

Building Control (Amendment) Act 2007
(No. 47 of 2007)

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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 20th September 2007 and assented to by the President on 2nd October 2007:—

BUILDING CONTROL (AMENDMENT) ACT 2007

(No. 47 of 2007)

I assent.

S R NATHAN,
President.
2nd October 2007.

Date of Commencement: 15th February 2008

Date of Commencement: 1st October 2008 (section 2(r))

Date of Commencement: 16th December 2008 (Section 9)

An Act to amend the Building Control Act (Chapter 29 of the 1999 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to the Building and Construction Authority Act (Chapter 30A of the 2000 Revised Edition) and the Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act 2004 (Act 47 of 2004).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Building Control (Amendment) Act 2007 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Building Control Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “section 16A” in the definition of “accredited checking organisation” in subsection (1) and substituting the words “section 16”;
- (b) by deleting the words “section 6(2)” in the definition of “amendment plans” in subsection (1) and substituting the words “section 5(3)”;
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “builder” in subsection (1), the following definition:

““builder’s licence” means a general builder’s licence or a specialist builder’s licence granted under Part VA;”;

- (d) by deleting paragraphs (b) and (c) of the definition of “building” in subsection (1) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(b) an earth retaining or stabilising structure, whether permanent or temporary;

- (c) a dock, wharf or jetty;
 - (ca) a floating structure, not being a boat or vessel, constructed or to be constructed on a flotation system that —
 - (i) is or is to be supported by water;
 - (ii) is not intended for or useable in navigation; and
 - (iii) is or is to be permanently moored;”;
- (e) by deleting the words “and any other kind of building operation” in the definition of “building works” in subsection (1);
- (f) by deleting the words “section 21” in the definition of “certificate of statutory completion” in subsection (1) and substituting the words “section 12”;
- (g) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “competent authority” in subsection (1), the following definitions:
 - ““developer”, in relation to any building works, means the person for whom or on whose behalf the building works are carried out;
 - “earth retaining structure” means any structure, structural system or other means used to maintain the shape of excavation during construction, earth filling or cutting;”;
- (h) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “flat” in subsection (1), the following definitions:
 - ““general building works” means any building works other than specialist building works;
 - “geotechnical aspects”, in relation to any underground building works, means —
 - (a) an analysis of the geological structure and earth materials of the site of the underground building works and its influence on the underground building works;
 - (b) an analysis of the ground-water regime and its influence on the wall stability and integrity of

the underground building works over time; and

- (c) such other applications of earth sciences to and engineering aspects of the underground building works as may be prescribed;

“geotechnical engineer” means a professional engineer who is registered under the Professional Engineers Act (Cap. 253) as a specialist professional engineer in the specialised branch of geotechnical engineering;”;

- (i) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “immediate supervision” in subsection (1), the following definition:

““insignificant building works” means such building works as are prescribed under section 4(d);”;

- (j) by inserting, immediately after the words “shear cores” in the definition of “key structural elements” in subsection (1), the words “, structural walls, struts, ground anchors”;

- (k) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “key structural elements” in subsection (1), the following definition:

““large building works” means such building works as are prescribed for the purposes of section 7(1)(b);”;

- (l) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “limited common property” in subsection (1), the following definitions:

““limited liability partnership” has the same meaning as in section 2(1) of the Limited Liability Partnerships Act (Cap. 163A);

“major building works” means building works other than minor building works;

“minor building works” means building works (not being underground building works) that are prescribed in the building regulations as building works the plans of which do not require a certification from an accredited checker for the purposes of section 5 or 5A;”;

- (m) by deleting paragraph (b) of the definition of “owner” in subsection (1);
- (n) by deleting the words “established under the Building Maintenance and