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THE PETROLEUM ACT,
(CAP. 392)

REGULATIONS

(Made under section 259)

THE PETROLEUM (RECONNAISSANCE AND TENDERING) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS, 2025

- Citation 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Petroleum (Reconnaissance and Tendering) (Amendment) Regulations, 2025 and shall be read as one with the Petroleum (Reconnaissance and Tendering) Regulations, 2019 hereinafter referred to as the “principal Regulations”.
- GN. No. 958 of 2019
- Amendment of regulation 3 2. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 3 by deleting the definition of the term “Public Procurement Regulatory Authority”.
- Amendment of regulation 18 3. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 18, by-
- (a) deleting subregulation (2) and substituting for it the following:
 - “(2) The bidding process under subregulation (1) shall consist of the following stages:
 - (a) announcement of bidding round and bids invitation;
 - (b) submission of bids;
 - (c) evaluation of received bids;
 - (d) petroleum agreement negotiations, where necessary;
 - (e) obtaining cabinet approval; and
 - (f) contract signing.”; and
 - (b) adding immediately after subregulation (2) the following:

“(3) Notwithstanding subregulation (2), the Authority may conduct pre-qualification to prospective bidders in accordance with prequalification guidelines.”.

Amendment
of regulation
19

4. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 19-

- (a) in subregulation (1)(d), by deleting the word “rules” and substituting for it the word “instruction”;
- (b) in subregulation (2) by-
 - (i) deleting the word “contributions” appearing in paragraph (c) and substituting for it the word “charges”;
 - and
 - (ii) deleting the words “in excess of the minimum set forth in section 35” appearing in paragraph (g); and
- (c) deleting subregulation (3).

Deletion and
substitution
of regulation
21

5. The principal Regulations are amended by deleting regulation 21 and substituting for it the following:

Application
for
prequalification 21. Where the Authority decides to conduct prequalification under subregulation 18 (3), a person who intends to apply for a petroleum agreement in a bidding round or through direct negotiations, shall apply for prequalification in accordance with prequalification guidelines.”.

Amendment
of regulation
22

6. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 22 by deleting subregulation (2) and substituting for it the following:

“(2) The technical qualification shall take into account the past and the current worldwide experience of the applicant in health, safety and environmental compliance, the size, nature and scope of the

petroleum projects in which the applicant has been involved as operator or as contractor.”.

Amendment
of regulation
26

7. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 26 by deleting subregulation (3) and substituting for it the following:

“(3) Where it is evident that the applicant has provided information that is false, or misleading in support of his application, such applicant shall be barred from participating in subsequent bidding rounds for a period up to five years depending on the gravity of the offence as prescribed in the respective guidelines.”.

Amendment
of regulation
28

8. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 28(1) by deleting the words “the PPRA tender’s portal, Tanzania procurement journal,”.

Amendment
of regulation
34

9. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 34 by-

- (a) deleting the word “eleven” appearing in subregulation (2) and substituting for it the word “fourteen”; and
- (b) deleting subregulation (3) and substituting for it the following:

“(3) In pursuance to subregulation (2), the Government Negotiation Team shall be comprised of:

- (a) three representatives from the Ministry responsible for Petroleum;
- (b) three representatives from the Authority;
- (c) three representatives from the National Oil Company;
- (d) one member representing the Attorney General;
- (e) one member representing the Ministry of Finance;

- (f) one member representing the Tanzania Tax Authority; and
- (g) any other member as the Minister may appoint based on the proposal of the Authority.”.

Deletion and substitution of regulation 35

10. The principal Regulations are amended by deleting regulation 35 and substituting for it the following:

“Instruction to Government Negotiation Team

35.-(1) The basis for negotiation shall be the Model Petroleum Agreement and other directives from the Government.

(2) In addition to subregulation (1), the Minister may prepare and issue a code of conduct for the Government Negotiation Team.”.

Deletion of regulation 36

11. The principal Regulations are amended by deleting regulation 36.

Amendment of regulation 37

12. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 37(5) by deleting the repeated word “may”.

Deletion of regulations 39, 40 and 41

13. The principal Regulations are amended by deleting regulations 39, 40 and 41.

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5th August, 2025

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