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# GHANA GOLD BOARD OPENS APPLICATIONS FOR JEWELLERY & FABRICATION LICENSES AND REFINERY LICENSE.

The Ghana Gold Board ("GoldBod") is pleased to announce the opening of applications for Jewellery and Fabrication Licences (**Categories A, B, and C**), as well as applications for **Refinery License**, effective today, 22nd October, 2025.

This initiative forms part of the GoldBod's broader mandate to formalize downstream gold value-addition, enhance regulatory compliance and promote sustainable industry growth in accordance with the Ghana Gold Board Act, 2025 (Act 1140).

The GoldBod reminds the general public that only duly licensed persons are authorised to engage in gold trading, jewellery manufacturing, gold fabrication and gold refining businesses in Ghana.

Engaging in these activities without a valid GoldBod licence constitutes an offence and is punishable under Act 1140.

All existing licenses issued by the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources for gold refining, fabrication, among others, are no longer valid under the current legal framework.

All existing jewellery manufacturers, fabricators and gold refineries are by this statement notified and required to regularize their operations by applying for and acquiring a license under the Ghana Gold Board Act (ACT 1140), 2025 latest by 31st December, 2025.

Operating a gold refinery business, jewelry manufacturing business and/or gold fabrication business after the non-extendable deadline (31st December, 2025) without a GoldBod license, shall constitute a punishable criminal offense.

All applications are to be submitted exclusively via the official GoldBod website — www.goldbod.gov.gh.

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Manual or in-person submissions will not be accepted.

Applicants are advised to carefully review all eligibility requirements, documentation checklists, and applicable fee schedules published on the website before submission.

New Licenses now opened for application are:

### 1. Jewellery & Fabrication Licence - Category A

For Ghanaian sole proprietor artisans and fully-owned Ghanaian small-scale jewellery businesses engaged in the business of fabricating jewellery and other castings solely for local sale.

## 2. Jewellery & Fabrication Licence - Category B

For fully-owned Ghanaian registered businesses or companies and medium-sized manufacturers, engaged in the business of fabricating jewellery and other castings for local sale and export.

#### 3. Jewellery & Fabrication Licence - Category C

For large-scale companies (both local and foreign) fabricating jewellery and other castings for local sale and export.

## 4. Refinery Licence

For entities seeking to operate gold refineries in Ghana.

How to apply:

- 1. Visit www.goldbod.gov.gh and create or log in to your account.
- 2. Select the relevant licence category and review the eligibility checklist.
- 3. Fill and upload all required documents (business registration, KYC, beneficial ownership, tax and SSNIT clearance, permits, and evidence of operational readiness).

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4. Submit the completed application and pay the prescribed fees through the approved electronic channels.

Applicants will receive automated updates on their application status and interview schedules via their registered accounts and email addresses.

For detailed information on eligibility criteria, fees, documentation, and timelines, visit www.goldbod.gov.gh or use the Contact section of the website to reach the Licensing Office.

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