

**Report – 1st
Phase**

National Awareness Campaign on National Framework for Licensing of Electricians – Sri Lanka

Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka



Summery

National Framework for Licensing of Electricians Sri Lanka

The electrician occupation plays a key role in society as it deals with the electrical safety of people, properties and etc.

Sri Lanka reported 89 electrocutions in 2018. Drawing power lines illegally to protect cultivation or to kill wild animals has been identified as the main reasons for the highest number of electrocutions in the country while mistakes and carelessness during the activities near the power lines and improper or unsafe wiring (installation) and bad maintenance practices also have contributed largely to the electrocutions in 2018.

To address and mitigate this issues Sri Lanka's electricity sector regulator, Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka (PUCSL), with the support of Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA), National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA) and Vocational Training Authority (VTA) implemented a mechanism to establish an accepted professional status for electricians in the country by issuing licenses based on their qualifications and experiences.

The PUCSL also launched a nation-wide awareness campaign to aware all the electricians in Sri Lanka on the new framework. The awareness programme was held in the districts of Kandy, Batticaloa, Anuradhapura, Monaragala, Polonnaruwa and Ampara with the participation of 5180 electricians. The PUCSL will also plan to host programmes in Districts of Matale, Badulla and Nuwaraeliya in December this year with the estimated participation of 2400 electricians.

It is estimated that there are more than 21000 electricians working in the country and only a few of them are qualified in National Vocational Qualification (NVQ). Most of the wiring and maintenance of the households and other premises are carried out by electricians who have no recognized qualifications but have experience through practice. With the introduction of the new mechanism, all the electricians will be issued a temporary license, valid only for three (03) years to continue their work. For those who are qualified with National Vocational Qualification 3 (NVQ 3) and above is eligible to obtain a permanent license from CIDA, after proving their knowledge at an evaluation facilitated by the Evaluation Panel. For those who are not professionally qualified, but have hands-on experience, are given the opportunity to prove the competency and to qualify for NVQ levels through a process facilitated by CIDA, so that they can apply for the permanent license. With the permanent license, electricians can design, wire, test, the installation of domestic wiring (30 amps Signal phase) and issue a certificate to get the electrical connection which is accepted by CEB and LECO.

According to the mechanism, it is a must to produce the certification of an electrician with the permanent license, which states that the installation was designed, wired and tested, to receive the electrical connection to a domestic (up to 30A, single-phase). Electricians with permanent licenses can also carry-out the wiring, testing and installation of the three-phase 30 amps & 60 amps installation, subject to the design by a chartered engineer.

The mechanism will also provide a career ladder for the electricians, according to their professional level and expertise, starting from apprentice, junior electrician, senior electrician, master electrician and utility electricians.

Summery

Districts We Covered Y 2019



10

Districts -
Completed

Total Electricians Participated



8400

Electricians

Our Next Plan



15 Districts



Aware the
balance
estimated
number of
electricians
21,600

Methods we used for awareness



Direct meetings



Social Media



Media Coverage

The Most Attended Awareness Programme - Kandy District



1250



5761

Batticaloa District

Overview 09th August 2019 | National Framework for Licensing of Electricians in Sri Lanka

Participation

👁 500 Electricians

535 FB Viewers

**Event Manager –
A Jayasoorian**

Chief Guest

**Mr. M.Uthayakumar – District
Secretary, Batticaloa**

**Venue – Auditorium
of Manmunai North Divisional
Secretariat**

Sneak Peak



Kandy District

Overview 04th October 2019 | National Framework for Licensing of Electricians in Sri Lanka

Participation

👁 1250 Electricians

5761 FB Viewers

**Event Manager -
A. Jayasoorian**

Chief Guest

**Mr. D.M.N.G.G.T. Karunaratne -
District Secretary, Kandy**

**Venue : Auditorium of Kandy
Secretariat**

Sneak Peak



Ampara District

Overview 17th October 2019 | National Framework for Licensing of Electricians in Sri Lanka

Participation

👁 1150 Electricians

**Event Managers –
A. Jayasoorian &
S. Abeygunawardane**

Chief Guest

**Mr. D.M.L.Bandaranayake –
District Secretary, Kandy**

**Venue: Auditorium of Hardy
Advanced Technological
Institute**

Sneak Peak



Polonnaruwa District

Overview 29th November 2019 | National Framework for Licensing of Electricians in Sri Lanka

Participation

800 Electricians

1900 FB Viewers

**Event Manager –
S. Abeygunawardane**

Chief Guest

Mr. Panduka S.P. Abewardhana
– District Secretary,
Polonnaruwa

**Venue : Municipal Council
Hall – Buddhi Mandabaya**

Sneak Peak



Monaragala District

Overview 05th December 2019 | National Framework for Licensing of Electricians in Sri Lanka

Participation

700 Electricians

1000 FB Viewers

**Event Manager –
T. Dhanushka**

Chief Guest

**Mrs. D.S. Pathmakulasooriya –
District Secretary,
Monaragala**

**Venue : Auditorium of
National Library**

Sneak Peak



Mrs. D.S. Pathmakulasooriya – District Secretary, Monaragala



Mr Nilantha Sapumanage, Director – PUCSL

Anuradhapura District

Overview 13th December 2019 | National Framework for Licensing of Electricians in Sri Lanka

Participation

800 Electricians

1100 FB Viwers

**Event Manager –
S. Abeygunawardane**

Chief Guest

**Mr. K.G.Kirithi Gamage –
Additional District Secretary,
Anuradhapura**

**Venue :Yovun Nikethanaya –
Auditorium of National Youth
Service Council**

Sneak Peak



Badulla District

Overview 19th December 2019 | National Framework for Licensing of Electricians in Sri Lanka

Participation

800 Electricians

2065 FB Viwers

Event Manager - T. Dhanushka

Chief Guest

W M R Ranjith
- Additional District Secretary,
Badulla

**Venue :Auditorium of Postal
Building Badulla**

Sneak Peak



Nuwaraeliya District

Overview 27th December 2019 | National Framework for Licensing of Electricians in Sri Lanka

Participation

750 Electricians

1540 FB Viewers

**Event Manager
A. Jayasoorian**

Chief Guest

Amila Navarathne
Additional District Secretary,
Badulla

Venue :Cinecita Town Hall

Sneak Peak



Mr. Amila Navarathne – Additional District Secretary – Nuwaraeliya



Matale District

Overview 24th December 2019 | National Framework for Licensing of Electricians in Sri Lanka

Participation

 **700 Electricians**

2065 FB Viwers

Event Manager
A. Jayasoorian

Chief Guest

L P Madanayake
Additional District Secretary,
Badulla

Venue :Hotel School – Matale

Sneak Peak



Galle District

Overview 04th January 2020 | National Framework for Licensing of Electricians in Sri Lanka

Participation

950 Electricians

3343 FB Viwers

Event Manager
A. Kamburugamuwa

Chief Guest

Kamal Ranasinghe
Additional District Secretary, Galle

Venue : Hall De Galle

Sneak Peak



Snap View

Overview | Facebook Results

Total FB Reach:

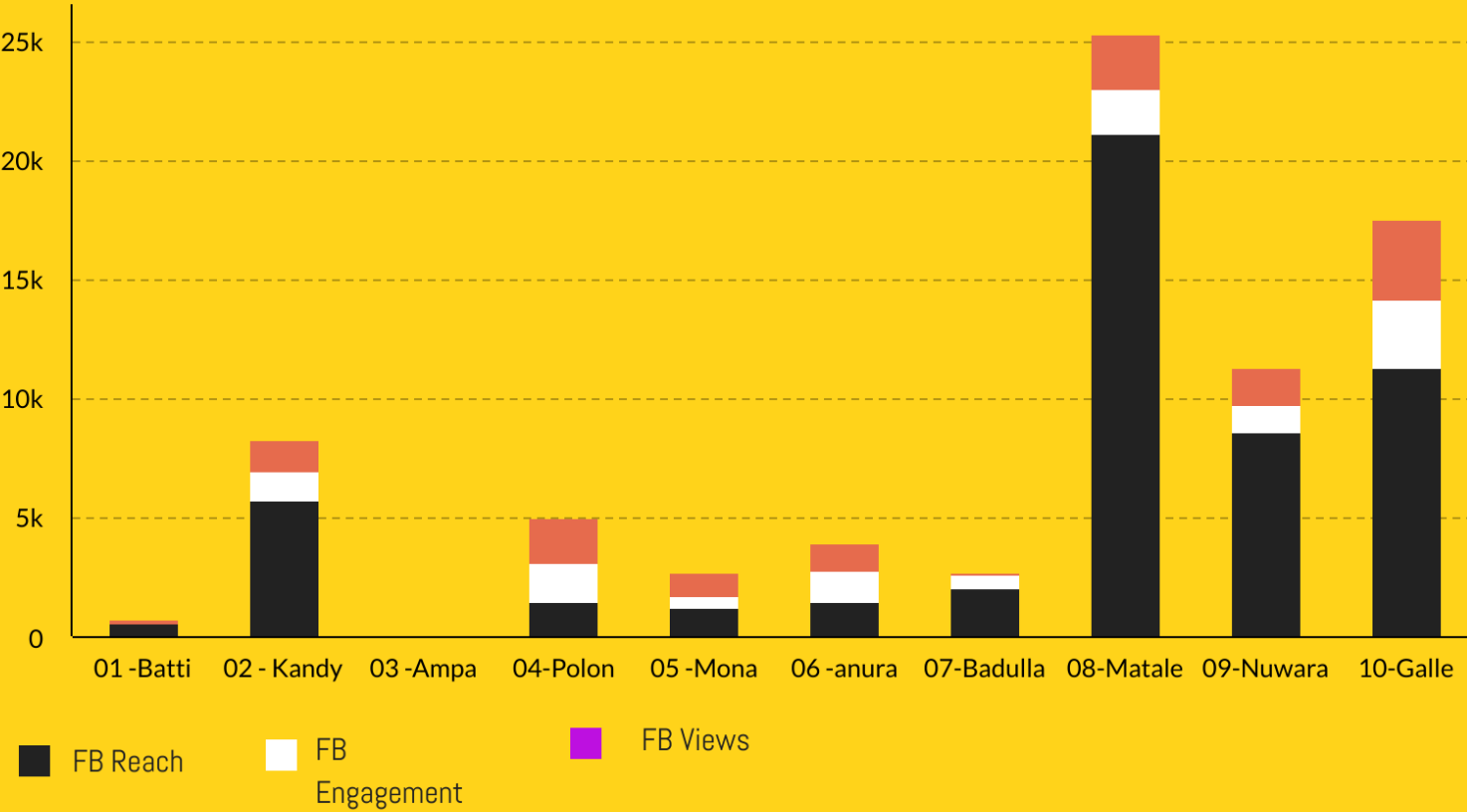
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Total FB Engagements

11,122

Total FB Views

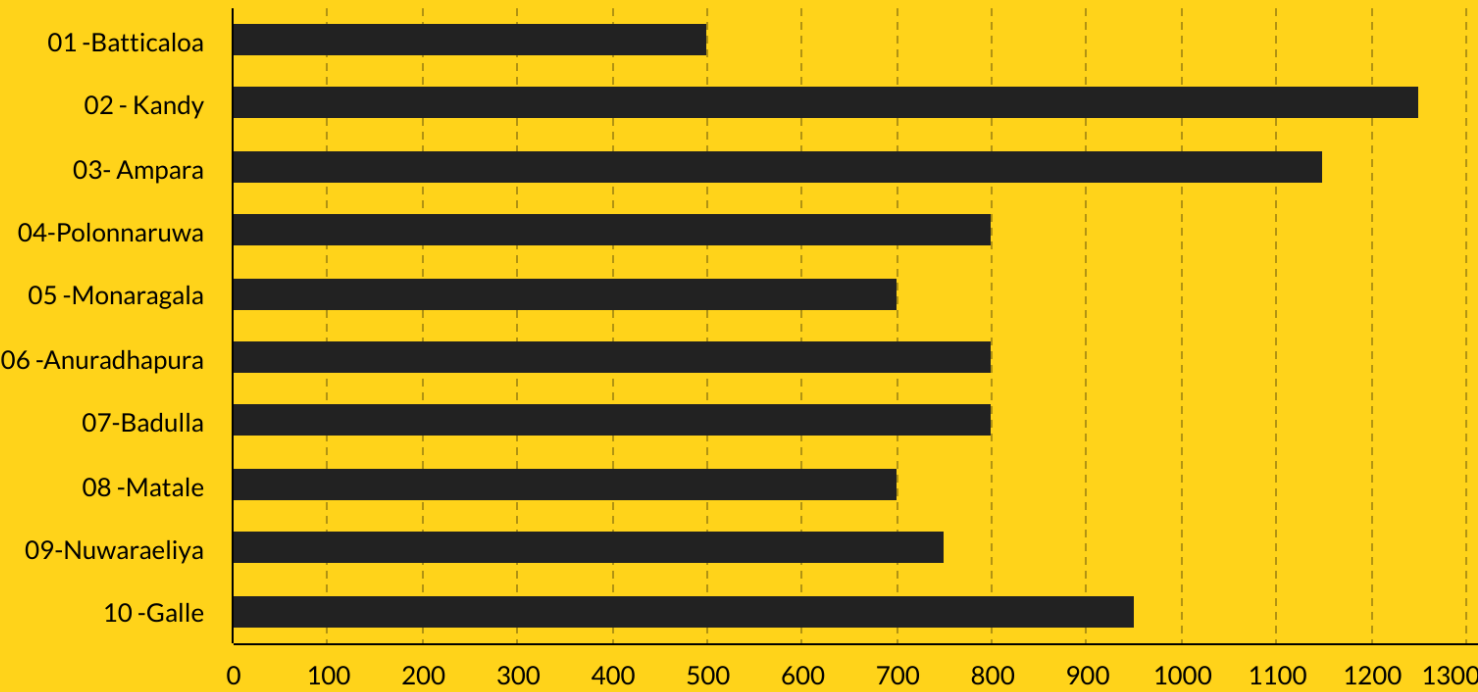
 **12,709**



Electricians – Summery

Overview | Electricians Database of PUCSL

Total Electricians



Awareness Calendar

Completed Programmes – Year 2019



05th Aug 2019
-Monaragala



04th Oct 2019
-Kandy



17th Oct 2019
-Ampara



29th Nov 2019
-Polonnaruwa



05th Dec 2019
-Monaragala



13th Dec 2019 -
Anuradhapuraya



19th Dec 2019
-Badulla



24th Dec 2019
-Matale



27th Dec 2019
-Nuwaraeliya



04th Jan -
Galle

Awareness Calendar – Y 2020



**15th Jan -
Matara**



**20th Jan -
Kurunagala**



**22th Jan -
Tricomalee**



**28th Jan -
Puttalam**



**31th Jan -
Kegalle**



**05th Feb -
Rathnapura**



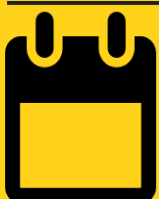
**13th Feb -
Hambantota**



**19th Feb
- Mannar**



**25th Feb -
Vavuniya**



**03rd Mar -
Gampaha**



**10th Mar -
Colombo**



**15th Mar -
Mullaitivu**



**25th Mar -
Jaffna**



**03 April -
Kaluthara**