



Licensing and certification procedure in the gas market

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Legal framework



- 1. The aspects of licensing and certification of enterprises operating in the natural gas sector are covered in the Law on natural gas nr.108/2016.**
 - Main type of activities in the natural gas sector which require a license;
 - General principles for licensing activities in the natural gas sector;
 - General requirements for obtaining licenses;
 - Aspects concerning the public service obligations of enterprises in the sector;
 - The sphere of activity for the natural gas sector participants, and special conditions for externalizing certain activities by the license holders;
 - Rights and obligations of the license holders;
 - Conditions for the suspension, withdrawal and extension of licenses.

License issuance requirements



1. Licenses for the **supply of natural gas** are granted to natural persons or legal entities registered the Republic of Moldova, while activities such as **production, transport, distribution and storage** are granted exclusively to legal entities;
2. Every particular set of licensed activities has certain **minimum requirements** the requesting party has to meet in order to be issued a license (e.g.: qualified personnel, necessary financial capital, an administrator with a clean legal record – with documental proof);
3. Licenses for activities such as supply, production, transmission, distribution and storage of natural gas are granted for a **period of 25 years**;
4. Licenses for activities involving the supply of compressed natural gas for vehicle fueling stations are granted for a **period of 10 years**;
5. The issuance cost for one license is approximately – **160 euros**.

Licensing procedure



1. The request form and the necessary documents are submitted to ANRE, which then registers it;
 - *The procedure can be done online with the use of a digital signature.*
2. The Agency then examines the attached dossier and informs the requesting party about any additional documents that need to be provided;
 - *The examination procedure term is suspended and resumed after the documents are presented.*
3. The Agency issues the license to the requesting party within 15 days of the submission of the request.
 - *The request is considered registered after the payment of the license fee by the requesting party.*
4. A license holder may request the extension for the term of the license in electronic form, and by paying the appropriate license fee.

Other legal requirements and mentions



1. Overall the principles and aspects of licensing, authorizing and certifying various types of regulated activities are governed by a separate **Law on the regulation of the entrepreneurial activity nr.160/2011**.
2. ANRE also developed Regulation nr.445/2021 on the issuance, extension, renewal and withdrawal of authorizations for closed looped natural gas distribution system operators.
3. In order to facilitate and provide a more cohesive and unified procedure to obtain a license, all requests submitted by interested parties are processed through a unified governmental services portal (**eGov.md**).