

This page provides general information regarding becoming involved in the electricity market in Northern Ireland – including legislation, licencing and the various processes that may be involved.

Legislation underpins the control of certain activities related to the electricity industry (prohibited activities). There are several main pieces of applicable legislation when considering whether a licence is required for the activity you wish to carry out:

- The Electricity (Class Exemptions from the Requirement for a Licence) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (as amended)
- The Electricity Order (Northern Ireland) 1992 (as amended)
- The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (as amended)
- The Electricity (Applications for Licences and Extensions of Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) various years – check for latest publication.
- Electricity Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007

All the above and other pieces of legislation relating to electricity and energy can be accessed and/or purchased on the website of the [Office of Public Sector Information](#) (incorporating the online branch of Her Majesty's Stationary Office (HMSO)).

Application forms for licences, along with specimen licences can be viewed by clicking on the appropriate link below:

- [Electricity Generation Licence Application Form](#)
- [Electricity Supply Licence Application Form](#)
- [Electricity Generation Licence](#)
- [Electricity Supply Licence](#)

For any advice on connections to the electricity grid, please contact NIE Plc, 120 Malone Road, Belfast BT9 5HT, for queries specific to renewables or embedded generation see [NIE Plc's website](#).

For information relating to becoming involved in the Single Electricity Market (SEM), please visit the [Single Market Operator's website](#) (If you're asking "What is the SEM?" – Then click [HERE](#)).