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LICENSING OF CONTRACTORS

The Kamra tal-Periti welcomes the announcement made by the Minister for Public Works and Planning, Dr Stefan Zrinzo Azzopardi, regarding the imminent publication of draft regulations on licensing of contractors for public consultation.

This announcement comes after months of meetings with Ministry officials following the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 26th May 2022 during which the profession had insisted that such regulations should be published by October.

The licensing of contractors is a critical step in the renewal of the construction industry, and is essential for our country to meet the necessary qualitative and environmental standards demanded by the public, responsible stakeholders, European Directives, and the market.

The Kamra has been campaigning for licensing of contractors since 2007, and had secured a [Letter of Commitment](#) signed by the Minister responsible for the sector at the time in the wake of the spate of building collapses in 2019.

Although over three years have elapsed since the Letter of Commitment, the Kamra has doggedly persisted about the need to license contractors and shall continue to do so until a proper licensing regime is in place.

Following the Minister's announcement, the Kamra was invited to attend a further meeting in the coming days to review the final draft regulations. The Kamra shall continue to offer its technical support to the Government to ensure that the implementation of this important regulatory development is not only undertaken competently and smoothly, but without any further delays.