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# Guide to Registration

## Registration Services of the Construction Industry Authority (CIA)

One of the core activities of the CIA is the registration of Contractors, Consultants, Suppliers and Service Providers. Registration with the CIA is a precondition in Bidding Documents. Registration provides some comfort to clients who are hence reassured of an effective servicedelivery.





## CONSULTANTS

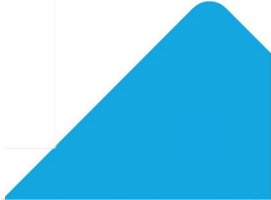
According to the CIA Act, no firm is allowed to offer consultancy services in Mauritius, unless it is registered under the CIA Act. However, an independent professional who is consultancy services is not required to be registered under the provisions of the CIA Act.

A Consultant means a firm that provides consultancy services in the construction industry in Mauritius, and includes foreign consultants and joint venture of consultants.

**Application** can be made via CIA's online E-registration system at <https://cidbregistration.govmu.org/> for the following:

- Registration as a Local Consultant
- Renewal of Registration as a Local Consultant
- Registration as a Foreign Consultant (Provisional Registration)
- Registration as a Foreign Consultant (Temporary Registration)
- Registration as Joint Venture Consultant (Provisional Registration)
- Registration as Joint Venture Consultant (Temporary Registration)

There are 15 Fields of Specialisation under which a Consultancy Firm can register:

- Architecture
  - Building Surveying
  - Civil and Structural Engineering Services
  - Electrical Engineering Services
  - Environmental Engineering Services
  - Environmental Impact Assessment
  - Interior Design
  - Landscape Architecture
  - Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) Engineering Services
  - Mechanical Engineering Services
  - Project Management in Construction
  - Quantity Surveying
  - Strategic Environmental Assessment
  - Third Party Certification
  - Urban Planning
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## CONTRACTORS

According to the CIA Act, no individual or firm is allowed to undertake construction works in Mauritius, unless it is registered under the Construction Industry Authority (CIA) Act. A Contractor means an individual or firm that undertakes construction works in the construction industry in Mauritius, and includes foreign contractors and joint venture of contractors.

However, “micro-contractors” are exempted from this requirement to register and they are deemed to be local contractors.

Micro-contractor” means:

- an individual who is a citizen and undertakes construction works of the value less than MUR 1 million (excluding VAT) per contract; or
- a firm, the control of which is vested in a person who is a citizen, that undertakes construction works of the value MUR 1 million (excluding VAT) per contract. A firm is said to have “control” if at least 50% of the shares in that firm are vested in a person who is a citizen.

## CLASSES

There are 4 classes of works under which a Contractor can register:

- Building Construction Works
- Civil Engineering Construction Works
- Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Works (MEP Works)
- Specific Works  
(such as Plumbing Works, Electrical Works, Mechanical Works, Carpentry Works, Tiling Works, Metal Works, inter alia)

## GRADES

Contractors are classified into 4 grades namely, SMALL, MEDIUM I, MEDIUM II and LARGE. Each grade allows a Contractor to undertake construction up to a contract value. A Contractor is not allowed to undertake construction works above his Grade Limit.

The different grades of contractors are as follows:

Grading Designation	Value of contract a contractor is allowed to undertake (exclusive of VAT) (MUR)
Large	Up to any amount above 500 million
Medium I	Up to 500 million
Medium II	Up to 200 million
Small	Up to 20 million



## CRITERIA FOR REGISTRATION

The criteria for Registration of Contractors are as follows:

Grading Designation	Criteria (in MUR) <sup>Note 1</sup>	
	Route 1	Route 2
	2 No. Highest Value Projects (HVP) <i>(completed within last 5 years)</i>	Average Annual Turnover for Construction Works <i>(over last 5 years)</i>
<b>Large</b> <i>(No Limit)</i>	1.25 billion per project	300 million
<b>Medium I</b> <i>(Up to MUR 500 million)</i>	375 million per project	250 million
<b>Medium II</b> <i>(Up to MUR 200 million)</i>	150 million per project	100 million
<b>Small</b> <i>(Up to MUR 20 million)</i>	2 No. projects of cumulative value at least MUR 800,000	

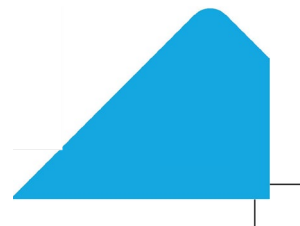
Note 1: A Contractor may be granted Registration, provided it satisfies AN ONE of the above two criteria, i.e either the HVP criterion or the Average Annual Turnover criterion.

Note 2: Where an application has been made by a joint venture contractor with at least one foreign contractor, then the Applicant joint venture shall be eligible to obtain the Grade of the highest graded party in that joint venture. (For example. if an application is made by a JV comprising “Medium I” and “Medium II” contractors, then the JV will obtain Grade “Medium I”).

Note : For local joint venture of contractors comprising solely local contractors, there is no restriction in terms of grading, that is the local joint ventures shall be issued certificates of registration without specifying the Grades.

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## SUPPLIERS

Under section 27(1) of the CIA Act, no person is allowed to import, manufacture or produce **construction materials** or **construction plant and equipment** specified in the Fourth Schedule to the CIA Act, unless he is registered as a supplier under this Act.

A “supplier” means an importer, a manufacturer or a producer of construction materials or construction plant and equipment as listed in the CIA Act and does not include **hardware shops**.

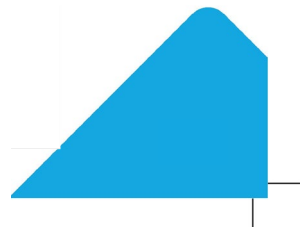
The construction materials specified in the Fourth Schedule are:

- Aggregates
- Aluminum
- Bitumen
- Boulders
- Cement
- Concrete blocks and bricks
- Paint and waterproofing materials
- Ready mix concrete
- Reinforcement bars and steel sections
- Timber

The construction plant and equipment specified in the Fourth Schedule are:

- Earth moving equipment
- Lifts, hoists, cranes, piling equipment and rigs
- Materials handling equipment
- Scaffolding.

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## SERVICE PROVIDERS

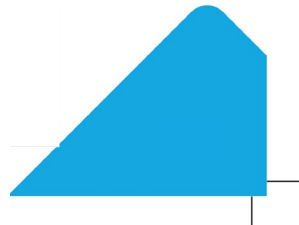
Under section 26(1) of the CIA Act, no person referred to in the Third Schedule to the CIA Act, is allowed to provide construction services unless he is registered as a service provider under this Act.

The Third Schdeule to the CIA Act lists the following persons as service providers:

- 1) Computer Aided Design (CAD) Operator for construction works, including Draughtsman; and
- 2) Technician in construction (holder of at least a diploma in a construction related field from a recognised institution)

Only individuals can be registered under the CIA Act, and not firms.

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