Official Gazette of the Republic and on the CERA website and includes terms and conditions, notification fees and annual fees and a notification form,
- Article 27(3), according to which:
  - (a) provided that the provisions of paragraphs (b) and (c) are met and the terms and conditions of subsection (2) are met, the person concerned may engage in the activities referred to in subsection (1) only upon submission of the required notification form to CERA;
  - (b) CERA shall, within one month from the date of receipt of the notification form of paragraph (a), evaluate the notification and in case it finds that it does not meet the terms and conditions of the category of general license for which the relevant form was submitted, it shall notify the person concerned in writing to take appropriate corrective actions and/or to submit additional information;
  - (c) the date of entry into force of the general license in the category for which the relevant notification form has been submitted in accordance with paragraph (a) is one month after the date of receipt of the notification form by CERA provided that CERA has not acted in the way provided for in paragraph (b). In the event that CERA requests the person concerned to take appropriate corrective actions and/or to submit additional information in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b), the date of entry into force of the general license shall be the one on which, at CERA's discretion, adequate and satisfactory corrective actions were taken and/or sufficient and satisfactory additional information was provided by the person concerned.
- Article 49(1) according to which (a) installations or aggregated production units of renewables self-consumers and demonstration projects, with an electrical capacity of 10,8 kW or less, or equivalent for

connections other than three-phase connections, are to be connected to the grid following a notification to the Distribution System Operator; and (b) the procedure referred to in paragraph (a) shall be extended to power plants or concentrated power plants with a generating capacity greater than 10.8kW and up to 50kW, provided that grid stability, grid reliability and grid safety are maintained.

- Article 33, according to which CERA keeps a Register of all licenses issued in accordance with the provisions of Articles 26 and 27 and the exemptions from the obligation to hold a license which are granted in accordance with paragraph (4) of Article 27 and determines how to keep this Register;

and also taking into account:

- the Draft Regulatory Decision issued by CERA on the subject matter, which was published on November 12, 2021 in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Cyprus, on the CERA website and in the media, at which time it was put out for consultation and the interested parties were invited to submit their comments, objections and/or representations within four (4) weeks from the date of publication;
- the comments, objections and/or representations submitted by interested parties on the Draft Regulatory Decision, where CERA, in the context of full transparency with a relevant Notice, dated 14 December 2021, posted on its website a General Table with the aggregated comments, objections and/or representations received;
- the analysis of the results of the consultation, where CERA in the context of full transparency, with a relevant Notice, dated 17 December 2021, posted on its website a General Table with CERA's positions on all the reported comments, objections and/or representations taken during the consultation;

and whereas:

- in accordance with Directive (EU) 2019/944 on common rules for the internal electricity market, Article 8(3), the authorization procedure for small, decentralized and/or distributed generation should be simplified and streamlined and take into account their limited size and potential impact;
- in particular, for the installations described in Article 49(1) of the Law on the Regulation of the Electricity Market of 2021 (Law 130(I)/2021), it must be ensured that no disproportionate delays are caused in the licensing process.
- The amount of the general license fee should be proportionate to the capacity and the nature of the activities for which the general license is granted,

#### DECIDED

1. All those interested in obtaining a General License, pursuant to Article 27 of the Law on the Regulation of the Electricity Market, must submit a duly completed Notification Form (Annex I) accompanied by all required documents and notification fees. The Notification Form is submitted electronically, as an attachment to a blank message sent to [gl@cera.org.cy](mailto:gl@cera.org.cy) with the subject line "Notification Form for General License". Forms which are not sufficiently completed will not be reviewed. CERA will acknowledge receipt of the Notification Form by sending a reply e-mail to the interested party. The General License is granted and enter into force one month after the date of receipt of the Notification Form by CERA and provided that no additional information or corrective actions have been requested in writing by CERA.
2. For installations or aggregated production units of renewables self-consumers and demonstration projects, with an electrical capacity of 10,8 kW or less, or equivalent for connections other than three-phase connections, or installations or aggregated production units with a generating capacity greater than 10.8kW and up to 50kW, provided that the Distribution System Operator considers that the grid stability, grid reliability and grid safety are maintained, the General License Notification Form is considered to be the network connection notification form submitted to the Distribution System Operator, in accordance with the Distribution System Operator Terms of Mandate for connection to the distribution network following mere notification (Annex II). For the plants referred to in this paragraph, the General License shall enter into force on the date of their connection to the distribution network.
3. The term of validity of a General License shall be thirty (30) years from the day it enters into force.
4. All holders of a General License must comply with the General License Terms (Annex III) and pay the annual fees according to the activity they carry out (Annex IV). In the event that it is found, following a relevant investigation by CERA, that the holder of a General License has provided false or misleading information in

the Notification Form or violates any terms of the General License and/or a regulatory decision or decision of CERA and/or provision of the Law on the Regulation of the Electricity Market and the Regulations issued thereunder, CERA may impose administrative sanctions as provided in the Law on the Regulation of the Electricity Market.

5. When the holder of a General License, with the exception of a General License granted for the activities referred to in paragraph 2, makes any changes to the details that affect the General License or terminates the activity for which a General License has been granted, they must inform CERA within one (1) month by completing the relevant Details Change Form (Annex V) or the General License termination form (Annex VI), respectively.
6. CERA will maintain a register of General Licenses, which will be available for inspection by the public in the same way that CERA's Register of Licenses is available for inspection.
7. This Regulatory Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 2022.
8. As of the date of entry into force of this Regulatory Decision, CERA Decision No 28/2005 of 11/03/2005, CERA Decision No 204/2020 of 23/06/2020 and CERA Decision No 262/2020 of 18/08/2020 are revoked.

It is understood that the power plants that were put into operation before 1 January 2022 under the Decisions revoked by this Regulatory Decision shall continue to operate without the obligation to obtain a General License.

CYPRUS ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
NOTIFICATION FORM FOR A GENERAL LICENSE

1. Details of the person concerned

Full name: .....

ID Card No / Company Registration No: .....

Telephone: ..... Fax: .....

Email: .....

Mailing address or, in the case of a legal person, registered office:

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2. Operating status of the plant

- Autonomous power generator up to 100kW
- Autonomous power generator of 100kW or more
- Power generator connected to the grid for commercial purposes up to 20kW
- Power Generator up to 30kW for own use in premises connected to the grid
- Autonomous RES plant (no limitation in power)
- RES plant greater than 10.8kW up to 50kW for own use in premises connected to the grid
- RES plant for commercial purposes up to 50kW
- High efficiency small-scale heat and power cogeneration plant up to 50kW

3. RES technology (select as applicable)

- Photovoltaic system                       Wind farm                       Biogas plant
- Biomass plant                       Solar thermal plant
- Hydroelectric plant                       Other .....

4. Installed capacity of the power plant: ..... kW

5. Location of the plant

- Fixed Unit (RES/Generator)

Sheet/Plan:....., Section:....., Plot:.....

Municipality/Community: ....., District: .....

- Mobile Unit (Generator)

Manufacturer/Model ..... Serial number .....

PROCEDURE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE FORM AND ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE GENERAL LICENSE

The Notification Form is submitted electronically, as an attachment to a blank message sent to [gl@cera.org.cy](mailto:gl@cera.org.cy) with the subject line "Notification Form for General License". Forms that are not adequately filled in or are submitted to an incorrect e-mail address will not be received.

Pursuant to Article 27(3)(c) of Law 130(I)/2021, the effective date of the general license is one month after the date of receipt of the notification form by CERA. In case corrective actions or additional information are requested from CERA, the date of entry into force of the general license will be the one that, at CERA's discretion, sufficient and satisfactory corrective actions have been taken or sufficient and satisfactory additional information has been submitted by the interested person.

SOLEMN DECLARATION

I declare responsibly that the plant fully complies with all the terms of the General License and has obtained all necessary permits and/or approvals and/or authorizations required by any other law.

In case the installation plot is not privately owned, I declare that I have obtained all necessary approvals and authorizations from the owner of the plot for the construction and operation of the plant.

I declare responsibly that all of the above is true. In case of false or misleading statement, I am aware that I will have committed a criminal offense and, if convicted, I will be subject to imprisonment not exceeding three (3) years or to a fine not exceeding ninety thousand euros (€ 90,000) and/or both. I am also aware that in case I am granted a General License based on false information or in case I violate any term of the General License and/or Regulatory Decision or Decision of CERA and/or provision of Law 130(I)/2021 and the Regulations issued thereunder, I may be subject to an administrative fine or suspension or revocation of the General License.

I undertake that for any change in the data affecting the General License, I will inform CERA within one (1) month by filling the relevant form.

I authorize CERA to verify, in cooperation with other competent departments, as much of the information contained in this form as it deems necessary.

The information contained in this form may be used to create the Register of General Licenses.

Signature/Seal, Interested person: ..... Date: .....

Name: .....

Title of the signatory: .....

INFORMATION ON THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

For the evaluation of the notification form, CERA will process any personal data included in the form. Subject to the provisions of Law 130(I)/2021, after a General License is granted, a Register of General Licenses will be kept, which will be publicly available for inspection and which will contain the personal data that may be included in it.

Personal data subjects have, under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679, the right to information, access, rectification, deletion, restriction of processing, data portability, objection, opposition to automated decision making and complaint, either by contacting the Data Protection Officer of CERA at dataprotection@cera.org.cy, or by filing a complaint to the Personal Data Protection Commissioner if their requests are not satisfied by CERA.

FORM OF AUTHORISATION FOR NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL LICENSE

I hereby authorize ....., with ID Card No ..... to submit this General License Notification Form on my behalf.

Signature/Seal, Interested person: ..... Date: .....

Name: .....

Title of the signatory: .....

## ANNEX II

### CYPRUS ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### TERMS OF AUTHORIZATION OF THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OPERATOR FOR CONNECTION TO THE DISTRIBUTION NETWORK FOLLOWING MERE NOTIFICATION OF CONNECTION

installations or aggregated production units of renewables self-consumers and demonstration projects, with an electrical capacity of 10,8 kW or less, or equivalent for connections other than three-phase connections, or installations or aggregated production units with a generating capacity greater than 10.8kW and up to 50kW, provided that the Distribution System Operator considers that the grid stability, grid reliability and grid safety are maintained, shall be connected to the grid following mere notification of connection to the DSO, which shall meet the following conditions:

- Upon submission of the connection notification form by the interested person, the required documents shall be checked and the connection notification forms shall be received, which are prima facie accompanied by all the required data, certificates, supporting documents and the respective fee as submitted by the DSO and approved by CERA, which reflects the cost of handling the notification, the cost of the meter, the check and the connection of the plant.
- Within a period of one month from the date of submission of the connection notification form, the DSO shall either approve or reject the requested connection to the grid or propose an alternative grid connection point for justified safety reasons or technical incompatibility of system components.
- In case of a positive decision by the DSO, or in case no decision is made by the DSO within one month of the notification of connection, it will be considered that the connection to the grid has been approved.
- The DSO shall maintain a central register of connection notifications and approvals/rejections, which shall be available to CERA, and which shall include the unit number of the connection notification, the location of the plant, the name of the interested person and its telephone number, mailing address and e-mail address, the requested capacity, the meter number, the technical parameters of the plant and the date of connection.
- The DSO shall submit to CERA a monthly report with aggregated data on the number and total capacity of the plants that have been connected following mere connection notification.
- The DSO shall ensure that the personal data of each interested person are protected in accordance with the provisions of the Law on the Processing of Personal Data (Protection of Individuals).

CYPRUS ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
TERMS OF GENERAL LICENSE

The General License is granted under the following conditions:

1. INTERPRETATION

The words, terms and expressions to which the Law on the Regulation of the Electricity Market of 2021 and the Licensing Regulations of 2004, as amended or replaced, have given a definition, shall have the same meaning in this General License.

2. CHANGE OF DATA AND/OR CLOSURE OF THE POWER PLANT

When the holder of a General License makes a change in the data affecting the General License or terminates the activity for which a General License has been granted, they must inform CERA within one (1) month by completing the relevant Details Change Form or the General License Termination Form respectively. Upon notice of termination by the holder of the General License, all rights and obligations arising from the General License shall cease.

3. COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW ON THE REGULATION OF THE ELECTRICITY MARKET AND THE REGULATIONS AND DECISIONS DERIVING THEREFROM.

The holder of the General License shall ensure that all activities covered by the General License comply at all times with the Law on the Regulation of the Electricity Market of 2021 and all Regulations and Decisions deriving therefrom, as well as with all subsequent revisions and amendments to such Law and Regulations.

In case of failure of the holder of a General License to comply with any provision of such Law or the Regulations and decisions resulting therefrom or the specific terms and conditions set out in the General License, CERA shall be entitled to impose an administrative fine or to suspend or revoke the General License pursuant to Article 15 of the Law on the Regulation of the Electricity Market.

4. COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE ELECTRICITY MARKET RULES, THE TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RULES AND OTHER LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The holders of a General License shall ensure that -

- A. They shall not act in a manner that violates the Law or the Electricity Market Rules or the Transmission and Distribution Rules in force from time to time.
- B. The activities covered by this license shall comply with any other Regulations or Rules to which they are subject in accordance with the Laws in force in the Republic of Cyprus.
- C. The General License does not exempt the holder from the obligation to obtain any other approvals or licenses required by the Laws and Regulations of the Republic of Cyprus.

5. AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF THE SYSTEM AND OTHER AGREEMENTS

The holder of a General License shall, where required, enter into such agreements for the use of the System and such agreements with the Distribution System Operator as are necessary for the activities for which the General License has been granted and shall comply with the terms of such agreements.

6. FEES

The holder of a General License is obliged to pay to CERA all fees as specified in a CERA's Regulatory Decision, depending on the category to which the activities covered by the General License fall.

7. TERM OF VALIDITY OF THE GENERAL LICENSE

The term of validity of a General License shall be thirty (30) years from which it enters into force.

## ANNEX IV

CYPRUS ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
LIST OF GENERAL LICENSE FEES

DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANT	NOTIFICATION FEE (€)	ANNUAL FEE (€)
Autonomous power generator up to 100kW	0	0
Autonomous power generator of 100kW or more	0	0.68344/kW installed generation capacity
Power generator connected to the grid for commercial purposes up to 20kW	0	0
Power Generator up to 30kW for own use in premises connected to the grid	0	0
Autonomous RES plant of unlimited capacity	0	0
RES plant up to 50kW for own use in premises connected to the grid	0	0
RES plant for commercial purposes up to 50kW	0	0.68344/kW installed generation capacity
High efficiency small-scale heat and power cogeneration plant up to 50kW	0	0



ANNEX V

CYPRUS ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
GENERAL LICENSE DETAILS CHANGE FORM

1. General License Number .....
2. Interested person's details - *Please fill it in only if there is a change in the details*  
Full name: .....  
ID Card No / Company Registration No: .....  
Telephone: ..... Fax: .....  
Email: .....  
Mailing address or, in the case of a legal person, registered office:  
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3. Status of the power plant - *Select only if there is a change in the details*
  - Autonomous power generator up to 100kW
  - Autonomous power generator of 100kW or more
  - Power generator connected to the grid for commercial purposes up to 20kW
  - Power Generator up to 30kW for own use in premises connected to the grid
  - Autonomous RES plant of unlimited capacity
  - RES plant up to 50kW for own use in premises connected to the grid
  - RES plant for commercial purposes up to 50kW
  - High efficiency small-scale heat and power cogeneration plant up to 50kW
4. RES technology - *Select only if there is a change in the details*
  - Photovoltaic system                       Wind farm                       Biogas plant
  - Biomass plant                       Solar thermal plant
  - Hydroelectric plant                       Other .....
5. Installed capacity of the power plant - *Please fill it in only if there is a change in the details*  
..... kW
6. Location of the production plant - *Please fill it in only if there is a change in the details*
  - Fixed Unit  
Sheet/Plan:....., Section:....., Plot:.....  
Municipality/Community: ....., District: .....
  - Mobile Unit

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING A GENERAL LICENSE DETAILS CHANGE FORM

The Details Change form is submitted electronically, as an attachment to a blank message sent to [gl@cera.org.cy](mailto:gl@cera.org.cy) with the subject line "General License Details Change Form".

SOLEMN DECLARATION

I declare responsibly that the plant fully complies with all the terms of the General License and has obtained all necessary permits and/or approvals and/or authorizations required by any other law.

In case the installation plot is not privately owned, I declare that I have obtained all necessary approvals and authorizations from the owner of the plot for the construction and operation of the plant.

I declare responsibly that all of the above is true. In case of false or misleading statement, I am aware that I will have committed a criminal offense and, if convicted, I will be subject to imprisonment not exceeding three (3) years or to a fine not exceeding ninety thousand euros (€ 90,000) and/or both. I am also aware that in case I am granted a General License based on false information or in case I violate any term of the General License and/or Regulatory Decision or Decision of CERA and/or provision of Law 130(I)/2021 and the Regulations issued thereunder, I may be subject to an administrative fine or suspension or revocation of the General License.

I undertake that for any change in the data affecting the General License, I will inform CERA within one (1) month by filling the relevant form.

I authorize CERA to verify, in cooperation with other competent departments, as much of the information contained in this form as it deems necessary.

The information contained in this form may be used to create the Register of General Licenses.

Signature/Seal of the holder of the General License: ..... Date: .....

Name: .....

Title of the signatory: .....

INFORMATION ON THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

CERA will process any personal data included in this form and will inform the Register of General Licenses, in accordance with the provisions of Law 130(I)/2021.

Personal data subjects have, under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679, the right to information, access, rectification, deletion, restriction of processing, data portability, objection, opposition to automated decision making and complaint, either by contacting the Data Protection Officer of CERA at dataprotection@cera.org.cy, or by filing a complaint to the Personal Data Protection Commissioner if their requests are not satisfied by CERA.

AUTHORISATION TO SUBMIT A FORM OF CHANGES IN THE DETAILS OF THE GENERAL LICENSE

I hereby authorize ....., with ID Card No ..... to submit this Details Change Form on my behalf.

Signature/Seal of the holder of the General License: .....

Date: .....

Name: .....

Title of the signatory: .....

CYPRUS ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
GENERAL LICENSE TERMINATION FORM

General License Number .....

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING A GENERAL LICENSE TERMINATION FORM

The termination form is submitted electronically, as an attachment to a blank message sent to [gl@cera.org.cy](mailto:gl@cera.org.cy) with the subject line "General License Termination Form".

SOLEMN DECLARATION

I declare responsibly that the activities covered by the General License have been terminated.

I declare responsibly that all of the above is true. In case of false or misleading statement, I am aware that I will have committed a criminal offense and, if convicted, I will be subject to imprisonment not exceeding three (3) years or to a fine not exceeding ninety thousand euros (€ 90,000) and/or both.

I authorize CERA to verify, in cooperation with other competent departments, as much of the information contained in this form as it deems necessary.

The information contained in this form may be used to update the Register of General Licenses.

Signature/Seal of the holder of the General License: ..... Date: .....

Name: .....

Title of the signatory: .....

FORM OF AUTHORISATION TO TERMINATE A GENERAL LICENCE

I hereby authorize ....., with ID Card No .....  
....., to submit this General License Termination Form on my behalf.

Signature/Seal of the holder of the General License: .....

Date: .....

Name: .....

Title of the signatory: .....