

WEST BENGAL FIRE SERVICE ACT, 1950

Fire Safety Certificate and fire License are required under West Bengal Fire Service Act, 1950 and amended thereof from time to time. The prescribed format of application available under Application Form option.

Fire License:

To be obtained for setting up new industries/establishment for carrying out business/manufacturing and storing of dangerous, hazardous inflammable items, explosive items in the factory premises where the units are housed, come under this category of high risk building and to be guided as per Notification No. 279/DS/FS/O/C-1/FIA-3/96 dated 08.07.2013 issued by Fire and Emergency Service Department of West Bengal.

Application with fire license is to be made at the office of Dy. Director, Fire Services, Siliguri Fire Station Complex, Station Feeder Road, Siliguri, Ph.: 0353 2502222/1867 for North Bengal Districts (Malda, Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur, Jalpaiguri, Alipurduar, Darjeeling, Cooch Behar). Application for South Bengal Districts is to be made at the office of Collector in License Section of Fire Brigade Headquarters at 13D, Mirza Galib Street, Kolkata – 700 016, Ph.: 033 22252222-8. Fire License will be issued or renewed from the same place where application is received.

Application is to be made with the following attachments

- a) Two copies of Site Plan of warehouse/workshop drawn to scale of 1 cm: 1 meter
- b) Statement showing the name and maximum quantity of hazardous substances to be stored/processed/or both in the premises at any point of time.
- c) Statement giving details of fire services i.e. number of full time fire personnel and their qualifications, names of fire prevention and fire safety appliances in the building.
- d) Statements giving structure and nature of occupancy within immediate 20 all round the proposed warehouse/workshop.
- e) Fire Safety Certificate if applicable for the building (please see Notification No. 279/DS/FS/O/C-1/FIA-3196 dated 8th July, 2003)

Classification of establishment has been made on the basis of category A,B & C on the basis of their operational areas of high risk building including inter alia

For Class A: the building above 14.5 mtrs in height or more than 5000 Cu. Mtrs.,

For Class 'B' High risk building for minimum height of 7 mtrs and maximum 14.5 mtrs with coverage area of maximum 5000 – 2000 Cu. Mtrs.

For C below 7 meters higher or below 2000 Cu.meters

Fire Safety Certificate

To ensure that the buildings are built and maintained with adequate safeguards to prevent the occurrence of fire or to contain fires occurring in a high risk building as defined under section 2(hb) of the West Bengal Fire Services Act, 1950. This includes all high rise buildings greater than 14.5 meters in height and buildings as notified in Notification No. 279/DS/FS/O/C-1/FIA-3196 dated 8th July, 2003

Section 11C of the Act provides for the issue of the Fire Safety Certificate (FSC) for a high risk building.

Applications for South Bengal Districts are to be made at the office of Director General Fire and Emergency Services(DGFES), at the Fire Brigade Headquarters at 13D, Mirza Galib Street, Kolkata – 700 016, Ph: 033 22252222-8. Applications for North Bengal Districts(Malda, U.Dinajpur, D. Dinajpur, Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri, Cooch Behar, Alipurduar) are to be made at office of Dy. Director Fire Services(DDFS), siliguri Fire Station Complex, Station Feeder Road, Siliguri Ph: 0353 2502222/1867. Fire Safety Certificate would be issued or renewed from the same place where application was received.

Application is to be made with the following attachments:

- a) Two sets of architectural plan drawing signed by the owner/occupier and architect consisting of site plan, key plan, floor-wise plan, section plan, elevation plan, roof plan and floor wise area statement.
- b) Plan of the building with its occupancy and use.
- c) Structural Plan
- d) Ownership/tenancy documents.

Notification relating to High-risk-Building

Notification No. 279/DS/FS/O/C-1/FIA-3/96—8th July, 2003--- In exercise of the power conferred by clause(hb) of Section 2 of the West Bengal Fire Services Act, 1950 (West Ben. Act XVIII of 1950), the Governor is pleased hereby to specify the following building or part of a building as high-risk building:-

- a) building or part of a building used for storage, handling, manufacturing or processing of highly combustible or explosive materials or products which are likely to burn or be inflamed easily;
- b) building or part of a building used for storage, handling manufacturing or processing of materials or products which may produce poisonous fumes or may result in explosion;
- c) building or part of a building used for manufacturing or processing of materials or products, by using highly corrosive or noxious alkalis, acids or other liquids or chemicals which may cause explosion or produce poisonous, irritant or corrosive fumes or gases;
- d) building or part of a building used for storage, handling, manufacturing or processing of any material producing explosive mixtures of dust which may result in division of such material into fine particles subject to spontaneous ignition;
- e) building or part of a building used for storage under pressure of more than 0.1 N/mm² and exceeding 70 m³ of acetylene, ammonia, carbon di-oxide, chlorine, hydrogen, methyl oxide, phosgene, sulphur di-oxide, illuminating and natural gases or all other gases likely to explode, or emit toxic or cryogenic fumes or gases;
- f) building or part of a building used for storage and handling of hazardous and highly flammable liquids, liquefiable gases, like Liquefied Petroleum Gas, rocket propellant etc;
- g) building or part of a building used for storage and handling of hazardous substances other than liquids, including wood and cotton;
- h) building or part of a building used for manufacture of ammunition and fireworks;
- i) building or part of a building used for manufacture of artificial flowers and synthetic leather;
- j) building or part of a building used for a housing complex having more than eight dwelling units;
- k) building or part of a building of an underground structure including underground transit system;
- l) building or part of a building used for power generation and distribution centre, transformer house, industrial switch-gear room, major electrical installation or a telephone exchange;
- m) building or part of a building used for airport hanger and airport terminal, railway station, car shed and yard;
- n) building or part of a building used for hotel, restaurant, club with bar facilities, parlour with sauna-bath facilities, guest-house and dharmasalas;

- o) building with multi-purpose occupancy;
 - p) building or part of a building used for public entertainment and public assembly;
 - q) building or part of a building used for hospital, nursing home, sanatorium or laboratory;
 - r) building or part of a building used for library, museum, archaeological centre or research centre;
 - s) building or part of a building used for shopping complex, market, katra or a shop for selling fire-works.
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