

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9200, March 28, 2003 ]**

**AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHTY FIVE  
HUNDRED AND SIXTY (R.A. NO. 8560) OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
THE PHILIPPINE GEODETIC ENGINEERING ACT OF 1998, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in  
Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Section 2, Article II, Paragraph (a), Subparagraph (5) of Republic Act  
No. 8560 is hereby amended and Subparagraph (16) is hereby added which shall  
read as follows:

"SEC. 2. *Definition of Terms.* —

a. Practice of Geodetic Engineering. - The practice of Geodetic  
Engineering is a professional and organized act of gathering  
physical data on the surface of the earth with the use of  
precision instruments. It is also the scientific and methodical  
processing of these data and presenting them on graphs,  
plans, maps, charts or documents. It shall embrace, but is not  
limited to the following activities:

1. Professional Geodetic Engineering services with the use  
of surveying and mapping equipment such as graduated  
rods, measuring tapes, transits, levels, theodolites,  
fathometers/echosounders, electronic distance meters,  
global positioning systems, stereoplotters and other  
instruments that are used to determine metes and  
bounds of lands positions of points on the surface of the  
earth, water depths, underwater configuration, ground  
elevation, gravity, isostasy, crustal movements and the  
size and shape of the earth, and other instruments used  
for construction survey, and those instruments used to  
guide the installation of large industrial equipment and  
machineries;
2. Horizontal and vertical control surveys and political  
boundary surveys;
3. Land surveys to determine their metes and bounds and  
prepare the plans thereof for titling and for other  
purposes;
4. Subdivision, consolidation and/or consolidation-  
subdivision of titled properties;

5. Submission of survey plans of subdivided, consolidated and/or consolidated subdivision titled properties to the government agencies concerned; using the numbering system and projection prescribed by the government;
6. Preparation and making of sketch, lot and location plans;
7. Conduction of engineering surveys and the technical preparation of engineering survey plans such as topographic, hydrographic, tidal, profile, cross-section, construction and boundary surveys;
8. Parcellary surveys of lands traversed by infrastructure projects; and the preparation of subdivision plans;
9. Conduction of gravimetric and photogrammetric survey and the technical preparation of such survey plans;
10. Survey and mapping works such as the preparation of geographic and/or land information systems;
11. Survey to determine and establish line and grade for the construction of buildings and other structures and its attachments;
12. Construction of as-staked and as-built surveys for infrastructures;
13. Conduction of mineral and mining surveys;
14. Installation of machineries requiring the use of precision instruments;
15. Engagement in the transfer of the knowledge and technology of geodetic engineering in any institution of learning;
16. Provision of consultancy services in geodetic engineering.

b. Geodetic Engineer - A Geodetic Engineer is a natural person who has been issued a Certificate of Registration by the Board of Geodetic Engineering and has taken the Oath of Profession of Geodetic Engineers."

SEC. 2. Section 8, Article III, paragraphs (e), (j) and (k) are hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 8. *Powers and Duties of the Board.* — The Board shall exercise the following specific powers, functions, duties and responsibilities:

- a. To promulgate and adopt the rules and regulations necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Act;
- b. To supervise the examination, registration, licensure and practice of Professional Geodetic Engineering in the Philippines;
- c. To administer oaths in connection with the successful examinees entering the practice of Geodetic Engineering;
- d. To issue the Certificate of Registration to successful examinees;
- e. To issue, suspend or revoke the Certificate of Registration and professional identification card for the practice of the Geodetic Engineering profession;

- f. To adopt an official seal of the Board;
- g. To look into the conditions affecting the practice of Geodetic Engineering profession and whenever necessary, adopt such measures as may be deemed proper for the enhancement and maintenance of high professional and ethical standards of the profession;
- h. To ensure, in coordination with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), that all educational institutions offering Geodetic Engineering education comply with the policies, standards and requirements of the course prescribed by CHED in the areas of curriculum, faculty, library and facilities;
- i. To prescribe and/or adopt a Code of Ethical and Professional Standards for the practice of the Geodetic Engineering profession;
- (j) To hear and try administrative cases involving violations of this Act, its implementing rules and regulations, the Code of Ethics and Technical Standards for Geodetic Engineers and for this purpose, to issue subpoena duces tecum and subpoena ad testificandum to secure the appearance of witnesses and the production of documents in connection therewith;
- j. To prescribe guidelines for the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) program in coordination with the integrated and accredited association for Geodetic Engineers;
- k. To prepare, adopt, issue or amend the syllabi of the subjects for examination;
- l. To approve, issue, limit or revoke temporary license to practice Geodetic Engineering;
- m. Discharge such other duties and functions as may be deemed necessary for the enhancement of the Geodetic Engineering profession and the upgrading, development and growth of Geodetic Engineering education in the Philippines."

SEC. 3. Section 19, Articles IV is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 19. *Certificate of Registration and Professional Identification Card.*  
 - A Certificate of Registration shall be issued to applicants who pass the examination for Geodetic Engineers subject to the payment of registration fees.

The Certificate of Registration of a Geodetic Engineer shall bear the signatures of the Chairman of the Board and the Chairman of the Professional Regulation Commission and stamped with the official seal of the Board indicating that the person named therein is a registered Geodetic Engineer.

A professional identification card bearing the registration number, date of issuance, expiry date and duly signed by the Chairman of the Board, shall likewise be issued to every registrant upon payment of the professional fees. No person shall practice Geodetic Engineering in this country unless such person shall have secured a license to practice