

# **Land Surveyors (Investigation Committees) Rules**

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## **Legislative History**

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## **Citation**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Land Surveyors (Investigation Committees) Rules.

## **Definitions**

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Committee” means an Investigation Committee appointed under section 24(1) of the Act;

“member” means a member of a Committee;

“registered surveyor” means a registered surveyor and includes a licensed corporation, partnership or limited liability partnership.

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## **Complaints against registered surveyors**

3.—(1) A complaint against a registered surveyor shall be made to the Board in writing and shall be supported by a statutory declaration which shall state —

- (a) the address and occupation of the complainant; and
- (b) the source of the complainant’s information and the grounds for his belief in the truth of the declaration if it is not within the personal knowledge of the complainant.

(2) The Board may waive the statutory declaration if the complaint is made in writing by a public officer.

(3) The Board may require any person making a complaint to deposit with the Board a reasonable sum not exceeding \$1,000 to cover any costs and expenses as may be necessarily incurred by the Board in dealing with the complaint.

(4) Where the complaint is found to be frivolous or vexatious or is dismissed, the sum so deposited or any part thereof as the Board may determine shall be applied for the payment of those costs and expenses; otherwise the sum so deposited shall be returned to the person making the complaint.

## **Appointment of Committee**

- 4.—(1) Where the Board receives a complaint, the Board may —

- (a) forthwith appoint a Committee to investigate into the matter and to advise the Board whether a hearing by the Board under section 25 or 27 of the Act should be held;
- (b) refer the complaint to the Committee; and
- (c) inform the registered surveyor that the complaint has been referred to a Committee.

(2) In order that the Board may satisfy itself whether any complaint discloses a need for investigation by a Committee, the Board may require —

- (a) the complainant; and
- (b) the registered surveyor against whom the complaint is made or in respect of whom the facts relate,

to furnish such information in such form or to produce such document as the Board may require.

(3) If any complainant refuses or fails, without lawful excuse, to furnish any information or to produce any document as may be required by the Board under paragraph (2), the Board may dismiss the complaint.

(4) If any registered surveyor against whom a complaint is made refuses or fails, without lawful excuse, to furnish any information or to produce any document as may be required by the Board under paragraph (2), he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000.

(5) Where any complaint laid before a Committee under this rule arises from the conviction of a registered surveyor for a criminal offence, the Committee, and the General Division of the High Court on any appeal under section 28 of the Act, shall accept his conviction as final and conclusive.

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### **Committee to carry out work expeditiously**

**5.—**(1) A Committee shall carry out its work expeditiously and report to the Board not later than two months after the date of its appointment or within such extension of time as the Board may grant under paragraph (2).

(2) Where a Committee is of the opinion that it will not be able to report its findings to the Board within the period specified in paragraph (1) due to the complexity of the matter or serious difficulties encountered by the Committee in conducting its investigation, the Committee may apply in writing to the Board for an extension of time to submit its report.