



PUBLIC NOTICE

LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION

The Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority (BERA) wishes to remind the public, developers, investors, and organisations that generating electricity for supply to others, or for sale, requires a license under Section 35 of the BERA Act, unless the activity is specifically exempted.

BERA has observed an increase in proposed large-scale solar projects, including Expressions of Interest and publicly advertised Environmental Impact Assessments. Please note that:

- An Expression of Interest, EIA approval, land allocation, or any other permit does not constitute a license to generate electricity.
- A license must be obtained before commencing construction or operation.
- Carrying out licensable activities without a license is an offence under the Act; it attracts a penalty, and the project may not be permitted to connect to the grid or sell power.

Anyone or any entity planning an electricity generation project is encouraged to contact BERA at an early stage for guidance on licensing requirements, application procedures, fees, and timelines:

CAUTION!