

Who or what activities are exempted?

Vehicle Emissions



The APR does not apply to operational releases from vehicles or any release from a government entity for the purpose of insect vector control. Operational releases specifically applies to emissions arising from the combustion of fuel in the engine, when used to provide motive power for the vehicle. This exemption does not apply to activities occurring on the vehicle (e.g. chemical spraying, other than government vehicles and the operation of industrial equipment on or affixed to the vehicle).



Outdoor fires

The APR is not intended to address indiscriminate outdoor fires or planned outdoor fires (e.g. Slash and burn agricultural practices). Under the Agricultural Fires Act Chapter 63:02, a permit obtainable from the nearest Fire Station is required to light outdoor fires during Fire Season (i.e. 01st December to 30th June of the following year). Failure to obtain a permit carries a fine of \$1500 and 6 months imprisonment.



Indoor Air Quality

The quality of indoor air at the workplace is governed by the Occupational Safety and Health Act Chap 88:08. The provisions under this Act also extends to persons visiting the premises.

Additional Notes



A National Register of Source Emitters is accessible at the EMA's Elizabeth Street office during normal working hours:
Monday to Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm

Potential applicants can contact the EMA to arrange a pre-application meeting.

Applicants have the right of appeal to the Environmental Commission, regarding final decisions of the EMA.

To file a complaint on air quality related matters contact the EMA's Help desk at 628-8042-44 ext. 2254.

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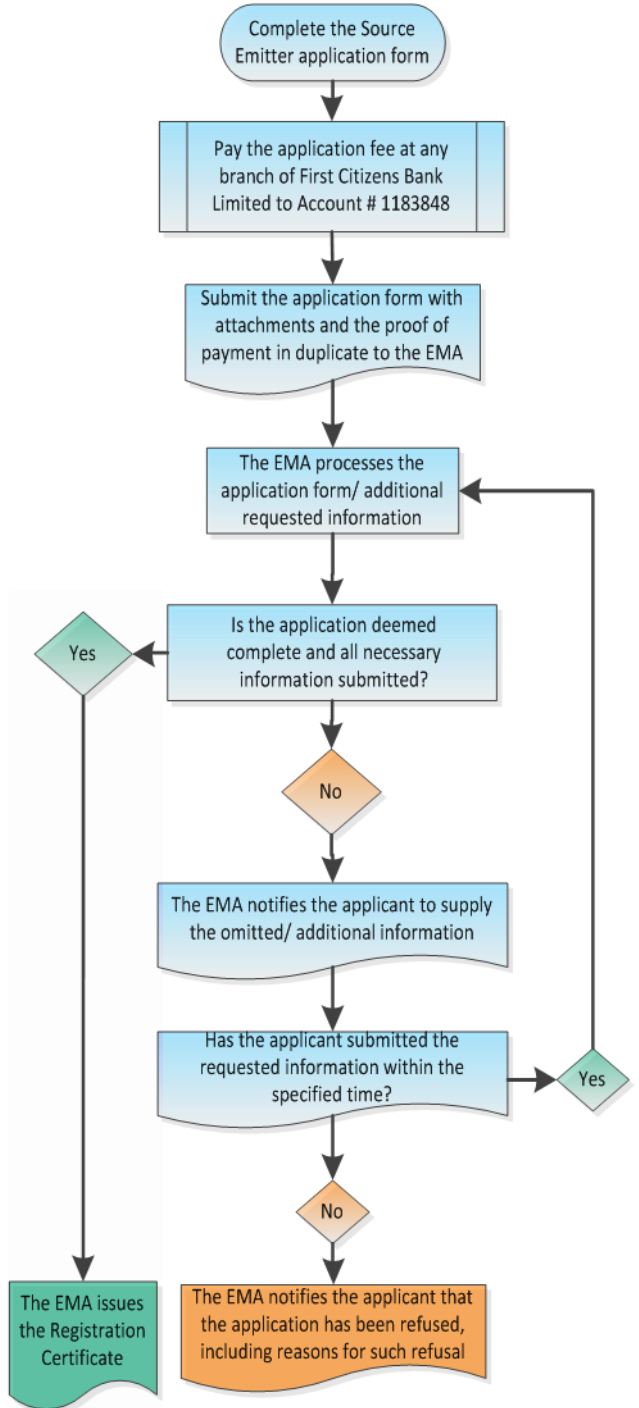


A Guide to Source Emitter Registration under the Air Pollution Rules, 2014

Environmental Management Act Chapter 35:05



Source Emitter Registration Process



What is an air pollutant?

Any substance released into the atmosphere above a specific quantity, concentration or level, or which otherwise has an impact on the atmosphere or climate.

Schedules 1 and 2 of the Air Pollution Rules, 2014 (APR) lists the maximum permissible levels of the parameters and substances which are not to be exceeded. Any emission arising from an activity identified in Schedule 3 of the APR is also considered an air pollutant.

What is Source Emitter Registration (SER)?

It is the process by which the owner or operator of a facility from which an air pollutant is known or proposed to be emitted, submits an application to register with the Environmental Management Authority (EMA).

What are the benefits of SER?

The SER process establishes an inventory of the types, quantities and locations of pollutants and their sources throughout the country. This information helps the government to strategically manage air pollution and thereby achieve its objective of safeguarding Ambient Air Quality and protecting public health from the adverse effects of air pollution.

Who needs to apply?

Any person/organisation that operates or intends to operate a facility from which an air pollutant is released, or conducts or intends to conduct, any activity listed in Schedule 3 of the APR.

How to apply?

The application form can be collected at any of the listed EMA branches or downloaded from the EMA’s website. Two hard copies and one soft copy (in PDF format) of the completed form and supporting documents must be submitted to the EMA with the proof of payment.

Is there a fee associated with registration?

Yes. The Air Pollution (Fees) Regulations, 2014 (APFR) outlines the fees payable. The amount to be paid is dependent on the size of the facility and is payable at any First Citizens Bank Limited to account number 1183848. Ensure that the facility or applicant’s name is on the receipt.

Facility Categorisation as defined by the APFR

FACILITY CATEGORY	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	ASSETS (\$TT)	SALES PER ANNUM (\$TT)	APPLICATION FEE (\$TT)
Mini & Micro	≤ 5	< 250,000	< 250,000	120
Small	6 - 25	250,000 - 1,500,000	250,000 - 5,000,000	2,500
Medium	26 - 50	1,500,000 - 5,000,000	5,000,000 - 10,000,000	7,000
Large	> 50	> 5,000,000	> 10,000,000	9,500

How long is the registration process?

The registration process will take a minimum of thirty (30) working days from receipt of the application. This time may be extended if the applicant omits any information required by the APR and/or the EMA requests additional information.